

JUNE 29-30, 2026 | 126th Annual Meeting | Tahoe Blue Event Center

*Program/schedule subject to changes. All sessions will be held on the second floor **Cobalt/Lapis/Sapphire room** (Bally's Entrance).*

Sunday, June 28, 2026	
5 – 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception <i>Tahoe Blue Bar (first floor, Hwy 50 Entrance)</i>
Monday, June 29, 2026	
7:00 a.m.	Registration, Exhibits and Breakfast <i>Arena floor (Bally's Entrance side)</i>
8:00 a.m.	<p>Welcome Darrin Monteiro, CCOA President, Chief Member Relations Officer, California Dairies, Inc.</p> <p>Dairy's Federal Political Outlook Congressman David Valadao, California's Twenty-Second Congressional District</p> <p>California Dairy's State Political Outlook Josh Walters, President & CEO, Walters Strategies Darrin Monteiro, Chief Member Relations Officer, California Dairies, Inc.</p> <p>Dairy's Global Economic Outlook Mike McCully, Owner, McCully Consulting</p>
10:00 a.m.	Refreshment Break
10:30 a.m.	<p>Panel: The Dairy Product Landscape Moderator: Kristen Putch, Editor, Dairy Processing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Coletta, Chief Executive Officer, Clover Sonoma • Jeremy McLeod, Senior Director of Technical Services, Hilmar Cheese Company • Veronique Lagrange, Director, California Dairy Innovation Center • Amy DeLisio, CEO, Dairy Council of California <p>Food and Nutrition Policy Landscape at the Federal and State Level: MAHA, Dietary Guidelines, Ultra-Processed Foods, SNAP, and more!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Davey, Executive Director, Dairy Institute of California • Amy DeLisio, CEO, Dairy Council of California
12:00 pm	Networking Lunch + Exhibits <i>Arena floor (Bally's Entrance side)</i>
1:15 p.m.	<p>Series: Dairy Processing Innovations Moderator: Gary Germaine, Vice President of Production Operations, Leprino Foods</p> <p>The Intelligent Dairy Supply Chain – Robert Martin, SVP Strategy & Operations, Ever.Ag</p> <p>Food Safety Innovations – Alma Perez-Mendez, Sr. Director Food Safety & Analytical Services, Leprino Foods</p> <p>Hydri-SLM RT Cleaning Technology – Terry Stout, Technical Director, Hydrite</p> <p>VWater Water Treatment – Andrew Houghton, Account Executive, VWater</p> <p>Processing Innovation Meets the Cloud – Phaedra Martin, Industry Marketing Director, Velotic</p>
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn General Session / Board of Directors Meeting
5 – 6:30 p.m.	President's Reception <i>Tahoe Blue Bar (first floor, Hwy Entrance)</i>

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

7:00 a.m.	Registration, Exhibits and Breakfast <i>Arena floor (Bally's Entrance side)</i>
8:00 a.m.	<p>CCOA Annual Member Meeting</p> <p>Panel: Dairy Export Outlook Moderator: Tony Peters, Sales Manager, Far West Distributors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenn Millar, Executive Vice President-Strategy and Global Markets, CMAB • Katie Burgess, Dairy Market Advising Director, Ever.Ag • Allison Thomas, Chief Operating Officer, USDEC • Pam Jeffery, Sales Manager, Product Development / Exports, Far West Distributors • Todd Wittlinger, VP-Sales Americas, Global Dairy Trade <p>California Packaging Regulations Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Davey, Executive Director, Dairy Institute of California • Abby Taylor-Silva, Managing Director of Regulatory Affairs, Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP <p>California Climate Laws Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madeline Cline, Legislative Consultant, Dairy Institute of California • Abby Taylor-Silva, Managing Director of Regulatory Affairs, Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP <p>Panel: How Dairy Sustainability is Evolving Moderator: Michael Boccadoro, Executive Director, Dairy Cares</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chase DeCoite, SVP, Food Industry Relations, Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy • Paul Myer, CEO & Founder, Athian • Michael McCullough, Sr. Economist, ERA Economics
10:20 a.m.	Adjourn 2026 Annual Conference
11:30 a.m.	<p>45th Annual Matchak/ Fear CCOA Golf Invitational <i>Lake Tahoe Golf Course</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration at 11:30 a.m. • Shotgun Start at 12:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	<p>Depart for Lake Tahoe Cruise – <i>Meet in Harrah's Lobby for Shuttle Bus</i> <i>Cruise 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.</i></p>
6:30 p.m.	Cocktail Hour <i>Cobalt/Lapis room (second floor, Bally's Entrance side)</i>
7:30 p.m.	Golf Awards Dinner + Raffle