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FARR NAMED TOP DEM ON AGRICULTURE SPENDING PANEL

Monterey, California – January 25, 2011. The California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) congratulates Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) as the incoming Ranking Member of the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food and Drug Administration.

“Having Congressman Farr in this vitally important position in the U.S. Congress places him at the epicenter of critical deliberations on funding issues that will directly impact the next farm bill, food safety implementation and nutrition programs, said CACASA Member and Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner Eric Lauritzen. The Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee oversees a wide range of funding issues, including farm programs, nutrition programs, crop insurance, renewable energy, conservation, commodity markets, rural development and food and drugs.

“As a veteran lawmaker from a California County that is the third largest agricultural producer in our state that maintains a \$36 billion agriculture industry, Congressman Farr has the depth of knowledge that will prove beneficial as lawmakers determine spending levels on multiple programs that impact agriculture,” added Lauritzen.

CACASA looks forward to continuing working with Congressman Farr and his colleagues on the U.S. House Appropriations Committee in the 112th Congress to ensure a safe, healthy and vibrant U.S. food system.