



California Agricultural Teacher's  
Association

# Vision 2030

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**Vision 2030 Committee** (2014-2015)

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**Spring  
2015 Report**

## **Vision 2030 Structure** **(Designed at February 3-4, 2015 Meeting)**

- The Vision 2030 Committee shall have an Executive Committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice Chairman and four Sector Leads.
- The Executive Committee reports to regions and Chair reports to Governing Board. Whole Committee will meet annually in the winter (regional rotation) and summer.
- Committee Membership Goal- 1 representative per region and 1 representative per experience level.
- **Duties of the Chairperson:**
  - Plan and facilitate annual meetings
  - Generate reports for Fall and Spring Regional Meetings
  - Assist with logistics for sector meetings, etc.
  - Select Sector Leads
  - Point person for Sector Leads
- **Duties of the Vice Chairperson:**
  - Select Sector Leads
  - Share progress in Golden Slate
  - Develop and maintain web presence
  - Assume duties of chair when needed
- **Duties of the Sector Leads:**
  - Direct committee work
  - Report to Chairpersons
  - Report to assigned region at Fall & Spring Regional Meetings
  - Conduct/facilitate committee work throughout year.

### **Committee Timeline**

The committee shall work on a three year CATA Conference schedule, with the most pertinent needs of the profession being assessed at the third conference. Chairs and vice chairs will be elected by the committee at that third conference. Committee members will be solicited each year in the fall at regional meetings. The committee will meet in the winter of each year rotating through the CATA regions. The committee will also meet each summer at the annual CATA conference.

2015: Cal Poly, Pomona

2016: CSU, Chico

2017: Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

2018: College of the Redwoods

2019: FFA Center

2020: CSU, Fresno

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**General Update** – Vision 2030 meeting was held in February 2015 where the Funding Sector Goals/Objectives were reviewed and updated. Below is an update regarding the current status:

**Primary Objectives – Current Status / Game Plan Update(s)**

- #1 Clarify/review the Ag Incentive Grant review process to improve consistency among regions, sections, and programs.**
- #2 Implement of process and procedure to review Ag Incentive Grant checklist that includes BOTH state staff and CATA representation.**

Status – Current communications have been opened/strengthened between (new/transitioned) state staff and CATA members with regards to AIG. A survey was taken by members this past December and the results of that survey have been shared with state staff. Results will also be shared with CATA membership and released Spring 2015. The goal is to open discussion/communication regarding AIG concerns and inquiries in upcoming regional meetings and summer conference.

- #3 Improve/Expand Access and Communication to Other/New Resources of Funding**

Status – A DRAFT “CATA Program Funding Resource Directory” has been created based on results from survey/input from CATA memberships. This will be released to members Spring 2015 for review. Goal it will be “fine-tuned” and revised as needed.

- #4 Increase communication/collaboration between state staff and CATA.**

Status – Much was on “stand-by” due to the transition of new personnel at the state staff level. “Communication” has been a positive focal point between state staff and membership, especially with the communications/progress of Vision 2030. Our committee sees this component continuing in a positive/productive trend.

- #5 Strengthen communication and CATA membership’s understanding of the value (and privilege) of legislative “voice” and current funding sources.**

Status – They say “timing is everything” and the Governor’s removal of the AIG from the budget last year and the initiative/efforts of the Ag Ed community brought forth firsthand experience regarding this objective.

**Summary** - Overall, the committee feels we made progress and addressed the issues brought forth by the membership. It appears the overall “Vision 2030” will be refreshed/updated with new /updated goals and objectives which will direct the needs and actions moving forward.

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**Spring 2015 Update**

**Objective(s)**

**#1 Develop materials and support to assist teachers in becoming more proficient in managing and maintaining School Site SAEP Facilities**

- Provide a workshop(s) at CATA Summer Conference that focuses on SAEP facilities.
- There will be a panel of Agriculture Teachers that represent at least one large, medium and small facility.

**#2 Support teachers in becoming more proficient in Animal SAE projects**

- Provide a Skills Class at CATA Summer Conference that focuses on goat SAEP's.

**#3 Develop and disseminate curriculum and materials for an Agriculture Work Experience course.**

- The following documents will be developed and disseminated through the CATA conference system and will be available online:
  - Course Outline
  - Pacing Calendar
  - Major Assignment Descriptions
  - Course Documents

**Moving Forward**

- A future focus of the SAEP Sector may be to research online video tutorials that would be useful to all teachers that would like to initiate, maintain or improve SAE projects for their students. Video topics should be driven by CATA membership wants and needs.

