

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
 FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAMS

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CONFIDENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Public Member

Handler

Grower

The following information is for use by the Secretary in selecting members or alternate members for appointment to the California Desert Grape Administrative Committee to administer the Federal Marketing Order regulating the handling of grapes grown in southeastern California.

1. NAME

2. MAILING ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, ZIP Code)

3. TELEPHONE NO. (Area code)

4. FAX NUMBER

5. NUMBER OF YEARS IN TABLE GRAPE BUSINESS (If not applicable do not respond)

6a. DURING THE CURRENT CROP YEAR I PRODUCED _____ LUGS OF GRAPES GROWN ON _____ ACRES WHICH I OWN OR LEASE. (If not applicable do not respond)

6b. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE GRAPE MARKETING FIRM, WITH WHOM YOU ARE AFFILIATED? (TO BE COMPLETED BY HANDLER ONLY)

7. MY GRAPES ARE LOCATED IN COUNTY(IES) (TO BE COMPLETED BY PRODUCER ONLY)

8. MY GRAPES ARE HANDLED BY (NAME OF SHIPPER) (TO BE COMPLETED BY PRODUCER ONLY)

9. ARE YOU AFFILIATED WITH A GRAPE HANDLER (PACKER) AS EMPLOYEE, OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR IN ANY OTHER CAPACITY?
 YES NO (If "Yes," what is your affiliation?) (TO BE COMPLETED BY PUBLIC MEMBER ONLY)

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Committee members are specifically precluded from authorizing the expenditure of marketing order funds for the purpose of attempting to influence legislation or government actions.

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11. If marketing order committee or subcommittee members or committee employees are sued individually or jointly for errors in judgment, mistakes or other acts either of omission or commission (except for acts of dishonesty, willful misconduct, or gross negligence) in the conduct of their duties under the marketing agreement or order, they may be authorized legal defense by the Department of Justice (DOJ). Alternatively, legal defense may be provided through private counsel, if recommended by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and approved by DOJ. USDA and DOJ enjoy an excellent working relationship with respect to providing legal representation for committee members and employees, either by DOJ or through authorized private counsel. USDA is committed to a comprehensive legal defense policy for all committee members and employees acting within the scope of their authorized committee duties and responsibilities.
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CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: I hereby certify that I will serve on the California Desert Grape Administrative Committee if appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(Signature)

(Date)

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