



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

March 21, 2012

**NOTICE OF CONTINUATION**  
*for the*  
**CALIFORNIA PISTACHIO RESEARCH PROGRAM**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture held a public hearing on January 18, 2012, in Visalia to consider continuation of the California Pistachio Research Program. Such a hearing is required every five years to provide pistachio producers and growers with the opportunity to comment on the usefulness and effectiveness of the program's activities.

All of the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing was in support of continuing the program. Based on this favorable industry feedback, the department has approved continuation for five more years through to July 31, 2017.

The California Pistachio Research Program is a state marketing order that conducts research on pistachio propagation, production, harvesting, handling and preparation for market as well as provides educational opportunities and materials for pistachio growers. Funding for this program is derived from producers of California pistachios. The program was originally implemented by a producer referendum in 2007.

If you have questions regarding the program, call Dr. Bob Klein, program manager, at (559) 255-6480, extension 103. If you have any questions about the hearing, please call April Izumi with the Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5176.

Sincerely,

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