



March 15, 2017

Dear Directors,

The 2017 S3 Symposium on Food Systems and Public Health scheduled for May 10-12, 2017 in Long Beach, California is fast approaching. The theme of the symposium this year is "Where S3 Meets the Sea – Charting a New Course in Food Systems and Environmental Health" and the goal is to examine emerging food issues from a system perspective that are critical for long term public and environmental health.

We are calling on all health departments to submit a poster that reflects the theme of the symposium, and is representative of each department's efforts within the community to communicate the impacts from food waste, food access, and shared economy business models. As food and environmental sustainability is a global concern, so is our shared responsibility to achieving global awareness, and it would be both interesting and informative to share each department's vision with each other.

While all departments are encouraged to participate, entries are limited to the first 10 posters received by April 15, 2017 and will be displayed at the symposium where they will be judged by symposium participants. Winners will be selected and special recognition will be announced at the Symposium during the lunch hour on Friday, May 12, 2017. You can also visit the [www.CaliforniaFood.org](http://www.CaliforniaFood.org) for more information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Peter Keshishian at (626) 430 - 5281 or [PKeshishian@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:PKeshishian@ph.lacounty.gov). We look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nelson Kerr".

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