

**JUNE 29-30, 2026 | 126<sup>th</sup> 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** *Tahoe Blue Bar (first floor, Hwy 50 Entrance)*

**Monday, June 29, 2026**

7:00 a.m. **Registration, Exhibits and Breakfast** *Arena floor (Bally's Entrance side)*

8:00 a.m. **Welcome**  
Darrin Monteiro, CCOA President, Chief Member Relations Officer, California Dairies, Inc.

**Dairy's Federal Political Outlook**

Congressman David Valadao, California's Twenty-Second Congressional District

**California Dairy's State Political Outlook**

Josh Walters, President & CEO, Walters Strategies

Darrin Monteiro, Chief Member Relations Officer, California Dairies, Inc.

**Dairy's Global Economic Outlook**

Mike McCully, Owner, McCully Consulting

10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

10:30 a.m. **Panel: The Dairy Product Landscape**

Moderator: Kristen Putch, Editor, Dairy Processing

- 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

**Food and Nutrition Policy Landscape at the Federal and State Level: MAHA, Dietary Guidelines, Ultra-Processed Foods, SNAP, and more!**

- Katie Davey, Executive Director, Dairy Institute of California
- Amy DeLisio, CEO, Dairy Council of California

12:00 pm **Networking Lunch + Exhibits** *Arena floor (Bally's Entrance side)*

1:15 p.m. **Series: Dairy Processing Innovations**

Moderator: Gary Germaine, Vice President of Production Operations, Leprino Foods

**The Intelligent Dairy Supply Chain** – Robert Martin, SVP Strategy & Operations, Ever.Ag

**Food Safety Innovations** – Alma Perez-Mendez, Sr. Director Food Safety & Analytical Services, Leprino Foods

**Hydri-SLM RT Cleaning Technology** – Terry Stout, Technical Director, Hydrite

**VWater Water Treatment** – Andrew Houghton, Account Executive, VWater

**Processing Innovation Meets the Cloud** – Phaedra Martin, Industry Marketing Director, Velotic

3:00 p.m. **Adjourn General Session / Board of Directors Meeting**

5 – 6:30 p.m. **President's Reception** *Tahoe Blue Bar (first floor, Hwy Entrance)*

**Tuesday, June 30, 2026**

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