

## 2026 Agenda Overview\*

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### 7:00 - 8:00 am - Breakfast & Exhibits in the Expo Hall

### 8:00 - 9:50 am - Opening Session in the Expo Hall

- Charles "Chuck" Ahlem, Dairy Farmer, Charles Ahlem Ranch
- Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Michael Boccadoro, Executive Director, Dairy Cares
- Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer, Central Valley Water Board
- Caitlin Peterson, Assoc. Center Dir. & Research Fellow, Public Policy Institute of CA
- Panel Discussion- *Dairy Farmer Outlook: How Are Dairies Planning for the Future?*

#### Networking Break

### 10:20 - 11:30 am - Breakout Sessions

- Water-Use Efficiency Strategies for Dairies
- Methane Reduction: An Update on CA Dairy's World-Leading Progress
- CA's Leadership in Livestock Medications: Improving Animal Health, Preserving Effectiveness, Reducing Costs

### 11:30 - 1:00 pm - Lunch & Exhibits in the Expo Hall

- California Dairy Women of Distinction
- Special Recognition of Dr. Annette Jones, Retired California State Veterinarian

### 1:00 - 2:10 pm - Breakout Sessions

- Navigating Dairy Water Quality Challenges
- Dairy in a Changing Food System: Today's Nutrition Demands, Tomorrow's Health Needs
- Animal Health Strategies for Enhanced Sustainability: A Look at Genomics & Monitoring

#### Networking Break

### 2:25 - 3:30 pm - Closing Session in the Expo Hall

- Panel Discussion- *Securing California Agriculture's Water Future*
  - Bill Swanson, VP, Global Practice Leader- Water Resource Planning & Mgmt., Stantec
  - Andrew Schwarz, Climate Action Manager, CA Dept. of Water Resources
  - Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Vice Chair, Water Blueprint, Dir. Reg. & Economic Affairs, MPC

### 3:30 - 5:30 pm - Closing Reception in the Expo Hall

*In town the night before? Join us for the Dairy Innovation & Education Reception, Monday, March 23, from 5-6:30 pm at the Visalia Convention Center lobby/outdoor plaza.*



**Secretary Karen Ross**  
California Department of Food  
and Agriculture



**Bill Swanson**  
VP, Global Practice Leader- Water Res.  
Planning & Management, Stantec



**Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel**  
Vice Chair, Water Blueprint for the SJV  
Dir. Reg. & Economic Affairs, MPC





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**The 2026 California Dairy Sustainability Summit will...**

- Highlight technologies, strategies, and incentives to help further advance family dairies
- Address challenges and opportunities for California dairy, as the state continues to pursue ambitious environmental goals
- Help dairy farmers learn from one another and leading experts about ways to improve economic and environmental sustainability

**Dynamic sessions, valuable networking, breakfast, lunch, and reception in expo hall!**

Take away information to help your farm...

*See Agenda on Other Side*



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Water-Use  
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**Protect Animal Health  
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