



MORRISON & COMPANY

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### MORRISON CLIENT CORNER

As we celebrate current clients and their accomplishments, we also welcome newcomers!



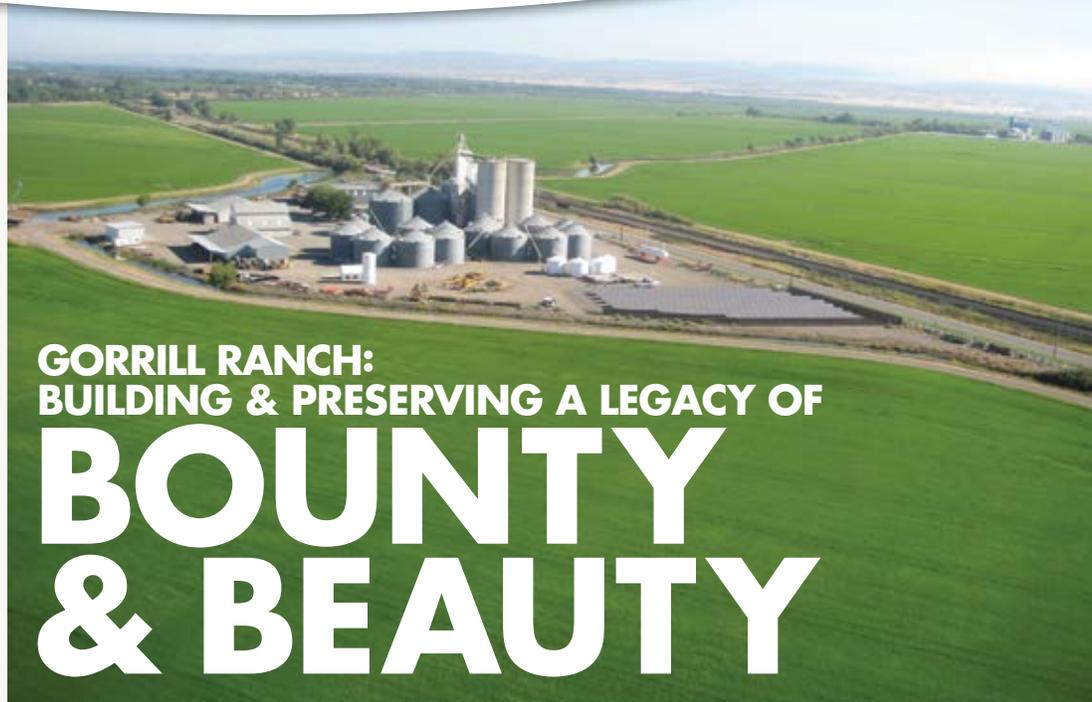
### MEET CAMILLE HOGAN

Get to know Morrison and Company's newest addition to the team.



### MORRISON SNAPSHOTS

It's been a busy and promising start to 2015. Check out what's happened so far!



## GORRILL RANCH: BUILDING & PRESERVING A LEGACY OF BOUNTY & BEAUTY

Almost a century ago, an engineer, originally from the California Bay Area, was helping to build a Northern California highway between two tiny towns when he became enamored with one particular stretch of land along the developing roadway.

With the beauty of the ground near Butte Creek undeniable and its rich agricultural soils holding promise, the engineer, Ralph Gorrill, purchased the land that he was most fond of, founding Gorrill Ranch in 1918.

In the early days of the farm, Gorrill leveraged his engineering skills to survey the land, leveling the ground a section at a time and designing a gravity-fed, water delivery system to provide irrigation to the ranch.

Today, that water system still supplies the farm, which is now a fourth generation family-owned farming operation producing rice, prunes, almonds, walnuts, and pecans.

Maintaining the natural splendor that originally captured Gorrill's heart, Gorrill Ranch is also

home to an environmental preserve which supports the wildlife that flourish in the valley. The environmental preserve boasts deer, turkeys, squirrels, beavers, and many more native animals.

Gorrill Ranch is one of Morrison & Company's treasured clients, with our team providing the farming operation with financial analysis and planning services, assisting with annual budgets and cash flow forecasting. In addition we provide outsourced finance and accounting assistance on an ongoing basis, helping to close and review the monthly books and prepare quarterly and annual management reports. We're thankful for our relationship with the farm and look forward to helping the next generation of owners carry on Ralph Gorrill's legacy!



W E L C O M E

CAMILLE HOGGAN



**8TH**  
MEMBER  
TO THE  
MORRISON & COMPANY TEAM

Early this year, we welcomed our eighth member to the Morrison & Company team, with Camille Hogan joining us as a project specialist. Camille assists in all aspects of the business with a primary focus on our grants practice, bringing her talent and background in writing to serve our clients seeking competitive grant funding through the United States Department of Agriculture, California Department of Food and Agriculture, and other government programs.

Prior to her role at Morrison, Camille worked for three years at Roplast Industries, leaving as an account manager in reusable bag sales. While at Roplast, Camille served clients in the grocery, film, and produce sectors, supporting incoming orders. Camille's role also included serving as a legislative consultant.

