



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

April 23, 2014

**NOTICE OF MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE
CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATO INSPECTION PROGRAM**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The Department of Food and Agriculture, upon the recommendation of the California Processing Tomato Inspection Advisory Board (board), has approved a minor amendment to the California Processing Tomato Inspection Research Program. The minor amendment changes the manner by which member alternates are seated in place of members not present at a meeting.

Currently, Article II, Section E, provides that an alternate member of the board may only sit in place and stead of the specific member for which he or she is assigned. This amendment allows any alternate member to sit in the place and stead of an absent member in the same classification (producer or processor) when both the member and his or her assigned alternate are absent. The board recommended the minor amendment to broaden voting participation on the board and strengthen board actions. The specific language of this amendment is presented below (additions are shown in ***bold italics***, there are no deletions):

Article II
Section E. ALTERNATE MEMBERS

An alternate member of the Board shall, in the absence of the member for whom he or she is an alternate, sit in the place and stead of such member at any meeting of the Board and shall have all the powers, duties, and privileges of the member while attending any such meetings. ***In the absence of both a member and his or her alternate, the chairman may designate any other alternate of the same classification to act in place of that member.*** In the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of a member, his or her alternate shall act in his or her place and stead until a successor of such member is appointed and has qualified.

If you have any questions regarding the minor amendment, please contact Tom Ramme, Manager of the Processing Tomato Advisory Board at (530) 759-7501, or call Joe Monson of the CDFA Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5018.

Sincerely,

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