



# THE GOLDEN SLATE

The official newsletter of the California  
Agricultural Teachers' Association

## CA FFA Adult Board Update Fall 2024

*By Matt Patton, CATA Executive Director*

The following is a summary of the business conducted and discussions from the September California FFA Adult Board meeting. The board's mission is to safeguard the California FFA Association's funds and ensure sound fiscal management of members' money.

### *Current State and Regional Budgets*

All state and regional budgets are on track to meet the proposed and adopted budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

### *Investing for Growth*

California FFA recently moved \$410,000 into CDs earning 4.08% interest. This money was previously held in a checking account earning less than 0.5% interest. The CDs are set to mature in seven months.

### *State FFA Conference 2026 and 2027*

The State FFA Conference Venue Selection Committee has recommended Ontario as the location for the 2026 and 2027 State FFA Conferences. Venue contracts are currently under negotiation to finalize the selection.

### *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)*

The FFA Adult Board reviewed a draft MOU between the California Association FFA, California FFA Foundation, California Agricultural Teachers' Association (CATA), and the California Department of Education. This agreement codified the current business relationship between the groups. The Adult Board referred the MOU to a committee for review.

### *Potential California FFA Constitutional Amendment*

The Adult Board discussed a potential amendment to the California FFA Constitution regarding the composition of the California FFA Adult Board. While any changes to the constitution will ultimately be decided by the FFA membership, the board deemed it important to refer the proposed language to a committee for review. This will help ensure a successful recommendation can be made on behalf of the board.

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### ***CalAgPlate Program***

The FFA Adult Board agreed to cover the fee from California FFA reserves to include the CalAgPlate on the DMV flier for one year. The cost will depend on the number of participating groups but could reach \$50,000 or more. Currently, California FFA receives approximately \$175,000 annually from the program, all of which is allocated to subsidize the GLC, MFE, ALA, SLE, State Leadership Conference, and California's AET subscription. Grant funding has decreased by approximately \$60,000 in recent years. The decrease in funding is a direct result of having fewer CalAgPlates on the road.

If you have questions about the mission of the board or any of the topics outlined above, please reach out to your Adult Board representative. Those individuals are:

- FFA Foundation Representative: Kristi Mattes
- Teacher Educator Representative: Steve Rocca
- Community College Representative: Andrew Ornelas
- San Joaquin Region Representatives: Clay Freeman & Brian Donovan
- South Coast Region Representatives: Russel Zimmerman & Landon Sudberry
- North Coast Region Representatives: Westly Hunt & Theresa Noga
- Superior Region Representatives: Morgan Rourke & Liz Ammon
- Southern Region Representatives: Kristi Mayo & Ralph Mosqueda
- Central Region Representatives: Jason Bretz & Sam Meredith
- Agricultural Advisory Committee Representative: Christopher Greer
- Past State Officer Representative: John Moffatt
- State FFA Advisor: Charles Parker
- Assistant State FFA Advisor: Hugh Mooney
- State FFA Treasurer: Melissa Lua-Duarte

