## From Your Commission

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## 2013 CAC General Election

he California Avocado Commission Board of Directors is comprised of 29 individuals serving as producers, handlers and public members. The state's avocado growing region is broken down into five districts, with two producer members and two alternate producer members elected to serve each district for a total of 10 growers on the board. In addition, there are four handler members, four alternate handler members, along with one public member.

Each seat on the board serves a two-year term, unless the seat is affected by redistricting, with expiring terms alternating so that there is continuity from one board to the next.

This year the commission will have one member and one alternate seat in each of the five districts available. In addition, two handler member and two alternate handler positions are available. On this page is a summary of the seats that will be filled in the coming 2013 election, along with the names of incumbent board members who presently hold those seats. Also included is the 2013 Election Schedule indicating dates of importance for those interested in serving on the Board of Directors.

Should you have any questions regarding the election process, or serving as a commissioner, please contact April Aymami at (949) 341-1955 or aaymami@avocado.org.

## SUMMARY OF OPEN SEATS\*

<u>District</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
1	Carol Steed	Bill Rice
2	Charley Wolk	Joanne Robles
3	Ed McFadden	Keith Reeder
4	John Lamb	Robert Grether
5	Gabe Filipe	Will Carleton
Handler	Reuben Hofshi	Vacant Seat
Handler	Steve Taft	John Dmytriw

<sup>\*</sup> Names shown are incumbents presently holding producer/handler seats

## 2013 ELECTION SCHEDULE Election announcement / self-nomination notice July 15 sent to all Producers and Handlers Deadline for receipt of signed nomination petitions, August 26 candidate disclosure statements & affidavits and requests for voter access mailings at CAC September 3 Deadline for CAC receipt of voter access mailings September 23 CAC mails ballots to producers and handlers October 21 Deadline for receipt of ballots by CDFA November 8 CDFA advises CAC staff of election results CDFA announces election results to CAC Board and November 14 seats new Board Members and Alternates