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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE
Karen Ross, Secretary

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TO: CALIFORNIA AVOCADO INDUSTRY

The Avocado Inspection Committee is seeking to fill vacancies. This committee makes recommendations to the California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary on all matters pertaining to the California Avocado Inspection Program.

Current vacancies includes: three handler members; one grower member; one alternate grower member, and one alternate handler member. The term of office for committee members is two years. Members receive no compensation, but are entitled to payment of necessary traveling expenses in accordance with the rules of the California Department of Human Resources.

The California Avocado Inspection Program protects the consumer and industry by providing uniform inspections of avocados, ensuring that the product meets size requirements, contains minimal defects, and has an appropriate package count. This program ensures that avocados purchased by consumers have met with standards established by the industry to provide a quality product in the marketplace.

Individuals interested in being considered for an appointment should complete the attached Prospective Member Appointment Questionnaire and attain a letter of recommendation from industry. Nominations will be accepted until the positions are filled. Applications should be sent to Laurel Rudolph, CDFA Inspection and Compliance Branch, 1220 'N' Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 or via e-mail to laurel.rudolph@cdfa.ca.gov.

For further information on the Avocado Inspection Program, please contact Sam Santander at (760) 743-4712. For further information regarding the Avocado Inspection Committee vacancies, contact Laurel Rudolph at (916) 900-5322.

Sincerely,

Steve Patton
Branch Chief

Attachment

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
CALIFORNIA AVOCADO INSPECTION COMMITTEE

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER APPOINTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

WHAT IS YOUR POSITION IN THE COMPANY? _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN THIS INDUSTRY? _____

PLEASE LIST NAMES AND DATES OF ANY INDUSTRY, TRADE, ASSOCIATIONS AND/OR PROGRAMS THAT YOU ARE AND/OR HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH: _____

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PLEASE LIST THE REASON(S) YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE: _____

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH MEMBER POSITION YOU ARE SEEKING TO FILL AND ANSWER THE ASSOCIATED QUESTIONS.

☐ PRODUCER

PRODUCTION ACREAGE: _____ LOCATION (CITY AND COUNTY): _____

☐ HANDLER

☐ PUBLIC MEMBER

ARE YOU A CITIZEN AND RESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA? ☐YES ☐NO

ARE YOU FINANCIALLY INTERESTED IN ANY PRODUCER, SHIPPER, OR PROCESSOR? ☐YES ☐NO

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

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THE FORM 700 IS REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED ANNUALLY BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONCE APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE. INFORMATION NECESSARY TO FILE A FORM 700 IS LOCATED AT THE CDFA WEBSITE AT HTTP://WWW.CDFA.CA.GOV/FORM700/ AND AT THE CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION (FPPC) WEBSITE AT HTTP://WWW.FPPC.CA.GOV/. IN ADDITION, EACH MEMBER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AN ETHICS ORIENTATION ON-LINE CLASS WHEN APPOINTED AND THEN AGAIN EVERY TWO YEARS THEREAFTER.