



April 19, 2019

**RICE PRODUCERS AND HANDLERS APPROVE CONTINUATION
OF THE CALIFORNIA RICE COMMISSION**

In a recently completed referendum, California rice producers and handlers voted to continue the operations of the California Rice Commission (Commission). The referendum results are as follows:

Results of California Rice Commission Continuation Referendum (conducted February 4, 2019 – March 5, 2019)	
Number of Voting Producers that Voted in Favor of Terminating the Commission:	21
Percentage of Those Producers Voting Who Favored Termination:	3.55%
Number of Voting Handlers that Voted in favor of terminating the Commission:	0
Percentage of Those Handlers Voting Who Favored Termination:	0%

The Rice Commission Law provides that every five years, a referendum shall be conducted to determine if California Rice producers and handlers favor termination of the Commission. The Law provides further that the Commission shall be terminated if a majority of the producers *and* a majority of the handlers of rice vote in favor of termination.

Since 3% of producers and no handlers voted to terminate the Commission, the California Rice Commission is authorized to continue for another five years through August 31, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this referendum, please contact Kacie Fritz of this office at (916) 900-5018, or by email at Kacie.Fritz@cdfa.ca.gov. If you have questions regarding the activities of the Rice Commission, please call Tim Johnson, President of the Commission, at (916) 387-2264.

Sincerely,

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