

April 1, 2013

**NOTICE OF AN INDEPENDENT GROWER  
NOMINATION MEETING FOR THE STATE  
MARKETING ORDER FOR CALIFORNIA RAISINS  
CALIFORNIA RAISIN MARKETING BOARD**

**TO THE INDEPENDENT RAISIN GROWER ADDRESSED:**

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) in accordance with the provisions of the Marketing Order for California Raisins and in cooperation with the California Raisin Marketing Board management is calling a meeting to accept independent grower nominations to be considered for seven (7) members and seven (7) alternate member positions for the Board term beginning June 1, 2013 and ending May 31, 2015.

This notice is being mailed to all qualified independent growers of record with the CDFA. This means that they are seeking nominations to represent growers who are not affiliated members with the Raisin Bargaining Association or co-op members of Sun-Maid Growers of California. ***If you are a member of the Raisin Bargaining Association or a co-op member of Sun-Maid Growers of California please disregard this notice as nominations from growers affiliated with these two entities will be taken in a different manner.***

Submitting Nominations

Nominations for members and alternate members of the California Raisin Marketing Board representing independent raisin growers will be received at a nomination meeting to be held as follows:

**Location: California Raisin Marketing Board Conference Center  
2445 Capitol Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA  
Date: Friday, April 12, 2013, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

As an independent grower you are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in the nomination proceedings.

Nominations can also be sent in advance by mail, email or fax to the attention of Gary Schulz, President of the CRMB. Please note that in order to be printed on the ballot the names of the candidates must be received prior to the conclusion of the nomination meeting, 4:00 p.m. At the meeting, both the name of the nominee and of the person making the nomination will be read. We ask that nominations submitted electronically include current contact information for the nominee as well as a statement indicating that the nominee has been contacted by you and has confirmed his/her interest in serving on the Board if appointed. For your convenience, a nomination form is included with this mailing. Additionally, it would be most helpful if you would provide a brief bio or nominee statement with your nomination.

The Election

Following the nomination meeting, mail ballots will be sent out to obtain a preference vote for member and alternate member nominees. Ballots will be sent to the independent growers of record on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The Department will use the results of this preference voting in considering appointments to the California Raisin Marketing Board.

If you have any questions, or if you would like further details, please contact Ms. Kathy Diaz of the CDFA at (916) 900-5018 or myself at the CRMB at (559) 248-0287.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Schulz  
President/General Manager

cc: Mr. Robert Maxie, Ms. Kathy Diaz, CDFA

**Nomination Procedures and Eligibility Requirements - Over**

# CALIFORNIA RAISIN MARKETING BOARD

## 2013 INDEPENDENT GROWER ELECTIONS

### *Nomination Procedures*

Only independent growers currently in the business of producing raisins are eligible to participate in the preference voting process for the independent grower seats on the California Raisin Marketing Board (CRMB).

A nomination meeting is held **in April** every two years when terms of office expire. At this meeting the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) accepts names of independent growers who are eligible to be appointed to the Board for the next two-year term of office.

Ballots with the nominees listed are produced by CDFA and mailed to all independent growers of record. **Each grower is entitled to complete only one ballot regardless of the number of ranches they may have on record.** Ballots are mailed to CDFA in provided envelopes.

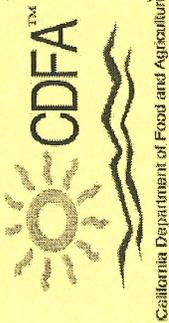
If a grower wishes to vote for a person or persons whose names are not listed on the ballot, he or she may do so by writing the names of these persons on the blank lines on the ballot and checking the box next to their names.

### *Eligibility Requirements*

The determining factor in the eligibility of an independent grower is that grower's status at the time of the nomination and preference voting. If a grower was a member of Sun-Maid or the Raisin Bargaining Association (RBA) during the CRMB fiscal year that began on August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the balloting procedure, that grower must sever this relationship prior to nominations to be eligible to run or vote as an independent grower. Deliveries made through either Sun-Maid or RBA do not disqualify a grower if he or she becomes independent prior to the nomination procedure. Likewise, cash deliveries to Sun-Maid do not disqualify a grower from independent status.

Also, in order to be eligible a grower must make deliveries of raisins to an independent handler during the CRMB fiscal year. If the grower has not made deliveries at the time of the nomination process, but indicates that he or she will make deliveries by July 31<sup>st</sup> he or she may run for an independent grower seat and/or vote in the independent grower balloting. However, if he or she is elected to the board and does not make deliveries by July 31<sup>st</sup>, this grower is disqualified from the Board position.

In the event of disqualification, the grower not appointed to the CRMB, but receiving the highest number of votes of those growers not appointed shall be recommended by the CRMB to the CDFA to fill the vacancy created by the resignation.



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE MARKETING BRANCH  
NOMINATIONS FOR INDEPENDENT GROWER MEMBERSHIP  
ON THE CALIFORNIA RAISIN MARKETING BOARD FOR THE 2013-2015 TERM

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Entity / Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated By \_\_\_\_\_ State how Nominee was notified of his/her nomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nomination received by (circle one): Walk-In / Mail / Fax / Email / Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Entity / Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated By \_\_\_\_\_ State how Nominee was notified of his/her nomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nomination received by (circle one): Walk-In / Mail / Fax / Email / Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Entity / Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated By \_\_\_\_\_ State how Nominee was notified of his/her nomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nomination received by (circle one): Walk-In / Mail / Fax / Email / Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

*Those unable to attend the nomination meeting on April 12, 2013 may submit their nomination(s) using either of the following methods:*  
**Email:** Gary Schulz: [gary@raisins.org](mailto:gary@raisins.org) / **Fax:** 559-224-7016 / **Mail:** California Raisin Marketing Board - 2445 Capitol Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721  
*Only the names of the nominees received by the CRMB by 4PM on April 12, 2013 will be printed on the ballots. Information on participation options available to eligible growers who miss this deadline will be provided by CDF&A during the election process.*

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct account of the nominations cast for the above named persons at a meeting held at  
2445 Capitol Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA on April 12, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Schulz  
President/General Manager