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CACASA President Praises Governor Brown for Selection of Ross To Top Agriculture Post

San Diego, California – January 31, 2011. The California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) applauds Governor Jerry Brown’s appointment of Karen Ross as Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

“Governor Brown made a wise choice in selecting Karen Ross. Karen brings a broad perspective to the Department as she possesses a comprehensive knowledge of the U.S. and California food and fiber systems,” said Bob Atkins president of CACASA. “The Governor’s appointment is very reassuring to California agriculture especially as we are likely heading toward challenging times.”

Before accepting the position, Karen Ross served as Chief of Staff to Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC. She also served as president of California Association of Winegrape Growers from 1996 to 2009.

“What is more telling to me about the appointment of Karen Ross is that Governor Brown has an appreciation of the importance of California’s \$36 billion agriculture industry,” added Atkins. “Karen will undoubtedly provide sound counsel and forward-thinking leadership to the department.”

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