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## TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department), Market Enforcement Branch (Branch) is seeking members to fill vacancies on the Market Enforcement Committee (MEC). This Committee will meet and confer with Branch staff with respect to matters pertaining to Branch operations.

The mission of the Branch is to objectively enforce laws enacted to ensure confidence and stability in the agricultural marketplace and to protect against unfair business practices between producers, handlers, and processors of California farm products. The Branch accomplishes this through licensing activities, outreach, administrative actions, and criminal and civil prosecutions.

The MEC consists of 12 members. The term of service for members is ongoing. Each member may nominate one alternate member. Members are expected to attend the MEC meetings as scheduled and if an unforeseen situation occurs, the alternate member is expected to attend. Typically, the Branch holds one annual meeting, additional meetings may be scheduled as needed.

Please see the attached Market Enforcement Committee document for additional information.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the MEC, please submit a letter of interest including the organization you represent, your title, contact information, resume reflecting your experience in the agricultural industry and the specific activities that qualify you to be a Committee member. If you have an alternate, please also submit the same requested information.

Please submit the information electronically to Marina Martin at: marina.martin@cdfa.ca.gov

Thank you for your interest and if you have any questions, please call (916) 900-5016.

