

December 20, 2019

## PRODUCER NOMINATIONS REQUESTED FOR SERVING ON THE CALIFORNIA PISTACHIO RESEARCH BOARD

To the California Pistachio Producer Addressed:

The current term of office for the producer members and alternates of the California Pistachio Research Board (Board) expires on May 31, 2020. Therefore, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) is conducting procedures for the purpose of receiving nominations of producer representatives to serve on the Board for a new three-year term, beginning June 1, 2020 and continuing through May 31, 2023. Nominations may be submitted at the upcoming nomination meeting or by mail. There are no limits on the number of consecutive terms a producer may serve on the Board.

Nomination Meeting: The nomination meeting is scheduled as follows.

Date / Time	Location
Wednesday	Visalia Convention Center
January 22, 2020	San Joaquin Room
4:00 p.m.	303 E. Acequia
_	Visalia, CA 93291

*Nominations by Mail:* Producers unable to attend the nomination meeting may submit nominations by completing the enclosed form and mailing it to Kacie Fritz at the Department's Marketing Branch at the address shown below. Nominations must be postmarked *no later than January 22, 2020*.

In order to be eligible to make nominations or to be nominated, a person must be an owner or employee of a pistachio production entity. Before nominating someone, you should verify the person's eligibility and willingness to serve on the Board. Self-nominations are allowed. Nominations will be received without regard to member and alternate positions and without regard to area of production. An individual may submit up to 13 nominations. The current Board roster is printed on the reverse side of this notice.

Since the Board consists of 13 producer positions, the Department would like to obtain at least 13 nominations. Subsequent to receiving nominations, the Department will conduct a vote of all California pistachio producers as a means to obtain an indication of preference among the nominees. The Department will use the producer voting results to help guide the appointments to the various producer member and alternate member positions.

If you have questions regarding the nomination and preference voting process, please call Kacie Fritz of this office at (916) 900-5095, or Bob Klein, Manager of the Pistachio Research Board, at 559-255-6480.

Sincerely,

Joe Monson, Branch Chief

Marketing Branch

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