**Vision 2030 Sub-Committee Chairs**

Nikki Maddux	Danny Aschwanden
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**General Update** – Vision 2030 meeting was held in February 2015 where the Curriculum Sector Goals/Objectives were reviewed and updated. Below is an update regarding the current status:

**Primary Objectives – Current Status / Game Plan Update(s)**

**(#1) Integrated agricultural science courses aligned with NGSS, include Common Core teaching methods:**

- UCCI Institute held in November in conjunction with the UC Presidents Office staff.
- A pathway of 3 new UC Lab area D courses developed that prioritize teaching agriculture but also allow students to be UC-eligible after completion.
- Meeting at Summer CATA Conference for interested parties to share ideas, parcel out curriculum.
- CTE Online planned for Spring 2016.

**(#2) Methods for reinforcing the role of FFA/SAE in the agricultural classroom update:**

- Survey conducted and submitted to State Staff and University Ag Ed Departments
- Trends detected:
  - Younger teachers are hungry for help and growth
  - Project ideas, record book proficiencies, speaking and CDEs
  - Some programs do not use SAE and FFA in their course grading
    - 5-10% avg
    - Extra credit
    - Accountability measure?
  - Roadshows are a requested location for workshops on these courses

**(#3) Creation of online resource that includes curriculum resources, funding ideas and activities to ensure challenging and/or expensive courses can be taught update:**

- Survey developed and distributed twice- has reached a valid threshold.
- Recommendations forwarded to State Staff/web development team for improvement.

**(#4) Development of courses that meet the need for courses in non-traditional areas such as food science, woods and construction and small gas engines update:**

- Template being created for non-traditional courses
- New common Ag Mechanics coursework being suggested and brainstormed.

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**Objective #1 – Strengthen Student Teacher/New Teacher Process/Format**

Will continue to take the lead in the New Teacher Orientation (at CATA Summer Conference). New ideas to implement include: Make this more than an orientation; Hold a scavenger “selfie” hunt to connect new teachers to leaders in our profession. Our involvement in last summer’s activity was well received.

Going Forward:

1. Veteran/New Teacher Mentoring at the Section level
  - a. Ideas include assigning veteran teachers to new teachers to assist with schedule and program needs, looking at ways to streamline BTSA, arrange to have BTSA coordinated by Ag Teachers, and to look at social relationship building.
  - b. E-mail Gloden Slate to members and student teachers? Is there an App for that?

**Objective #2 – Expand Networking/Collaboration Opportunities**

Goal: Work is continuing to develop a leadership conference template for all regions patterned after Superior Region’s “Power of 3” conference (the “little brother” to the Lake Sequoia activity).

Going Forward:

1. Work on implementing State Staff Department Visits?
2. Develop a Section Mentoring Program.

**Objective #3 – Create Secondary Division Meeting at Summer Conference (or other related opportunity) Towards “Leadership Training”.**

Held the Mentors in Ag Education Conference in Fresno on February 2-3. Conference was well-received and look forward to conducting this activity next year.

Going Forward:

1. Revise the Mentoring conference based on evaluation results and look for a date in the late Fall/early Winter to hold this conference (instead of February).
2. Explore ways to improve the New Professionals Conference by either renewing/revising existing conference. Ideas include Ag Teacher bonding activities, bus tours, loaded workshops, and making the conference portable. In progress.
3. Reinvigorate Road Shows. We will survey everyone here about Roadshows. Objective would be to develop some continuity among Road Shows statewide.

**Objective #4 – Create Annual Summer Conference Session (or other related opportunity) To “Groom Leaders”.**

Goal: Develop Section level mentoring opportunities. Currently, there is a Section Presidents meeting here at Conference that we would like to expand to include more than the Presidents. Other ideas being explored include creating a mechanism to identify potential leaders within our ranks, have more small group sessions at Conference, or pairing up every New Teacher with a Veteran Teacher.

**Objective #5 – Create Secondary Division meeting at Summer Conference (or other related opportunity) towards SAE training.**

Will work with the SAE Sector on this to reduce duplicative efforts.

**Summary** – With the changes in funding Ag Education (Ag Incentive Grant is secure for the foreseeable future) specifically and Vocational Education in general, there will be many more opportunities to develop and implement leadership activities at all levels. The Mentors in Ag Education Conference was a success and based on the feedback from the participants we will be able to further meet the needs of teachers in next year’s conference. Much progress has been made but much more is needed and we will look to all members to step up to the challenges that we will face in the next decade and a half.