



March 6, 2014

**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 (CPRB) expires on May 31, 2014. (The CPRB is a producer-funded state marketing order that conducts research regarding the production, harvesting and handling of pistachios.) Therefore, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is conducting procedures for the purpose of receiving nominations of producer representatives to serve on the CPRB for a new three-year term. Nominations may be submitted at a nomination meeting or by mail.

**Nomination Meeting:** The nomination meeting is scheduled as follows.

Date / Time	Location
Tuesday, March 25, 2014 10:00 a.m.	WAPA (Western Agricultural Processors Association) 1785 N. Fine Avenue - Fresno

**Nominations by Mail:** Producers unable to attend the nomination meeting may submit nominations by completing the enclosed form and mailing it to Amy Uber of CDFA at the address shown below. Nominations must be postmarked no later than March 25, 2014.

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 CPRB. 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 CPRB roster is printed on the reverse side of this notice.

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

If you have questions regarding the nomination and election process, please call Amy Uber of this office at (916) 900-5018, or call the CPRB manager, Bob Klein, at 559-255-6480.

Sincerely,

Robert Maxie, Chief  
Marketing Branch

Enclosure

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# California Pistachio Research Board

Term Ends May 31, 2014

<b>Producer Members</b>	<b>Producer Alternates</b>
<p><b>Jeremy Blackwell</b> Blackwell Farming Company</p>	
<p><b>Tom Coleman</b> Coleman Farming Company</p>	
<p><b>Brad Higbee</b> Paramount Farming Company</p>	
<p><b>Andrew Howe</b> A&amp;P Growers</p>	
<p><b>Joe MacIlvaine</b> Paramount Farming Company</p>	
<p><b>Eric Miller</b> South Valley Farms</p>	
<p><b>Doug Mueller</b> Specialty Crop Company</p>	
<p><b>Johnny Starling</b> Nichols Farms</p>	
<p><b>Rod Stiefvater</b> RTS Agri Business</p>	
<p><u>1<sup>st</sup> Alternate</u> <b>Todd Tracy</b> Buttonwillow Land and Cattle Co.</p> <p><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate</u> <b>Mathew Andrew</b> Andrew Farms, Inc.</p> <p><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Alternate</u> <b>Gary Robinson</b> Robinson Farms</p> <p><u>4<sup>th</sup> Alternate</u> <b>Rob Goff</b> Paramount Farming Company</p>	