



CALIFORNIA PRUNE BOARD
(posted Monday, October 30, 2023)

NOTICE OF MEETING
of the
EXPORT COMMITTEE
of the
CALIFORNIA PRUNE BOARD

Thursday, November 9, 2023, 9:00 – 10:30am PT

In-Person: California Farm Bureau Federation, 2600 River Plaza Drive, Centennial Room, Sacramento, CA 95833

Virtual: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87873611677>

A meeting of the Export Committee of the California Prune Board has been called to discuss subjects shown on the following agenda. This meeting will be held in-person; a virtual option is also available (see details above). A continental breakfast will be provided just prior to the start of this meeting. **Please RSVP to Becky at bpoland@californiaprunes.org by Monday, November 6th to confirm your attendance.**

Individuals with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations or alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact Becky at (916) 749-3442 or contact us through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339, at least five business days prior to the meeting date. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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The CPB also must follow the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act (see Section 11125[a]), which covers all state boards and commissions. It requires these bodies to publicly notice their meetings, prepare agendas, accept public testimony and conduct their meetings in public unless specifically authorized by the Act to meet in closed session. A copy of the meeting notices must be posted on the California Department of Food and Agriculture website at: [Marketing Branch Meeting Notices](#). They are also found on the CPB website at: [CPB Meeting Schedule](#). The CDFA EEO Policies can be found at: http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/exec/EEO/EEO_Docs.html.

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cc: Export Committee Members, All Processors, CDFA and Guests

Export Committee

Bob Amarel
Jaswant Bains
John Friend
Junko Fuwa
Jeff McLemore
Sandra Mitchell
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AGENDA
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(9:00am)	1. CALL TO ORDER	S. Sousa
	2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	B. Poland
(9:05am)	3. PUBLIC/CHAIR COMMENTS	S. Sousa
(9:10am)	4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS	D. Zea
(9:15am)	5. EXPORT MARKETS OVERVIEW	D. Zea/E. Ritson-Elliott/A. Burns
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Export Markets Data Review/Performance 2022/23• Key Program Updates in Export Markets for 2023/24• Headwinds – Industry Discussion• New Funding – Regional Agricultural Promotion Program (RAPP) Proposal for fund allocations (applications expected to be due ahead of March 2024 meeting) – Industry Discussion	
(10:20 am)	6. OTHER BUSINESS	S. Sousa
(10:30am)	7. ADJOURNMENT	S. Sousa

The next meeting of the Export Committee will be scheduled for March 2024.

Each of the agenda items will include discussion and possible action by the CPB. The California Prune Board, its members and staff, strictly comply with all state and federal antitrust laws. Discussions regarding setting prices and price terms, restrictions on competition, and boycotts are prohibited at all program functions. Should any meeting attendee observe discussions that involve antitrust sensitivity, the attendee should raise his or her concern and request the discussion be stopped. If the discussion continues, the discussion should be reported to the program CEO and Department staff.

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