



## CalCAN Farmer Leaders Recognized

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We are pleased and proud that two of CalCAN's farmer advisors have recently been recognized for their leadership and expertise. [With your contribution](#), we can continue to collaborate with leaders like these in giving sustainable and organic agriculture a seat at the climate policy table.

### Rosie & Ward Burroughs, Burroughs Family Farms



The Ward and Rosie Burroughs family are one of three finalists for the [2011 California Leopold Conservation Award](#), announced this week. The award is presented to private landowners who practice exemplary land stewardship and management. [Burroughs Family Farms](#) is a diversified operation in Merced County run in partnership by Ward, Rosie and their children, including three certified organic

dairies with pasture-fed cows, and the production of almonds, beef, olives, eggs and cheese. They are active members of the Organic Valley Family of Farms farmers' cooperative and leaders in their community. Since joining the CalCAN Farmer Advisory Council over a year ago, Rosie and Ward have been among our most active collaborators.

*"Ward and I believe that it takes the creative thinking of the younger generations to run a viable farming business in an ever-changing world. That includes addressing the changes to our environment, things like less water to go around and a climate that's not as predictable."*

*- Rosie Burroughs*

### **Jennifer Lester Moffitt, Dixon Ridge Farms**



Jennifer Lester Moffitt will be appointed to the [Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board](#) following Senate confirmation in January. Jenny is the managing director of [Dixon Ridge Farms](#), an organic walnut farm and processor in Solano County that is a leader in innovation conservation practices, including using walnut shells that help provide power for their operation. Jenny and her father, Russ Lester, were instrumental in assuring the passage of the Renewable Energy Equity Act ([SB 489](#)), a CalCAN sponsored bill that makes it easier for farmers to sell energy they produce to power companies. We have greatly valued Jenny's input on numerous CalCAN initiatives, and we look forward to her leadership on regional water issues.

*"As an agriculturalist and conservationist I know how significant it is that California address its water stewardship issues directly and with innovation. I look forward to serving on the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, helping to seek solutions for the long term viability of California agriculture and our environment."*

*- Jenny Lester Moffitt*

**Can you help?**

At CalCAN, we know sustainable agriculture's strongest and most effective spokespeople are the farmers and ranchers working their fields every day. We rely on growers such as Rosie, Ward, Jenny and the rest of our [Farmer Advisory Council](#) to ground truth our climate policy ideas, advise us on strategy, and advocate for climate policy intended to sustain and reward growers for using practices that protect our environment.

Please [lend your support](#) to CalCAN's efforts to represent and cultivate the leadership of California's farmer and ranchers on climate policy. There is no other organization in the state devoted to assuring a climate policy voice for sustainable and organic farming.

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