



April 18, 2016

**NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE
CALIFORNIA DRY BEAN RESEARCH AND MARKETING PROGRAM**

TO THE DRY BEAN PRODUCER AND HANDLER ADDRESSED:

The term of office for all members and alternate members of the California Dry Bean Advisory Board (Board) will expire on June 30, 2016, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) is calling nomination meetings among dry bean producers to fill open positions on the active Varietal Councils and dry bean handlers qualified to fill open positions on the Board. All producers and handlers of California dry beans are invited to attend these nomination meetings. The term of office for the next Board will be July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2019.

Varietal Councils exist within the California Dry Bean Research and Marketing Program (Program) for these varieties: Baby Limas, Blackeyes-Garbanzos, Common Beans, and Large Limas. These four Varietal Councils consist of between five to seven producer members and their respective alternate members. Council members and alternate members are responsible for recommending rates of assessment and program activities for their Council's dry bean variety. Each Council is authorized to nominate two producer members and two alternate producer members to serve on the Board.

Previously, the Blackeye and Garbanazo bean varieties were represented through two separate Councils. However, effective April 18, 2016, and on recommendation of the Board, the Department approved a minor amendment to consolidate the Varietal Councils for Blackeyes and Garbanzos into a single Blackeyes-Garbanzos Council. Reducing the number of Councils by one also has the effect of reducing the number of producer members on the Board by two, and likewise reduces by two the number of grower member alternates. The full notice of the minor amendment is available by mailing and also online at it.cdfa.ca.gov/igov/postings/industry notices/. In addition to the minor amendment, the Board has also elected to reduce the roster of the Common Beans Council from seven members to five members.

Handler representation on the Board is made without regard to variety and is composed of six dry bean handler members and three alternate handler members. Pursuant to Article II, Section A., of the Program, handler recommendations for Board membership are made by the California Bean Shippers Association. The Department will consider those recommendations for appointment to the Board.



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Enclosed is a schedule of nomination meetings for each Varietal Council. At the Varietal Council nomination meetings, qualified dry bean producers in attendance will be entitled to make nominations and, if necessary, take a vote using preference voting procedures. Producers who currently grow more than one variety of dry beans may participate in a single nomination meeting for each of the dry bean varieties they produce. *Participation by the same producer entity in more than one of the nomination meetings for the same variety will not be permitted.* However, producers located in minor production areas, where a nearby nomination meeting is not scheduled for their specific variety, are invited to attend an alternative nomination meeting in their region to suggest names of individuals to be considered at the appropriate nomination meeting scheduled in the major production area for the particular variety.

If you wish to nominate a person at one of the nomination meetings, you should determine the candidate's eligibility and willingness to serve prior to the nomination meeting. Each individual person is entitled to represent only one legal entity at a nomination meeting. In the case of partnerships, only one of the partners may participate on behalf of the partnership at a meeting. A married couple operating a production entity is only entitled to one participant, unless each spouse owns and operates separate and distinct entities. In share-tenant arrangements, in which the landlord receives a portion of the crop, both the landlord and the tenant are eligible to participate in the nomination procedures. Finally, proxy voting is not permitted under any circumstance.

Following the meetings, the Department will appoint producer members and alternates to the Varietal Councils, and each Council will be responsible for selecting nominees to be appointed by the Department to the Board. The Department will also appoint the handler members and alternates to the Board.

If you know of dry bean producers or handlers who have not received this notice, please inform them of these nomination meetings, or advise the Marketing Branch to send them a copy of this notice. If you have questions regarding the meetings or Program, call Nathan Sano, Board Manager, at 559.591.4866. For questions regarding the role of the Department in this nomination process, call Ben Kardokus with the Marketing Branch at 916.900.5018.

Sincerely,



Robert Maxie, Chief
Marketing Branch

Enclosure

2016 Schedule of Dry Bean
Grower Nomination Meetings
Varietal Councils

Variety	Dates and Times	Meeting Places	Members to be Nominated From
Blackeye	Wed. Apr. 27th 9:00 A.M.	Starbucks 3220 Countryside Dr. Turlock	2 Members & 2 Alternates from Stanislaus-San Joaquin-Merced & all Counties to the North
	Fri. Apr. 29th 2:00 P.M.	Tulare, UCCE Office 4437 So. Laspina Tulare	2 Members & 2 Alternates from Kings-Tulare-Kern & all counties to the South
Garbanzo	Wed. Apr. 27th 2:00 P.M.	Colusa County UCCE Office 100 Sunrise Blvd. Colusa	1 Member and 1 Alternate from Colusa-Sutter-Yuba-Butte & Glenn Counties
	Thur. Apr. 28th 11:30 A.M.	Starbucks 569 W Clover Rd. Tracy	1 Member and 1 Alternate from Merced-Madera-Stanislaus & San Joaquin Counties
	Fri. Apr. 29th 1:00 P.M.	Starbucks 855 N Lemoore Ave. Lemoore	1 Members & 1 Alternates from Kern-Tulare-Kings & Fresno Counties & Coastal Region
Baby Lima	Wed. Apr. 27th 2:10 P.M.	Colusa County UCCE Office 100 Sunrise Blvd. Colusa	3 Members & 3 Alternates from Sutter-Yolo-Solano-Butte-Glenn- & Colusa Counties
	Thur. Apr. 28th 11:40 A.M.	Starbucks 569 W Clover Rd. Tracy	4 Members & 4 Alternates from San Joaquin-Stanislaus & Merced Counties

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Large Lima	Wed. Apr. 27th 9:15 A.M.	Starbucks 3220 Countryside Dr. Turlock	5 Members & 5 Alternates from San Joaquin-Stanislaus & Merced Counties
	Fri. Apr. 29th 9:00 A.M.	Starbucks 1201 E Main Street Santa Maria	2 Members & 2 Alternates from Riverside-L.A.-Orange-Ventura- Santa Barbara-S.L.O & all Coastal Counties
Common	Wed. Apr. 27th 10:15 A.M.	San Joaquin UCCE Office 2101 E. Earhart Ave. Stockton	1 Members & 1 Alternates from Northern San Joaquin Valley
	Wed. Apr. 27th 2:20 P.M.	Colusa County UCCE Office 100 Sunrise Blvd. Colusa	2 Members & 2 Alternates from Colusa-Sutter-Yuba-Butte & Glenn Counties
	Thur. Apr. 28th 9:00 A.M.	Starbucks 271 W Main St. Woodland	1 Members & 1 Alternates from Sacramento-San Joaquin-Solano & Yolo Counties