

BEFORE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

In the matter of appointing members and)
alternate members to fill vacancies on)
the California Pistachio Research Board)
based on recommendations submitted by)
the Board to the California Department of)
Food and Agriculture)

**Order of the Department of Food and
Agriculture Appointing Members and
Alternate Members to the California
Pistachio Research Board for a Term of
Office Beginning Immediately and
Continuing through May 31, 2026**

WHEREAS, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department), acting pursuant to and by virtue of authority vested in it by provisions of the California Marketing Act (Act), being Chapter 1 of Part 2, Division 21 of the Food and Agricultural Code, issued the "California Pistachio Research Program" (Program), which became effective December 10, 2007, and which incorporates amendments effective through June 1, 2020, and

WHEREAS, Article II of the Program provides for the nomination and appointment of pistachio producers to serve as members and alternate members of the California Pistachio Research Board (Board), the administrative body established to assist the Department in the administration of the Program, and

WHEREAS, a vacancy on the Board exists in a member position due to the resignation of Jeremy Blackwell of Blackwell Farming Company, and

WHEREAS, a vacancy on the Board exists in the second alternate member position due to the resignation of Clay Beck of Maricopa Orchards, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II, Section D of the Program, the Department may fill vacancies on the Board by considering the prioritization of the current alternate members and/or recommendations submitted by the remaining members of the Board, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on June 25, 2025, the Board recommended to the Department the appointment of Joseph Coelho of Valley Orchard Management to fill the vacant member position and Michael Naito of Naito Farms to fill the vacant second alternate member position on the Board, and


1 **WHEREAS**, since Mr. Coelho was previously appointed to the first alternate member
2 position on the Board, the Board further recommended to the Department the appointment of
3 Todd Tracy of Buttonwillow Land and Cattle Co. to fill the first alternate member position on the
4 Board formerly held by Mr. Coelho, and

5 **WHEREAS**, since Mr. Tracy was previously appointed to the third alternate member
6 position on the Board, the Board further recommended to the Department the appointment of
7 Hiroki Hiura of Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella to fill the third alternate member position on the
8 Board formerly held by Mr. Tracy, and

9 **WHEREAS**, since Mr. Naito was previously appointed to the fourth alternate member
10 position on the Board, the Board further recommended to the Department the appointment of
11 Peter Allbright of Wonderful Pistachios to fill the fourth alternate member position on the Board
12 formerly held by Mr. Naito;

13 **NOW, THEREFORE**, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, acting pursuant
14 to and by virtue of the authority vested in it by said Act and Program, does hereby appoint the
15 persons shown in italics in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, to serve as
16 members and alternate members of the California Pistachio Research Board for a term of office
17 beginning immediately and continuing through May 31, 2026, or until their successors have been
18 appointed and have qualified.
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22 **DATED:** August 14, 2025

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25 **JOE MONSON, Branch Chief**
26 **Marketing Branch**
27 **Department of Food and Agriculture**

CALIFORNIA PISTACHIO RESEARCH BOARD ROSTER

Term of Office: June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026

Producer Members	Producer Alternate Members
Tom Coleman Coleman Farming Company	<p><u>1st Alternate</u> Todd Tracy <i>Buttonwillow Land and Cattle Co.</i></p> <p><u>2nd Alternate</u> Michael Naito <i>Naito Farms</i></p> <p><u>3rd Alternate</u> Hiroki Hiura <i>Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella</i></p> <p><u>4th Alternate</u> Peter Allbright <i>Wonderful Pistachios</i></p>
Gerrid Climer Nichols Farms	
Joseph Coelho <i>Valley Orchard Management</i>	
Rob Goff Wonderful Orchards	
Brian O'Neill Huron Orchards	
Joey Mendonca JG Boswell Farms	
Vacant	
Zack Raven Keenan Farming Company	
Erik Wilkins Wonderful Orchards	

Public Member	Alternate Public Member
Christine Milgrom	Vacant