

## News Release

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### **Metal theft summit set for March 14 in Easton**

A comprehensive summit targeting both the Valley and State's metal and wire thefts will be held on Friday, March 14 at 11 a.m. at the C.P.D.E.S. Portuguese Hall, 172 W. Jefferson Ave., in Easton. Businesses, municipalities, homeowners, farmers, ranchers, and other affected entities are urged to attend.

The event, which includes elected officials, sheriffs, district attorneys and representatives from Tulare, Kings, Madera, and Fresno counties and cities, along with various agricultural, business, and building industry organizations, will focus on the recent and continuing problems of metal theft including copper wires, steel posts, electrical conduit for power boxes, vehicles wiring, and the like.

"This is a necessary and timely issue for our community to address, as our leaders in Sacramento are looking at legislation which may or may not provide us with the tools needed to fix this problem," said Ryan Jacobsen, Fresno County Farm Bureau executive director.

Jeannie Grech, of the Caruthers-based Campos Brothers Farms, added, "This type of forum can help educate our legislators and neighbors of the significant negative impact this crime creates for public safety and as well as the economic impacts for local and small businesses."

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