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2014 CAC General Election

In October 2014, the California Avocado Commission (CAC) will conduct its regularly scheduled annual election to fill available seats on the Commission's Board of Directors.

The CAC Board is comprised of 29 individuals serving as producers, handlers and public members. The state's avocado growing region is broken down into five districts, with two producer members and two alternate producer members elected to serve each district for a total of 10 growers on the Board. In addition, there are four handler members, four alternate handler members, along with one public member. Each seat on the Board serves a two-year term, unless the seat is affected by redistricting, with expiring terms alternating so that there is continuity from one Board to the next. This year the Commission will have one member and one alternate seat in each of the

five districts available. In addition, two handler member and two alternate handler positions are available.

Included is a summary of the seats that will be filled in the coming 2014 election, along with the names of incumbent Board members who presently hold those seats. Also in-

cluded is the 2014 Election Schedule indicating dates of importance for those interested in serving on the CAC Board. Should you have any questions regarding the election process, or serving as a commissioner, please contact April Aymami at (949) 341-1955 or aaymami@avocado.org.

SUMMARY OF OPEN SEATS*

| District | Member | Alternate |
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| 1 | Shane Tucker | Jerome Stehly |
| 2 | Ohannes Karaoghlanian | Thomas Caudill |
| 3 | Doug O'Hara | Michael Lanni |
| 4 | Art Bliss | Larry Rose |
| 5 | Bradley Miles | Jim Swoboda |
| Handler | Egidio "Gene" Carbone | Ron Araiza |
| Handler | Gary Caloroso | Vacant Seat |

* Names shown are incumbents presently holding producer/handler seats

2014 ELECTION SCHEDULE

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| July 14 | Election announcement / self-nomination notice sent to all producers and handlers |
| August 25 | Deadline for receipt of signed nomination petitions, candidate disclosure statements and affidavits, and requests for voter access mailings at CAC |
| September 2 | Deadline for CAC receipt of voter access mailings |
| September 22 | CAC mails ballots to producers and handlers |
| October 20 | Deadline for receipt of ballots by CDFA |
| November 7 | CDFA advises CAC staff of election results |
| November 13 | CDFA announces election results to CAC Board and seats new Board members and alternates |