

EMILY ROBIDART ROONEY
Agricultural Council of California

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Agricultural Council of California Sacramento, CA September 2008 – Present
President (2010 – Present); Vice President (2008 – 2010)

- Collaborate with Administration, regulatory agencies and other diverse partners to create workable and innovative solutions on complex issues impacting agriculture and the environment including, but not limited to climate change, plastic packaging, trucking, air quality, water quality, drinking water, matters at DPR and Prop. 65;
- Grow, prepare and execute annual association budget, resulting in doubling of operating budget, reforming and improving accounting processes and significantly growing membership during presidency;
- Advise, oversee, strategize with, and report to 25-member Board of Directors comprised of CEOs and senior-level staff of California's major farmer-owned businesses and cooperatives throughout California (membership list can be viewed at: www.agcouncil.org/members);
- Promote, support and implement all strategies, policies and programs adopted by the Board of Directors such as safe drinking water and climate change;
- Created and continue to administer policy committees specific to dairy and nursery industries;
- Provide policy updates to membership and grassroots through a variety of communications means including monthly webinars, annual meeting addresses, newsletters, editorial pieces and *Capitol Farm Connection* podcast.

California Farm Bureau Federation Sacramento, CA March 2004 – September 2008
Director of Farm Policy, National Affairs and Research Division

- Advocated for the interests and objectives of California's farmers and ranchers before the U.S. Government and administrative bodies;
- Worked with federal regulatory agencies to implement on-farm programs;
- Provided analysis and feedback on how legislation and regulations impact California's farmers and ranchers and resolved various regulatory and legislative matters;
- Managed and developed grassroots policy and implementation plans for several key commodity groups in a changing agricultural landscape;
- Advised County Farm Bureaus on many regulatory issue areas.

Lodi-Woodbridge Winegrape Commission Lodi, CA February 2002 – March 2004
Administrative Marketing Associate

- Promoted Lodi as a fine wine region through the execution of several events and activities;
- Initiated development of local wine directory and signage program;
- Coordinated and oversaw all promotional meetings and events, including hosting international and domestic wine experts.

U.S House of Representatives Washington, DC July 1998 – January 2002
Legislative Assistant

- Tracked legislation and advised Members of Congress on agriculture, budget, judiciary, land use, taxation and other assigned legislative issues;
- Managed issues related to Veterans Affairs Committee assignment;

- Provided vote recommendations on legislation;
- Authored legislation that passed through Congress regarding child advocacy issues;
- Counseled Members of Congress on impact of policy decisions on constituents.

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

California Ag Leadership Foundation 2018 – Present
Member, Board of Directors

National Council of Farmer Cooperatives 2015 – Present
Member, NCFC Executive Council & Board Council

California Future Farmers of America Foundation 2014 – Present
Member, Board Chair

University of California, Davis 2012 – 2017
Member, Dean’s Advisory Council, College of Ag & Environmental Sciences

Lodi Memorial Hospital 2012 – 2017
Member, Community Advisory Board

California Roundtable for Agriculture & the Environment 2010 – 2015
Member, Executive Committee

California Agricultural Leadership Program 2008 – 2010
Fellow, Class 39

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science, Agricultural & Managerial Economics Graduated: June, 1998
 University of California, Davis