



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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**FLUID MILK PROCESSORS APPROVE CONTINUATION
OF THE CALIFORNIA MILK PROCESSOR BOARD**

To All Fluid Milk Processors in California:

In a referendum recently conducted by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department), fluid milk processors voted in favor of continuing the operations of the California Milk Processor Board (Board) for another three years. The Board is a processor-funded State promotion program operating under the authority of the Marketing Order for Advertising, Promotion, Research, and Education relating to Fluid Milk Products in California (Marketing Order). The voting results are presented below.

Portion of all eligible processors who participated by casting valid ballots:	65.63%
Portion of those processors voting who favor continuation of the Milk Processor Board:	66.67%
Portion of the voted volume represented by those processors favoring continuation of the Milk Processor Board:	86.16%

The Marketing Order specifies that the program may be continued if the Department finds that of those voting, a majority of the handlers accounting for a majority of the voted volume favor continuation. Since the above voting results meet the Marketing Order's continuation requirements, the Department has authorized the Milk Processor Board to continue operating for another three years through January 31, 2023.

Please contact David Hillis, Senior Agricultural Economist, at this office if you have any questions about this referendum. If you have questions about the operations of the California Milk Processor Board, please call Steve James, Executive Director of the Board, at (949) 481-6620.

Sincerely,

Kathy Diaz-Cretu, Interim Branch Chief
Marketing Branch

