



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

June 1, 2020

**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF A MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE
CALIFORNIA LEAFY GREENS RESEARCH PROGRAM**

To the California Leafy Greens Handler Addressed:

Upon the recommendation of the California Leafy Greens Research Board (Board), the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) has issued a minor amendment to the California Leafy Greens Research Program (Program). The minor amendment will become effective on June 8, 2020.

This minor amendment will add Subsection 7 to Section A of Article II of the Program to provide authority for the Board to make recommendations to the Department for the appointment of ex-officio (non-voting) members to the Board. The purpose of this amendment is to formally recognize and support the participation and contributions provided to the Board from individuals who are not handlers of leafy greens, particularly those with scientific expertise. Like regular Board members, ex-officio members appointed to the Board are authorized to be reimbursed for necessary travel and expenses incurred while performing Board duties.

The amendment language is included with this notice as Exhibit A. A complete version of the California Leafy Greens Research Program marketing order can be accessed at: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/mkt/mkt/ordslaws.html>.

If you have questions concerning the minor amendment or the California Leafy Greens Research Program, please call Jennifer Clarke, CEO of the Program, at (831) 424-3782, or Justin Ellerby with the Department's Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5018.

Sincerely,

Joe Monson, Branch Chief
Marketing Branch

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**Minor Amendment
To the California Leafy Greens Research Program**

Effective June 8, 2020

Additions are shown in *bold italics*.

ARTICLE II – CALIFORNIA LEAFY GREENS RESEARCH BOARD

Section A. ESTABLISHMENT, MEMBERSHIP, AND TERM OF OFFICE

1. A Board to be known as the California Leafy Greens Research Board (Board) is hereby established to assist the Department in the administration of this multi-commodity Program. The Board shall be composed of fifteen (15) members, ten (10) of whom shall be handlers of lettuce or mixed leaf as herein defined, three (3) of whom shall be handlers of spinach as herein defined, and two (2) shall be handlers of spring mix as herein defined. The Board shall have the ability to adjust membership by minor amendment in proportion to volume. (*Amended 8/6/2014*)
2. There shall be an alternate member for each member of the Board. The alternate shall be selected in the same manner and for the same term as the member.
3. Members and alternate members shall be appointed by the Department from nominations received for that purpose.
4. In addition to the fifteen (15) handler members and their respective alternates, upon recommendation of the Board, the Department may appoint one (1) member and one (1) alternate member to the Board to represent the general public.

The public member and alternate shall not be affiliated in any way with respect to the production or marketing of leafy greens and shall have all the rights and privileges, including voting, of any other member or alternate member of the Board.

5. With the exception of public members and the initial Board members, the term of office of members and alternate members of the Board shall be two (2) years beginning March 1 of the year in which they are appointed and continuing at the pleasure of the Department through the last day of February of the second year following their appointment, or until their successors have been appointed and have qualified. With respect to public members appointed pursuant to Subsection 4 above, the regular term of office shall be as close as possible to two (2) full years and shall terminate on the last day of February of each odd-numbered year.

6. With the exception of the public member and alternate member, representation on the Board shall be by districts as herein described. District boundaries and/ district representation may be changed by recommendation of the board with the approval of the Department, to maintain equitable representation of handlers. Any such change of boundary lines of said districts or change in district representation shall be deemed to be a minor amendment to this Program. The Board shall have the ability to adjust membership via a minor amendment in proportion to volume.

District A, known as the Blythe-Imperial Valley area, shall have three (3) members and three (3) alternate members and shall consist of the following counties: San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial.

District B, known as the Oxnard-Santa Maria area, shall have three (3) members and three (3) alternate members, and shall consist of the following counties: San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego.

District C, known as the Salinas-Watsonville-San Joaquin area, shall have nine (9) members and nine (9) alternate members, and shall consist of all the counties in California which are north of the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Ventura, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties.

7. ***Ex-Officio Members. Each year the Board may recommend, and the Department may approve, the participation of Ex-Officio members in any or all open session deliberations of the Board; provided, that such participants shall not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum nor may they participate in voting on Board actions. (Amended 6/8/2020)***