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OGCC SWITCHING TO VIRTUAL NEWSLETTERS

In an effort to save paper and resources, the OGCC has decided to switch to an entirely virtual format for our bimonthly newsletters. To remain on the newsletter list, email intern@theogcc.org or call 559-578-8438 requesting to be added to the OGCC newsletter email list. Be sure to subscribe to receive the next newsletter in your email inbox!

CALIFORNIA DROUGHT UPDATE

On April 21, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a drought emergency in two Northern California counties in response to arid conditions affecting much of the state and West Coast. The declaration included Mendocino and Sonoma counties, where drought conditions are especially bad. Then, on May 10th, Governor Newsom expanded his drought proclamation to also include Klamath River, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and Tulare Lake Watershed counties. In total, 41 of the state's 58 counties are now under a drought state of emergency, representing 30 percent of the state's population. The OGCC office will provide more information as the situation progresses.

GOV. NEWSOM ANNOUNCED \$5.1 BILLION PACKAGE FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND DROUGHT RESPONSE

California Governor Gavin Newsom recently proposed a \$5.1 billion package of immediate drought response and long-term water resilience investments to address immediate, emergency needs, build regional capacity to endure drought and safeguard water supplies for communities, the economy and the environment. In addition to the \$5.1 billion investment, the Governor is proposing \$1 billion to help Californians pay their overdue water bills.

The Governor's \$5.1 billion proposed investment, over four years, aligns with his July 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio, a roadmap to water security for all Californians in the face of climate change. It is shaped by lessons

learned during the 2012-16 drought, such as the need to act early and gather better data about water systems.

To learn more about current conditions, the state's response and informational resources available to the public, visit the state's new drought preparedness website at <https://waterresilience.ca.gov/drought/preparedness/>.

CA LEGISLATURE PASSES TAX RELIEF BILL FOR PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

On April 26, 2021, the California Legislature sent the Governor AB 80, which seeks to "provide assistance to small businesses operating in the state that have been harmed economically by the COVID-19 pandemic." Specifically, the bill will:

- Allow eligible entities to deduct business expenses that were paid for using forgiven Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) funds.
- Allow loans forgiven as an "advance grant amount" under the EIDL program to be excluded from income for California taxpayers.
- Not require eligible entities to adjust their tax attributes as a result of forgiven PPP or EIDL funds.

AB 80 defines an "ineligible entity" as a taxpayer that either:

1. Is a publicly-traded company, as described in the Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

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2. Does not meet the reduction in gross receipts of 25 percent or more in 2020 as compared to the same time period in 2019, as defined in the Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (Public Law 116-260).

The 25 percent reduction in gross receipts was an eligibility requirement for the second round of PPP loans. Unfortunately, the Legislature and Governor extended this requirement to all businesses that received a PPP loan for purposes of business deduction which means many essential sectors will not be eligible because they have been operating throughout the pandemic.

The language of the bill can be found [here](#).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **OFFICE CLOSED- Memorial Day**
 - May 31, 2021
- **California Olive Committee Board of Directors Meeting**
 - July, Date & Time TBD

All events are being held virtually. Please contact the OGCC office for more information.

Recipe Corner

Loaded Fresh Vegetable Sheet Pan Nachos with California Olives

Ingredients:

- 1 large bag tortilla chips
- 12 oz cooked, shredded chicken (optional)
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 12 oz shredded cheese
- 2 oz, sour cream, thinned
- 1 large tomato, diced
- 4 radish, diced
- 1 large avocado, diced
- 4 oz California Black Ripe Olives, chopped
- Chopped cilantro
- 2 jalapenos, sliced

Directions:

- Place the tortilla chips on a large baking sheet. Top with the shredded chicken, beans and cheese. Place under a broiler for about 3-4 minutes until cheese is melted and chips are crispy. Remove from the oven.
- Drizzle on the sour cream and top with the rest of the fresh ingredients, spreading out evenly over the chips. Serve immediately.



Recipe courtesy of californiagrown.org

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