

**NOMINATION FORM
PRODUCER MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE PRODUCER MEMBERS**

Marketing Order No. 983 (Order), regulating the handling of pistachios grown in California, Arizona, and New Mexico became effective on November 3, 2009. The Administrative Committee for Pistachios (Committee) is conducting the nomination process for membership on the 12-member committee for the seats that expire June 30, 20____. The Committee consists of 9 producer members, 2 handler members, 1 public member and their alternates. Of the 9 producer members, 4 are producer members and their respective alternates from District 1 (Southern California), 3 are producer members and their respective alternates from District 2 (Central California), 1 is a producer member and his/her respective alternate from District 3 (Northern California), and 1 is a producer member and his/her respective alternate from District 4 (Arizona/New Mexico). The Order provides authority for pistachio producers in each of the four districts to submit the names of candidates for nomination for membership on the Committee. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another producer to serve on the Committee for Districts 1, 2, 3, or 4, please read the following information and submit the completed nomination form. To be valid, the completed nomination form must be signed, and postmarked, faxed, or hand-delivered no later than _____, 20____.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ATTACHED NOMINATION FORM

1. Please complete a nomination form for the district in which you wish to nominate yourself or another eligible producer to run for office on the Committee for the seats that expire on June 30, 20____. If you produce pistachios in more than one district, you may nominate a candidate from only one district of your choice. List the name of your nominee and accompanying information in the spaces provided on the form. Only producers, including duly authorized officers or employees of producers, may participate in the nomination of candidates for producer members and their alternates. If you are both a producer and a handler of pistachios, you may participate in both producer and handler nominations.
2. The Order prescribes that not more than two members and not more than two alternate members shall be persons employed by, or affiliated with producers or handlers that are affiliated with the same handler and/or producer. "Affiliation" normally appears as "affiliate of," or "affiliated with," and means a person such as a producer or handler who is: a producer or handler that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, owns or controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with the producer or handler specified; or a producer or handler that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, is connected in a proprietary capacity, or shares the ownership or control of the specified producer or handler with one or more other producers or handlers. As used in this part, the term "control" (including the terms "controlling," "controlled by," and "under common control with") means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a handler or a producer, whether through voting securities, membership in a cooperative, by contract or otherwise.
3. Once all nomination forms are received, nominees will be notified of their nomination, asked to complete a confidential qualification and acceptance statement, and provided an opportunity to submit a short biographical statement not to exceed one half page in length. The short biographical information statement will be sent to eligible handlers with balloting material.
4. The Order specifies that a two-year term of office shall be staggered for elected producer members and their alternates. For this nomination, producer member positions that expire on June 30, 20__ are being filled. The eligible producer(s) receiving the highest number of votes by position will be recommended to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as the producer member(s). Those eligible nominees receiving the next highest number of votes by position will be recommended to the USDA as alternate producer members. Each producer member and alternate producer member on the Committee shall be, at the time of selection and during the term of office, a pistachio producer, or an officer or an employee of a producer.
5. The USDA prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities. Please see *the bottom of the district ballot* for more details. We request that you be mindful of the USDA's policy regarding Civil Rights and consider eligible women, minorities, and the physically challenged for membership on the Committee.
6. **The completed nomination form must be signed, postmarked, faxed, or hand-delivered by _____, 20____.** Submit the form by mail in the return envelope provided, fax to (559) 255-6485, or hand-deliver to the Administrative Committee for Pistachios, at 4938 East Yale Avenue, Suite 102, Fresno, CA 93727.

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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SPECIALTY CROPS PROGRAM**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR PISTACHIOS
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DISTRICT 1 (SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA) - Tulare, Kern, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, and Imperial counties. You may nominate **FOUR** producers and their respective alternates.

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| Name of Producer Member Nominee | Phone Number | Fax Number | Email Address |
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CERTIFICATION: I certify that I, or my employer, currently produce pistachios for market in District 1 (you may nominate a candidate in only one district).

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| Producer's Name | Address | Telephone Number |
| Signature | Print Name | Date |

The making of any false statements or representations in any matter within the jurisdiction of any agency of the United States, knowing it to be false, is a violation of title 18, section 1001 of the United States Code, which provides for a fine or imprisonment, or both.

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DISTRICT 2 (CENTRAL CALIFORNIA) - Kings, Fresno, Madera, and Merced counties. You may nominate **THREE** producers and their respective alternates.

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| Mailing Address | City, State, Zip code |
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CERTIFICATION: I certify that I, or my employer, currently produce pistachios for market in District 2 (you may nominate a candidate in only one district).

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| Producer's Name | Address | Telephone Number |
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| Signature | Print Name | Date |
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DISTRICT 3 (NORTHERN CALIFORNIA) - consists of all counties in California where pistachios are produced that are not included in Districts 1 and 2. You may nominate ONE producer and their respective alternate.

Name of Producer Member Nominee Phone Number Fax Number Email Address

Mailing Address City, State, Zip code

Name of Producer Member Nominee Phone Number Fax Number Email Address

Mailing Address City, State, Zip code

CERTIFICATION: I certify that I, or my employer, currently produce pistachios for market in District 3 (you may nominate a candidate in only one district).

Producer's Name Address Telephone Number

Signature Print Name Date

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DISTRICT 4 (THE STATES OF ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO) – consists of the States of Arizona and New Mexico. You may nominate ONE producer and their respective alternate.

Name of Producer Member Nominee Phone Number Fax Number Email Address

Mailing Address City, State, Zip code

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Mailing Address City, State, Zip code

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Producer's Name Address Telephone Number

Signature Print Name Date

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