

# 2016 CAC General Election Results and a Look at the 2016-17 CAC Board of Directors

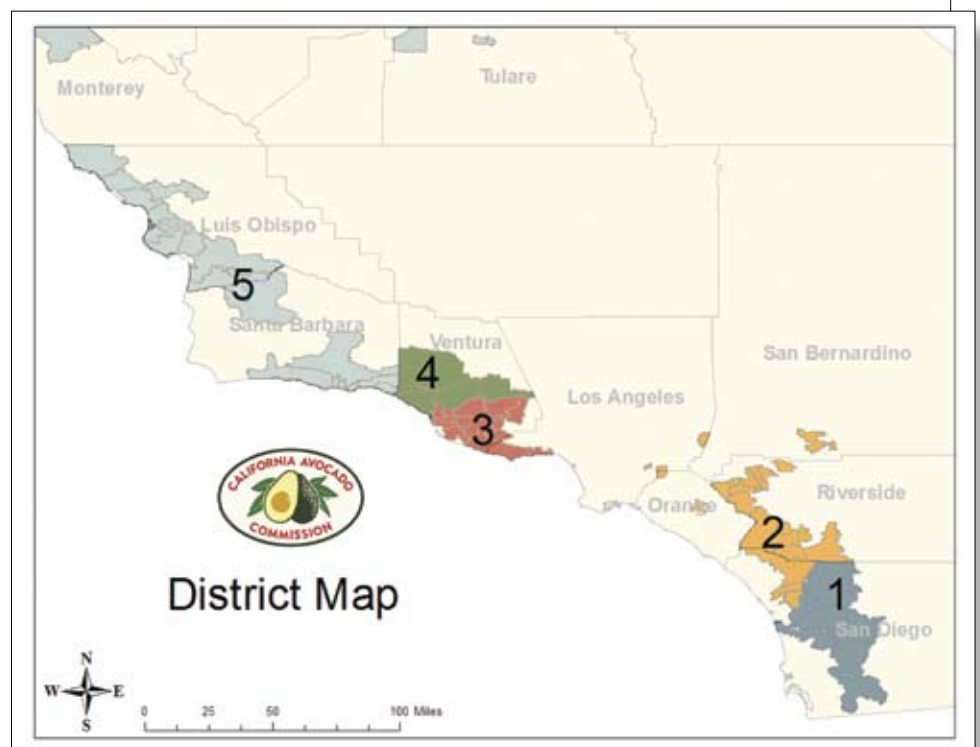
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You may have noticed that the 2016 CAC General Election materials looked a bit different than previous years. Due to redistricting and changes made to the CAC law to reduce the number of alternates, some districts saw fewer seats on the ballots, while other districts saw more than they normally would. Despite the variance among district ballots, when the full CAC Board assembled in November for its first meeting of the year, each of the five districts was represented by three producers (two members and one alternate), for a total of 15 producers. In addition to the 15 producer seats, the industry is currently represented by six handlers (four members and two alternates), along with one public member, resulting in a CAC Board composition of 22 members and alternates.

The newly elected commissioners were seated at the regular meeting of the CAC Board on November 17, 2016 where the following individuals were then elected to serve on the Commission's Executive Committee for the term ending October 31, 2017:

**Chairman: Rick Shade**  
**Vice Chair: Kellen Newhouse**  
**Treasurer: Art Bliss**  
**Secretary: Jason Cole**

On the next page is a summary of the results of the 2016 CAC General Election. In addition, we have also provided a complete photo roster of the 22-member 2016-17 CAC Board of Directors on the pages that follow. Please take note of who the current Commissioners are that represent your district. If you are unsure of which district your grove resides in, please contact the Commission or locate your city/zip code on the following chart: [www.californiaavocadogrowers.com/commission/district-map](http://www.californiaavocadogrowers.com/commission/district-map)



# 2016 CAC General Election Results

## District 1

Member (2-Year Term): Jessica Hunter

## District 2

Member (2-Year Term): Leo McGuire

## District 3

Member (2-Year Term): John Lamb  
Member (1-Year Term): Art Bliss  
Alternate (1-Year Term): Robert Grether

## District 4

Member (2-Year Term): Ed McFadden  
Member (1-Year Term): Jason Cole  
Alternate (1-Year Term): Bryce Bannatyne

## District 5

Member (2-Year Term): Rick Shade

## Handlers

Member (2-Year Term): Egidio "Gene" Carbone, Calavo  
Member (2-Year Term): Robb Bertels, Mission Produce

## District 1



John Burr  
Member  
Grove Location: Escondido  
Term Ends: 2017



Jessica Hunter  
Member  
Grove Location: Valley Center  
Term Ends: 2018



Ryan Rochefort  
Alternate  
Grove Location: Valley Center  
Term Ends: 2017

## District 2



Kellen Newhouse (**Vice Chair**)  
Member  
Grove Location: Fallbrook  
Term Ends: 2017



Leo McGuire  
Member  
Grove Location: Temecula  
Term Ends: 2018



Ohannes Karaoghlian  
Alternate  
Grove Location: Temecula  
Term Ends: 2017

## District 3



Art Bliss (**Treasurer**)  
Member  
Grove Location: Somis  
Term Ends: 2017



John Lamb  
Member  
Grove Location: Somis  
Term Ends: 2018



Robert Grether  
Alternate  
Grove Location: Somis  
Term Ends: 2017

## District 4



Jason Cole (**Secretary**)  
Member  
Grove Location: Santa Paula  
Term Ends: 2017



Ed McFadden  
Member  
Grove Location: Fillmore  
Term Ends: 2018



Bryce Bannatyne  
Alternate  
Grove Location: Fillmore  
Term Ends: 2017

## District 5



Jim Swoboda  
Member  
Grove Location: Goleta  
Term Ends: 2017



Rick Shade (**Chairman**)  
Member  
Grove Location: Carpinteria  
Term Ends: 2018



Tyler Cobb  
Alternate  
Grove Location: Goleta  
Term Ends: 2017

## Handlers



Steve Taft  
Member  
Company: Eco Farms Corporation  
Term Ends: 2017



Gary Caloroso  
Member  
Company: Giumarra Companies  
Term Ends: 2017



Gary Clevenger  
Alternate  
Company: Harvest Time/Freska  
Term Ends: 2017



Egidio "Gene" Carbone  
Member  
Company: Calavo Growers, Inc.  
Term Ends: 2018



Robb Bertels  
Member  
Company: Mission Produce, Inc.  
Term Ends: 2018



Donny Lucy  
Alternate  
Company: Del Rey Avocado Company, Inc.  
Term Ends: 2018

## Public Member



Nina Ames  
Term Ends: 2018