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# Assembly California Legislature



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**SELECT COMMITTEES**  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
INVESTMENT IN RURAL CALIFORNIA

## **Assembly Committee on Agriculture & Assembly Select Committee on Economic Development and Investment in Rural California**

### **Agriculture Technology: Innovation, Startups and Workforce Readiness**

October 25, 2017, 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. at Hartnell College - Alisal Campus  
Thomas M. Merrill Industry Room, AC-C212

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Opening Comments : Assembly Member Caballero and Members
2. The Start-Up Ecosystem: An Innovation Platform Sprouts in Salinas
  - a. Mayor Joe Gunter, City of Salinas
  - b. Dennis Donohue, Western Growers Innovation and Tech Center
  - c. Mareese Keane, Platform Director, THRIVE Accelerator
  - d. Seana Day, Partner, The Mixing Bowl – Better Food Ventures
3. Readyng Rural Students for Tech Innovations in Agriculture
  - a. Dr. Willard Lewallen, President, Hartnell College
  - b. Maggie Melone-Echiburú, Director, K-12 STEM Programs
  - c. Brenda Thames, President, West Hills Community College
  - d. Nancy Gutierrez, Statewide Sector Navigator: Agriculture, Water and Environmental Technologies, California Community Colleges
4. Workforce Readiness: Opportunities and Challenges
  - a. Nathan Harkleroad, Education Program Manager, Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association
  - b. Jacob Martinez, Founder and Executive Director, Digital NEST
  - c. Marco Lizarraga, Executive Director, La Cooperativa Campesina
5. Public Comments
6. Closing Remarks: Assembly Member Caballero and Committee Members

