



AGENDA

California Avocado Commission Production Research Committee Meeting

Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Hybrid Meeting

Physical Meeting Location:

Hilton Garden Inn Irvine/Orange County

2381 Morse Ave.

Irvine, CA, 92614

Web Conference URL:

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Committee Member Attendance

Committee members, please contact Tim Spann, tim@spannag.com or 423-609-3451, to confirm attendance no later than Tuesday, July 21, 2026.

Time	Item
8:00 a.m.	1. Call to Order a. Roll Call/Quorum
	2. Opportunity for Public Comment Persons may address the Committee on subjects within the jurisdiction of the Committee.
	3. Approval of Production Research Committee Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2026
	4. Research Program Consultant's Report

Time	Item
	5. Consider research proposals to develop genetic testing to distinguish ‘Hass’ from ‘Carmen/Mendez’ a. Hass avocado variety authentication: A genetic diagnostic for supply chain integrity – Dr. Edwin Solares, ESB AI Lab Corporation b. Determining specific genetic markers for ‘Carmen Hass/Mendez No1’ avocado – Dr. Iñaki Hormaza, La Mayora Institute of Subtropical and Mediterranean Horticulture c. Genomic Identification and Molecular Marker Development for the Unique Identification of ‘Hass’ and ‘Carmen’ Avocado – Dr. Luis Herrera-Estrella, Texas Tech University d. Discovery of Carmen Hass-specific genomic variants through whole-genome resequencing – Dr. Noëlani van den Berg, University of Pretoria 6. Research Priorities and 2026 Call for Proposals
10:00 a.m.	7. Adjourn Meeting

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No Committee member shall make, or participate in making, any decision in which they know or should know they have a conflict of interest.

No Committee member shall, in any way, use their position to influence any decision in which they know or should know they have a conflict of interest.