Camille is a Chico local and an active member of the Chico Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Organization. A graduate of Seattle University, Camille holds a bachelor's degree in English Literature. Previously, she lived in Senegal, West Africa for two years as a Peace Corps volunteer. There she used her skills gained from her minor in Nonprofit Leadership to focus on maternal health as well as promote female education through girls' leadership programs.

Please join us in welcoming Camille to our team! She can be reached at (530) 893-4764, ext. 209 or at [chogan@morrisonco.net](mailto:chogan@morrisonco.net).



LIVED IN SENEGAL,  
WEST AFRICA  
AS A  
PEACE CORPS  
VOLUNTEER



## FUN FACTS ABOUT CAMILLE:

**FAVORITE ACTIVITIES:** Spending time with friends and family (I'm holding my niece Betsy in the picture to the left). Taking my dog, Knox, to Bidwell Park.

**HIDDEN TALENT:** Wedding speeches.

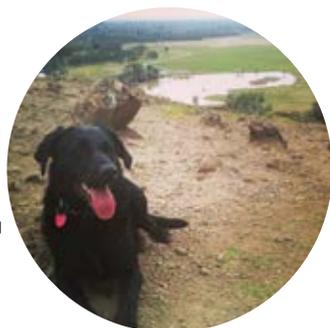
**FAVORITE AUTHOR:** Jhumpa Lahiri.

**DREAM VACATION DESTINATION:** I've dabbled in some international travel, but I'm ready to see the US next. First stop, Yosemite! I sadly have never been.

**FAVORITE FAMILY TRADITIONS:** Orange Juliuses on Christmas morning and making pomegranate jelly with my grandma.



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# WELCOME NEW CLIENTS



## CLIENT CORNER

The Morrison Client Corner is a regular feature of our newsletter. Here, you'll find updates on what a number of our clients are up to, their achievements and milestones, and the generally great things happening in their companies or organizations.

If you're a client of ours, we'd love to stay up to date with what is going on within your organization and invite you to share your highlights in this space. Feel free to send any press releases, newsletters, or happenings to [tscott@morrisonco.net](mailto:tscott@morrisonco.net) or [chogan@morrisonco.net](mailto:chogan@morrisonco.net).



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### **AUDREY TAYLOR** **CHABIN CONCEPTS**

Audrey Taylor of Chabin Concepts was awarded the Woman of the Year for California's Third Assembly District. Audrey was honored by Assemblyman James Gallagher for her tireless devotion to community service and economic development.

### **KAREN FIRESTEIN** **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Karen Firestein, former Business and Cooperative Specialist for USDA Rural Development in California, has been promoted to Business and Cooperative Program Director for the California State Office. Although Karen is not a client of ours, our Value Added Producer Grant clients know Karen well!

### **CAROLYN STARK** **SONOMA COUNTY VINTNERS**

Sonoma County Vintners has welcomed a new executive director! Carolyn Stark joined the organization in February. Former Executive Honore Comfort is now serving as the President of Brack Mountain Wine Company.

### **BRENDON FLYNN** **PACIFIC FARMS AND ORCHARDS**

Brendon Flynn, General Manager of Pacific Farms and Orchards, was named chair of the Agricultural Council of California. Brendon currently sits on the board of another client, Sunsweet Growers, and farms almonds, prunes, walnuts and olives.

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### **MIKE EMIGH** **VALLEY FIG GROWERS**

Mike Emigh, former president of Valley Fig Growers, was awarded the California Cultivator Award by the Ag Council of California. Emigh was president of the grower-owned marketing cooperative from 1997 to 2013, and spent almost 30 years with the Fresno-based company.





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## MORRISON SNAPSHOTS



### 96TH ANNUAL AG COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA ANNUAL MEETING

Morrison & Company attended the 96th Annual Ag Council of California Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with CoBank's Pacific West Regional Meeting in San Francisco. The event featured Oakland A's General Manager Billy Beane, who was portrayed by Brad Pitt in the film Moneyball. Morrison & Company Consultant Toni Scott, her husband Nick Wilson (far left), and Morrison Principal Geoff Chinnock all had the chance to meet Billy and snap a quick photo with the baseball mastermind.



### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP

Morrison & Company Consultant Tim Peters was accepted to the Northern California Academy of Leadership, a ten month leadership program that began earlier this year. The program is designed to help emerging leaders increase communication, negotiation, and conflict management skills and strengthen collaboration with peers to help solve real problems in the workplace. Here, Tim is pictured with the entire class, which includes 20 members from all over North State.



### COLUSA FARM SHOW

The Colusa Farm Show and Colusa Farm Show Breakfast are always a fun time for the Morrison & Company crew and this year was no different. Morrison Project Specialist Camille Hogan, Geoff, and Tim are all sporting their Morrison pride at the show.



### CALIFORNIA BIODIESEL CONFERENCE

Morrison & Company Managing Principal Brent Morrison and Consultants Stacy Kennedy and Colleen Souza attended the California Biodiesel Conference in February. Here, Brent and Stacy are pictured with Steven Nicholls, State Energy Coordinator with USDA Rural Development and Morrison Client Russ Teal of Biodico (far right).