

Senate Select Committee on California's Wine Industry Fall 2026 Hearing

Guarding the Vine: Glassy Winged Sharpshooter and the Battle for California's Vineyards

Committee Membership: Cabaldon (Chair), Alvarado-Gil, Caballero, Hurtado, Laird, Limon, McGuire, McNeerney, Padilla, Seyarto, Valladares

Date: Thursday, September 3rd, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: King Hall Room 1001, 400 Mrak Hall Drive, Davis, CA 95616

Agenda

2:00 – 2:15 Opening remarks

Goal: Outline the value of the wine industry and the need for creativity in addressing the current situation.

Speakers

- Senator Christopher Cabaldon
- Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
- Jessica Berg, Dean, UC Davis School of Law

2:15 – 2:35 Presentation from UC Agriculture and Natural Resources

Goal: Review recent glassy-winged sharpshooter introductions, discuss integrated pest management informed by past successes, and identify species of concern.

Dr. Cindy Kron, North Coast Area Integrated Pest Management Advisor

2:35 – 3:30 Panel: Understanding the Scope, Impact, and Interventions for Invasive Pests

Goal: Provide an overview of the various invasive species and diseases impacting the wine industry and identify steps to stay on top of emerging challenges.

Speakers

- Tracy Cleveland, Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures for Napa County
- Josh Rubin, Director, Sustainable Finance, Food, Agribusiness & Clean Fuels, BMO Commercial Bank
- Michael Miiller, Director of Government Relations, California Association of Winegrape Growers

3:30 – 3:45 Public comment period

3:45 – 4:00 Closing Remarks