



**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

*In the event one handler does not handle 35% or more of the crop:*

- § 984.35(a)(1) Two handler members from District 1; and
- § 984.35(a)(2) Two handler members from District 2.

*In the event one handler handles 35% or more of the crop:*

- § 984.35(b)(3) Two handler members to represent handlers that do not handle 35% or more of the crop.

*Districts:*

District 1: Consists of the counties in the State that lie north of a line drawn on the southern boundaries of San Mateo, Alameda, San Joaquin, Calaveras and Alpine counties.

District 2: Consists of all other counties in the State south of the boundary line set forth in the definition of District 1.

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