

# Aligning the Food System for Food Safety in Food Waste Solutions

May 15-16, 2019 | University of California, Davis



## Wednesday, May 15, 2019

### **4:30 – 4:45 PM: Welcome and Registration**

*Conference Center*

### **4:45 – 5:30 PM: Keynote Address**

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Jenny Lester Moffitt | Undersecretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture



Jenny Lester Moffitt is a fifth generation California farmer and undersecretary at the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), where she was deputy secretary from January 2015-February 2018. Appointed to these positions by Governor Jerry Brown, Moffitt works to engage stakeholders on issues that affect ranchers and farmers, including climate change, land use, water policy and food security. As a farmer and policymaker, Moffitt believes that agriculture is critically important to sustaining our environment and economy. Prior to joining CDFA, Moffitt spent 10 years as managing director at Dixon Ridge Farms, her family's organic walnut farm and processing operation. Growing up on the farm she would later help manage, Moffitt learned firsthand the importance of taking care of the land and the people that farm it – and the value in fostering economic growth and well-being. At the farm, Moffitt oversaw the company's day-to-day operations, including sales and marketing, human

resources, regulatory compliance and all aspects of financial management. While working at the farm, Moffitt also served on the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. She has been a board member for CCOF and served on the California Organic Products Advisory Committee, the Food Safety Committee of the Walnut Marketing Board and the Farmers Advisory Council for the Organic Trade Association. Previously, Moffitt worked for American Farmland Trust. A proud former 4-H and FFA member, she grew up raising animals and learning about the value of hard work and working together. Moffitt is a graduate of Brown University with a degree in economics and a graduate of the California Ag Leadership program.

### **5:30 – 7:00 PM: Networking Reception**

*Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center, Moss Patio*

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## Thursday, May 16, 2019

### **7:30 – 8:00 AM: Registration and Breakfast**

*Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center, AGR Room*

### **8:00 – 8:10 AM: Welcoming Remarks**

Erin DiCaprio

*Assistant Specialist in Cooperative Extension, Department of Food Science & Technology, UC Davis*

Edward Spang

*Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science & Technology, UC Davis*

### **8:10 – 8:25 AM: Plenary Address**

Kevin Smith

*Senior Advisor for Food Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, Office of Food Safety, US Food and Drug Administration*

### **8:25 – 8:40 AM: Plenary Address**

Kyle Pogue

*Environmental Program Manager, CalRecycle*

### **8:45 – 10:30 AM: Session 1 - Food Recovery & Donation of Food**

Moderator: Erin DiCaprio

*Assistant Specialist in Cooperative Extension, Department of Food Science & Technology, UC Davis*

Benjamin Chapman

*Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Department of Agricultural & Human Sciences, North Carolina State University*

Sue Sigler

*Former Executive Director, California Association of Food Banks*

Rick Nahmias

*Founder & Executive Director, Food Forward*

Julia Van Soelen Kim

*North Bay Food Systems Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension*

Lester Schonberger

*Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Food Science and Technology, Virginia Tech*

### **10:30 – 10:45 AM: Break**



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## 10:45 AM – 12:30 PM: Session 2 - Food “Upcycling”

Moderator: Edward Spang

*Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science & Technology, UC Davis*

Tara McHugh

*Center Director, Western Regional Research Center, USDA Agricultural Research Service*

Dan Kurzrock

*Founder & CEO, ReGrained*

Carole Widmayer

*Senior Vice President of Marketing and Sales, The Coffee Cherry Co.*

Nina Parkinson

*Director, UC Laboratory for Research in Food Preservation (UCLRFP)*

Linda Harris

*Department Chair & Specialist in Cooperative Extension, Department of Food Science & Technology, UC Davis*

## 12:30 – 1:30 PM: Lunch

## 1:30 – 3:15 PM: Session 3 – Composting and Anaerobic Digestion for Nutrient Recycling

Moderator: Christopher Simmons

*Associate Professor, Department of Food Science & Technology, UC Davis*

Jenny Stephenson

*Environmental Protection Specialist, US Environmental Protection Agency*

Steve Zicari

*Director of Engineering and R&D, California Safe Soil, LLC*

Christian Nansen

*Associate Professor, Department of Entomology & Nematology, UC Davis*

Robert Horowitz

*Supervisor, Organic Materials and Construction & Demolition Unit, CalRecycle*

## 3:15 – 3:30 PM: Break

## 3:30 – 5:30 PM: Breakout Sessions and Roundtable Discussions

## 5:30 – 7:00 PM: Networking Reception

