



## **Farm Labor and the ALRA at 40**

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# BACKGROUND of CFFA

- Origins dating back to 1921; Growers & Shippers Protective League and Table Grape Growers & Shippers Association.
- Voluntary, non-profit representing about 85%, by volume, fresh table grapes, tree fruit and berries.
- Membership ranges from Coachella Valley to Lake County.
- Primary public policy advocate in Sacramento & DC; different from mandatory commissions.
- Changed name from California Grape and Tree Fruit League in August 2014



# TOP CFFA Priorities

2015 Rank	Description	2014 Rank
1	Water Supply/ Drought Related Impacts	3
2	Food Safety	9
3	Immigration Reform	1
4	Health Care Mandates	4
5	Labor Laws and Regulations	2
6	Labor Costs	5
7	Groundwater Management Regulations	NR
8	Water Quality Regulations	7
9	Invasive Pests	6
10	Worker Compensation Cost	8



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**JERRY BROWN 1975-1983**

**GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN 1983-1991**

**PETE WILSON 1991-1999**

**GRAY DAVIS 1999-2003**

**ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER 2003-2011**

**JERRY BROWN 2011-**

STATE LEGISLATURE 1975-2015 – DEMOCRAT MAJORITIES IN  
BOTH ASSEMBLY AND SENATE EXCEPT FOR 1994-96 IN  
ASSEMBLY



## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Impact of Farm Worker Unions

- The major impact of farm worker unions such as the UFW in the 21<sup>st</sup> century could come from their ability to influence public policies that affect farm worker wages and working conditions in a number of policy areas that range from immigration and health insurance to labor laws and their enforcement.

----- Dr. Philip Martin, U.C. Davis 2000