

New Zealand Consul General, Honorary Consul Visit CalChamber



(From left) Starr Hurley, honorary consul for New Zealand; Susanne Stirling, CalChamber vice president, international affairs; and Leon Grice, consul general for New Zealand in Los Angeles.

The newly appointed consul general for New Zealand stopped by the California Chamber of Commerce offices recently to talk about trade issues of mutual interest.

Leon Grice, consul general for New Zealand in Los Angeles, and Starr Hurley, honorary consul, met with Susanne Stirling, CalChamber vice president, international affairs.

Topics of discussion included California and New Zealand trade, as

well as the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the possibility of a U.S.-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement.

California exported approximately \$562 million to New Zealand in 2011, making it the state's 33rd largest trading partner.

Top exports included transportation equipment (25%), computer/electronic products (16%), food manufactures (13%) and agricultural products (8%).

Also that year, California imported close to \$780 million from New Zealand. Imports included food manufactures, primary metal manufacturing (13%), and beverages/tobacco products (9%).

More information is available at www.calchamber.com/newzealand.