# BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF PRODUCER MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE PRODUCER MEMBERS

Pista Adm	chio producers in Districtsrecently had the opportunity to nominate eligible candidates for membership on the inistrative Committee for Pistachios (Committee) for the two-year term of office ending June 30, 20 Producers are
now	being requested to vote for the candidates of their choice. Enclosed are voting instructions, eligibility requirements and a
	ot with the nominees listed. Please read the voting directions carefully and submit your completed and signed of in the enclosed envelope. To be valid, the ballot must be signed and postmarked, faxed, or hand
	vered to the Administrative Committee for Pistachios Office in Fresno, California, by , 20 .
INC	TRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING ONE OF THE ENCLOSED BALLOTS
1.	VOTING PERIOD:, 20 through, 20
2.	Refer to the ballots for all industry positions and districts for the current nomination and election process.
3.	VOTER ELIGIBILITY: Only Producers, including duly authorized officers or employees of Producers, shall participate in the election of Producer members and alternate Producer members of the Committee. No producer shall participate in the election of Committee members in more than one district. If a producer commercially produces pistachios during the current production year in more than one district, the producer must vote in the same district in which he or she participate in the nominations process previously conducted. However, if the producer did not participate in the nominations process, he or she may select in which district he or she wishes to vote and shall indicate it on the ballot. In certifying your eligibility, please be mindful of the following definitions:
	"Producer" means any person engaged within the production area in a proprietary capacity in the production of pistachios for sale.
	"Proprietary Capacity" means the capacity or interest of a producer or handler that, either directly or through one or more intermediaries, is a property owner together with all the appurtenant rights of an owner including the right to vote the interest in that capacity as an individual, a shareholder, member of a cooperative, partner, trustee or in any other capacity with respect to any other business unit.
	"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 the 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. Also, please be mindful that not more than two members and not more than two alternate members shall be persons employed or affiliated with producers or handlers that are affiliated with the same handler and/or producer. Additionally, only one member and one alternate member in any one district representing producers shall be employed by or affiliated with the same handler and/or producer.
4.	The attached ballots list the nominees by district as well as the number of producer positions you are entitled to vote for. Vote for the candidate(s) of your choice in the appropriate space. If you would like to vote for a producer that has not beer nominated, write in the candidate(s) name(s) of your choice in the appropriate space(s). The person receiving the highest number of votes shall be the member nominee for that district and the person receiving the second highest number of votes shall be the alternate member nominee. In case of a tie vote, the nominee shall be selected by a drawing.
5.	In the spaces provided, print your name, the producer's name (if different), address and telephone number.
6.	Certify that you are eligible to cast this ballot by signing and dating the ballot.
7.	The completed ballot must be signed, and postmarked, faxed or delivered by20, to be valid.
8.	USDA prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities. Please see <i>bottom of ballot</i> for more details. We request that you be mindful of USDA's policy regarding Civil Rights and consider eligible women, minorities, and the physically challenged for membership on the Committee.

If you have any questions, please contact the Administrative Committee for Pistachios: 4938 E. Yale Avenue, Suite 102, Fresno, CA 93727; Telephone (559) 255-6480; FAX (559) 255-6485.

# ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR PISTACHIOS MARKETING ORDER 983 PRODUCER MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBER BALLOT

# **DISTRICT 1 BALLOT**

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#### PRODUCER NOMINEE LIST

District 1 (Southern California) consists of Impe Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa	erial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Barbara, Tulare, and Ventura counties.
District 1 has producer member positions and filled. Each producer is entitled to cast only one vote for candidates (one for each position). candidates of your choice and/or submitting wri	Cast your vote by checking the box next to the
District 1 Candidates:	
Candidate	
Write-in Candidate	
Write-in Candidate	
Write-in Candidate	
Write-in Candidate	

Please indicate the follow	wing:				
□ Individual □ Trus	st   Partnership*	☐ Corporation	Tax ID:		
*If partnership, list gene	ral partners				
I certify that I or my emp have voted in only one d employer, I certify that I	istrict in this election	process. If I am ca			Ι
Producer Name (please print)	Title (if voting on b	pehalf of a corporation, estate	or trust)	Phone Number	
Print Name	Signature			Date	
Address					
To be valid, the completed ballot must be signed, and postmarked, faxed, or hand delivered to the Administrative Committee for Pistachios office in Fresno, California, by					

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# **DISTRICT 2 BALLOT**

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### PRODUCER NOMINEE LIST

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District 2 (Central California) California.	consists of Fresno, Kings, Madera and Merced countie	es of
filled. Each producer is entitle vote for candidates (one for	ember positions and alternate producer member poed to cast only one vote for each position to be filled. Sor each position. Cast your vote by checking the box for submitting write-in candidates.	You may
District 2 Candidates:		
Candidate _		
Candidate		
Candidate		
Candidate _		
Candidate		
Write-in Candidate		
Write-in Candidate		
Write-in Candidate		
Write-in Candidate		
Write-in Candidate		

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☐ Individual		Trust		Partnership*	☐ Corporation	Tax ID:	_
*If partnership,	list	general	part	ners			
	nly c	one dist	rict i	n this election	process. If I am c		n <b>District 2</b> , and that I llot on behalf of my
Producer Name (please	print)			Title (if voting on be	ehalf of a corporation, estat	e or trust)	Phone Number
Print Name			<u> </u>	Signature			Date
Address							_
To be valid, the	e coi	mplete	d ba	llot must be si	gned, and postma	rked, faxe	ed, or hand delivered
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# **DISTRICT 3 BALLOT**

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### **PRODUCER NOMINEE LIST**

District 3 (Northern California oroduced that are not included	a) consists of all counties in California where pistachi l in District 1 or District 2.	os are		
District 3 has producer member positions and alternate producer member positions to be illed. Each producer is entitled to cast only <u>one vote for each position</u> to be filled. <u>You may vote for candidates (one for each position)</u> . Cast your vote by checking the box next to the candidates of your choice and/or submitting write-in candidates.				
District 3 Candidates:				
Candidate				
Candidate				
Candidate				
Write-in Candidate				
Write-in Candidate				

Please indicate the following:		
□ Individual □ Trust □	l Partnership* □ Corporation Tax ID:_	
*If partnership, list general par	tners	
	currently produce(s) pistachios for market in in this election process. If I am casting a bal such authority to do so.	
Producer Name (please print)	Title (if voting on behalf of a corporation, estate or trust)	Phone Number
Print Name	Signature	Date
Address  To be valid, the completed by	allot must be signed, and postmarked, faxe	d or hand delivered
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### **DISTRICT 4 BALLOT**

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filled. Each producer is entitl vote for candidates (one f	ember positions and alternate producer member ped to cast only one vote for each position to be filled. For each position to be filled. For each position to be filled. For each position of cast your vote by checking the box for submitting write-in candidates.	You may
District 4 Candidates:		
Candidate		
Candidate		
Candidate		
Write-in Candidate		
Write-in Candidate		

Please indicate the follow	ing:					
☐ Individual ☐ Trust	□ Partnership*	☐ Corporation	Tax ID:_			
*If partnership, list gener	al partners					
certify that I or my employer currently produce(s) pistachios for market in <b>District 4</b> , and that I have voted in only one district in this election process. If I am casting a ballot on behalf of my employer, I certify that I have such authority to do so.						
Producer Name (please print)	Title (if voting on b	ehalf of a corporation, estate	or trust)	Phone Number		
Print Name	Signature			Date		
Address						
<u>Fo be valid, the completed ballot must be signed, and postmarked, faxed, or hand delivered</u> to the Administrative Committee for Pistachios office in Fresno, California, by						
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