



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

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### AVOCADO INSPECTION COMMITTEE (ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

#### MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: United Water Conservation District Headquarters  
1701 Lombard Street  
Oxnard, CA. 93030

Zoom Meeting ID: 161 681 5146

Passcode: AIC31026!

Dial-in Phone Number: (833) 568-8864 (Passcode: 817756871)

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#### BOARD MEMBERS

John Schaap – Chair  
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All matters noticed on this agenda may be considered for action. Items listed on the agenda may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Chairperson. Any item not so noticed will not be considered or discussed.

#### Items

- (1) CALL TO ORDER - INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL
- (2) PUBLIC COMMENTS – Limited to items not on the agenda
- (3) REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 MEETING MINUTES
- (4) COMMITTEE VACANCY AND TERMS REPORT
- (5) REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED CDFA FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 BUDGET
- (6) AVOCADO RESEARCH PROTOCOLS – DR. MARY LU ARPAIA
- (7) STATE MARKETING ORDERS – CDFA MARKETING BRANCH
- (8) PROGRAM UPDATES

(9) NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

(10) ADJOURNMENT

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