

## News Advisory

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### **Metal Theft Roundtable meeting to be held on Friday, May 30 at Fresno County Farm Bureau**

The Fresno County Farm Bureau and Nisei Farmers League are hosting a Metal Theft Roundtable on Friday, May 30 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges Ave., Fresno. The Roundtable is a follow-up meeting to the Metal Theft Summit held in Easton in March.

This informational meeting will provide an update of current state legislation affecting metal and wire thefts. Scheduled to participate are: Senator Dave Cogdill, Assembly member Tom Berryhill, and representatives from the Fresno County Sheriff's and Fresno County District Attorney's offices. Also invited to participate are Senator Ron Calderon and Senator Abel Maldonado. Businesses, municipalities, homeowners, farmers, ranchers, and other affected entities are urged to attend.

Reported metal thefts include copper wires, steel posts, electrical conduit for power boxes, vehicle wiring, and the like. Recent reports of cities losing wiring in street lamps, the state losing guardrails on highways and builders experiencing thefts from construction sites have increased metal theft attention statewide. Reported agricultural metal theft losses in Fresno County in 2006 were over \$1.2 million. The City of Fresno has spent on average \$75,000 a month to repair public works items which have been subjected to wire thefts.

For details or to RSVP, contact FCFB's Governmental Affairs Coordinator Teresa Plascencia at (559) 237-0263 or [teresap@fcfb.org](mailto:teresap@fcfb.org).

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*NOTE TO EDITORS:* Spokespersons will be available for one-on-one interviews.