

## June 7, 2017 Board Update

### Plant Division

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#### **Staff**

Seasonal employees are being hired; some have already been hired.

#### **Legislature**

1. AB 32 passed. This bill fixes government pesticide applicator issues and gardener licensing exemptions.
2. AB 33 passed. This bill eliminates the Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board, the Garlic and Onion Grower's Advisory Board, and the Dairy Commission. The bill also moves the routine administrative functions under the Director. The industry will continue to make recommendations as they currently do, and the Board of Agriculture will approve programs and expenditures. The bill also eliminates the Advisory Council for Organic Products.

#### **Regulations**

The governor signed our Emergency regulations for Hemp trial amendments and pesticides, and our Hemp Seed Certification program. Both regulations will need to be done as permanent regulations over the next 6 months, but the signing allows growers the opportunity to proceed during this growing season.

#### **Entomology**

We received a report of Mormon Crickets on Winnemucca Mountain, which turned out to be very minor. We are continuing to monitor.

#### **Division**

Our federal grants have been renewed and are current.