

## JUNE 23-24, 2025 | 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting | Tahoe Blue Event Center

**Draft Program Agenda** – *Exact details subject to potential changes.*

*All sessions will be held on the second floor **Cobalt/Lapis/Sapphire room** (Bally's Entrance side).*

<b>Sunday, June 22, 2025</b>	
5 – 6:30 pm	<b>Welcome Reception</b> <i>Tahoe Blue Bar (first floor, Hwy 50 Entrance)</i>
<b>Monday, June 23, 2025</b>	
7:00 a.m.	<b>Registration, Exhibits and Breakfast</b> <i>Arena floor (Bally's Entrance side)</i>
8:00 a.m.	<p><b>Welcome</b> - Steve Galbraith, CCOA President, VP Procurement and Risk Management, Saputo</p> <p><b>Dairy's Global Economic Outlook</b> - Mike McCully, President, McCully Consulting</p> <p><b>The Dairy Processing Plant of the Future</b> Moderator: John Talbot, CEO Emeritus, California Milk Advisory Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Ernster, Jr., Sr Vice President, Ingredients &amp; Fluid Products, California Dairies, Inc.</li> <li>• Joe Baird, CEO, Rumiano Cheese Company</li> <li>• Veronique Lagrange, Director, California Dairy Innovation Center</li> <li>• Gary Germaine, Vice President of Production Operations, Leprino Foods</li> </ul> <p><b>Preparing the Workforce of the Future</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carmen Licon, PhD, Director, Dairy Products Technology Center, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo</li> <li>• Kaylin Prayitno, Fresno State 2025 Graduate and CCOA Scholarship Recipient</li> </ul>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
10:30 a.m.	<p><b>Production and Processing Capacity- A Look at CA Dairy's Future</b> Moderator: Michael Boccadoro, Executive Director, CCOA and Dairy Cares</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike McCullough, PhD, Professor &amp; Sr. Economist, Cal Poly, SLO &amp; ERA Economics</li> <li>• Katie Davey, Executive Director, Dairy Institute of California</li> <li>• Mike McCully, President, McCully Consulting</li> </ul> <p><b>Artificial Intelligence Trend in Food Processing and How to Get Started</b> Gary Evans, Regional Director of Manufacturing Software, GE Vernova</p>
11:45 a.m.	<b>Networking Lunch + Exhibits</b> <i>Arena floor (Bally's Entrance side)</i>
1:00 p.m.	<p><b>Ultra-Processed Foods and Dairy: Policies, Trends, and Opportunities</b> Amy DeLisio, Chief Executive Officer, Dairy Council of California</p> <p><b>Food Safety: The Latest Standards and Solutions</b> Moderator: Gary Germaine, Vice President of Production Operations, Leprino Foods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jodeen Meenderink, Senior Director of Quality Assurance, DFA Dairy Brands</li> <li>• Eric Hollekim, Sr. VP of Food Safety, Health &amp; Safety &amp; Environmental Affairs, Saputo</li> <li>• Steve Tienvieri, Sr. Lead Microbiologist, Hydrite</li> </ul> <p><b>Update on HPAI</b> - Annette M. Jones, DVM, State Veterinarian, Director of Animal Health &amp; Food Safety, California Department of Food &amp; Agriculture</p> <p><b>Dairy Food Trends &amp; Opportunities</b> - Bob Carroll, CEO, California Milk Advisory Board</p>
3:00 p.m.	<b>Adjourn General Session / Board of Directors Meeting</b>
5 – 6:30 p.m.	<b>President's Reception</b> <i>Tahoe Blue Bar (first floor, Hwy Entrance)</i>



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**Tuesday, June 24, 2025**

7:00 a.m.	<b>Registration, Exhibits and Breakfast</b> <i>Arena floor (Bally's Entrance side)</i>
8:00 a.m.	<b>CCOA Annual Member Meeting</b>  <b>GHG Reporting: New Requirements on the Way</b> Moderator: Michael Boccadoro, Executive Director, CCOA and Dairy Cares <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Darrin Monteiro, Sr. VP of Sustainability &amp; Member Relations, California Dairies, Inc.</li><li>Katie Davey, Executive Director, Dairy Institute of California</li><li>Eric Hassel, Vice President, Sustainability Standards, Measurement &amp; Reporting, Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy</li></ul> <b>California's Evolving Sustainable Packaging Requirements</b> Moderator: Katie Davey, Executive Director, Dairy Institute of California <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jordan Fengel, Executive Director, Carton Council of North America</li><li>Mashaal Atif, Sustainability Manager- US &amp; Canada, Tetra Pak, Inc.</li></ul> <b>New Opportunities for RNG in Dairy Transportation</b> Moderator: Darrin Monteiro, Sr. VP of Sustainability & Member Relations, California Dairies, Inc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Justin Loyear, Business Development Manager, Cummins Alternative Technologies</li><li>Trevor Shannon, Owner, Shannon Bros Trucking Co., Inc.</li><li>Zachary Lawson, Northeastern Region Sales Director, OPAL Fuels, LLC</li></ul>
10:20 a.m.	<b>Adjourn 2025 Annual Conference</b>
11:30 a.m.	<b>44<sup>th</sup> Annual Matchak/ Fear CCOA Golf Invitational</b> <i>Lake Tahoe Golf Course</i> <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.	<b>Depart for Lake Tahoe Cruise –</b> <i>Meet in Bally's Lobby for Shuttle Bus</i>
7:00 p.m.	<b>Cocktail Hour</b> <i>Cobalt/Lapis room (second floor, Bally's Entrance side)</i>
8:00 p.m.	<b>Famous Golf Awards Dinner + Raffle</b>