

Perea named to agriculture committee

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Henry T. Perea Assemblymember Henry T. Perea (D-Fresno) was named chair of the Assembly Agriculture Committee.

As chair, Perea will oversee legislation related to agricultural chemicals, commodities and commissions, as well as labeling of food and agricultural commodities, pest management and pesticides, livestock and poultry, milk and milk products and veterinary issues relative to agriculture.

The committee also has jurisdiction on laws pertaining to the state departments of Food and Agriculture and Pesticide Regulation.

Since being elected to the Assembly in 2010, Perea has been involved in several legislative efforts focusing on agricultural issues in the state.

Perea's AB 8 bill, for example, was signed into law in September making funding available for farmers to retrofit equipment to meet air quality standards.

He was also a joint author of the Proposition 1 water bond that passed in November, authorizing \$7.12 billion in general obligation bonds for water supply infrastructure projects, surface and groundwater storage and other projects to ensure a more reliable water supply for farmers and municipalities.

Perea follows in the footsteps of previous committee chair Assemblymember Susan Eggman (D-Stockton).

"I am honored to be named Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture," Perea said in a release. "California produces nearly half of all U.S.-grown fruits, nuts and vegetables, and much of that is in the Central Valley. Fresno County is the breadbasket to the nation and it is important we protect our agricultural resources and our economy."



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