



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

January 7, 2013

2013-2015 TERM OF OFFICE
NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES TO THE
CALIFORNIA LEAFY GREENS RESEARCH PROGRAM

Postmark Deadline: February 4, 2013

To the California Leafy Greens Handler Addressed:

The current term of office for board members and alternate members of the California Leafy Greens Research Program expires on March 31, 2013. The California Department of Food and Agriculture is requesting handler nominations to fill these positions for the term of office beginning April 1, 2013, and ending on March 31, 2015.

There are 15 board members and 15 alternates, and they meet twice a year: October and March. Ten board members make up the executive committee, which meets approximately six times a year. District representation is apportioned on the basis of volume of shipments. Members serve a two-year term, with a nomination process occurring in each district in January of odd numbered years.

Enclosed with this letter is the slate of nominees as proposed by the program's executive committee. Handlers may make additional nominations in any district in which they have operations; however, in order that no single company receives more than one board vote, the nomination must be for one district only. If no additional nominations are received, then this will serve as the official slate of nominees for consideration by the department. If additional nominations are received, then a preference vote will be conducted in February 2013.

For your convenience, the following items are enclosed with this letter:

- **Nomination Form** – Use this form if you have a write-in nomination.
- **Postage-paid Return Envelope** – Use this envelope to mail your nomination form to CDFA.

For your nomination to be valid, it must be signed and postmarked no later than February 4, 2013.

If you have questions on the nomination process, call April Izumi of this office, or the program CEO Mary Zischke with the California Leafy Greens Research Program office at (831) 424 3782.

Sincerely,

Robert Maxie, Chief
Marketing Branch

Enclosures

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**CALIFORNIA LEAFY GREENS RESEARCH BOARD
MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
PROPOSED SLATE FOR 2013-2015
AS NOMINATED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

DISTRICT A: BLYTHE-IMPERIAL			
MEMBER	COMMODITY	ALTERNATE	COMMODITY
Mike Manfre Growers Express/Frank Capurro	iceberg, leaf, spinach	Mark Adamek Tanimura & Antle	iceberg, leaf
Todd Brendlin Grimmway Farms	iceberg, leaf, spinach	Bart Fisher Fisher Ranch Corporation	iceberg, leaf
Troy Boutonnet Ocean Mist Farms/Valley Pride	iceberg, leaf, spinach	Mark Borchard Ready Pac	iceberg, leaf, spinach, spring mix
DISTRICT B: SANTA MARIA-LOMPOC-OXNARD			
MEMBER	COMMODITY	ALTERNATE	COMMODITY
Henri Ardantz Betteravia Farms	iceberg, leaf, spinach	Craig Sudyka (nominee) Betteravia Farms	iceberg, leaf, spinach
Tom Ikeda Pismo-Oceano Vegetable Exchange	iceberg, leaf, spinach	David Espinola Gold Coast Packing Co.	spinach
Steve Donovan Deardorff Family Farms	leaf	John Jackson Beachside Produce, LLC	iceberg, leaf, spinach
DISTRICT C: SALINAS-WATSONVILLE-SJV			
MEMBER	COMMODITY	ALTERNATE	COMMODITY
Jim Storm Church Bros., LLC	iceberg, leaf, spinach	Mike Vanoli Church Bros., LLC	iceberg, leaf, spinach
David Hart Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc.	iceberg, leaf, spinach, spring mix	Matt Plymale Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc.	iceberg, leaf, spinach, spring mix
Sig Christierson Sunridge Farms/Major Farms	iceberg, leaf, spinach	Suzanne Klose Chiquita/Fresh Express	iceberg, leaf, spinach spring mix
Tom A. Bengard Gabilan Packing Co.	iceberg	Marco Turchetti Ratto Bros., Inc.	leaf, spinach
Brian Lopez NewStar Fresh/Organic Girl	iceberg, leaf, spinach spring mix	Tim Borel The Nunes Company, Inc.	iceberg, leaf, spinach
Todd Kodet Earthbound Farm	iceberg, leaf, spinach spring mix	John Savage Pacific International Marketing	iceberg, leaf, spinach
Andrew Fernandez Taylor Farms California, Inc.	iceberg, leaf, spinach spring mix	Ed Mora D'Arrigo Bros. of California	iceberg, leaf
Nick Huntington Huntington Farms/Steinbeck Country Produce	iceberg, leaf, spinach	Steve Storm Duda Farm Fresh Foods, Inc.	iceberg, leaf
Steve Adams Andrew Smith Company	iceberg, leaf	Ted Mills Sabor Farms	iceberg, leaf, spinach