



January 10, 2024

TO: Eligible Independent Producers of California Prunes  
 FROM: California Prune Board  
 RE: Independent Producer Nomination/Election Process - 2024

You are receiving this letter because 2024 is an election year for the California Prune Board and you are an independent producer who is eligible to nominate and vote for a representative in your district for the 2024-26 term of office. Here’s what you will find in this packet:

- Details of the nomination meeting, to be held **virtually** in February 2024. (Watch for meeting details at <https://californiaprunes.org/meetings/> or send your email address to [bpoland@californiaprunes.org](mailto:bpoland@californiaprunes.org) for email updates.)
- Roster of current independent producer representatives (term of office - 6/1/22 – 5/31/24).
- District Boundaries (unchanged from 2022-24 term).
- District Map (unchanged from 2022-24 term).
- Notice of the 2024 Nomination Meetings from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA).

**DETAILS OF THE NOMINATION MEETING (one meeting for all districts):**

DATE	LOCATION – <b>VIRTUAL</b>	MEETING TIME
Friday, February 2, 2024	Type this into your browser: <a href="https://bit.ly/48prQwJ">https://bit.ly/48prQwJ</a>	2:00 – 3:00pm PT

**ROSTER OF CURRENT INDEPENDENT PRODUCER REPRESENTATIVES (term of office - 6/1/22 – 5/31/24):**

CALIFORNIA PRUNE BOARD		
DISTRICT	MEMBER	FLOATING ALTERNATES
1	Mike Vereschagin	Joe Mitchell Louie Martinez, Jr. Richard Wilbur Sukhvinder Sidhu
2	John Friend	
3	Sandra Mitchell	
4	David Wohletz	
5	Dan Bozzo	
6	Ranvir Singh	
7	Nick Cubre	

**DISTRICT BOUNDARIES (unchanged from 2022-24 term):**

- District No. 1 The counties of Colusa, Glenn, Solano and Yolo*
- District No. 2 That portion of Sutter County north of the line extending along Franklin Road easterly to the Yuba County line and westerly to the Colusa County line*
- District No. 3 That portion of Sutter county south of the line extending along Franklin Road easterly to the Yuba County line and westerly to the Colusa County line*
- District No. 4 The counties of Alpine, Amador, Del Norte, El Dorado, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Tehama and Trinity*
- District No. 5 Butte County*
- District No. 6 Yuba County*
- District No. 7 The counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Tulare and all other counties not included in Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6*



## MAP OF INDEPENDENT CALIFORNIA PRUNE PRODUCERS VOTING DISTRICTS



**Key:**

District 1 Counties: Colusa, Glenn, Solano, and Yolo

District 2 Counties: That portion of Sutter County north of a line extending along Franklin Road easterly to the Yuba County line and westerly to the Colusa County line

District 3 Counties: That portion of Sutter County south of the line extending along Franklin Road easterly to the Yuba County Line and westerly to the Colusa County line

District 4 Counties: Alpine, Del Norte, El Dorado, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Tehama and Trinity

District 5 County: Butte County

District 6 County: Yuba County

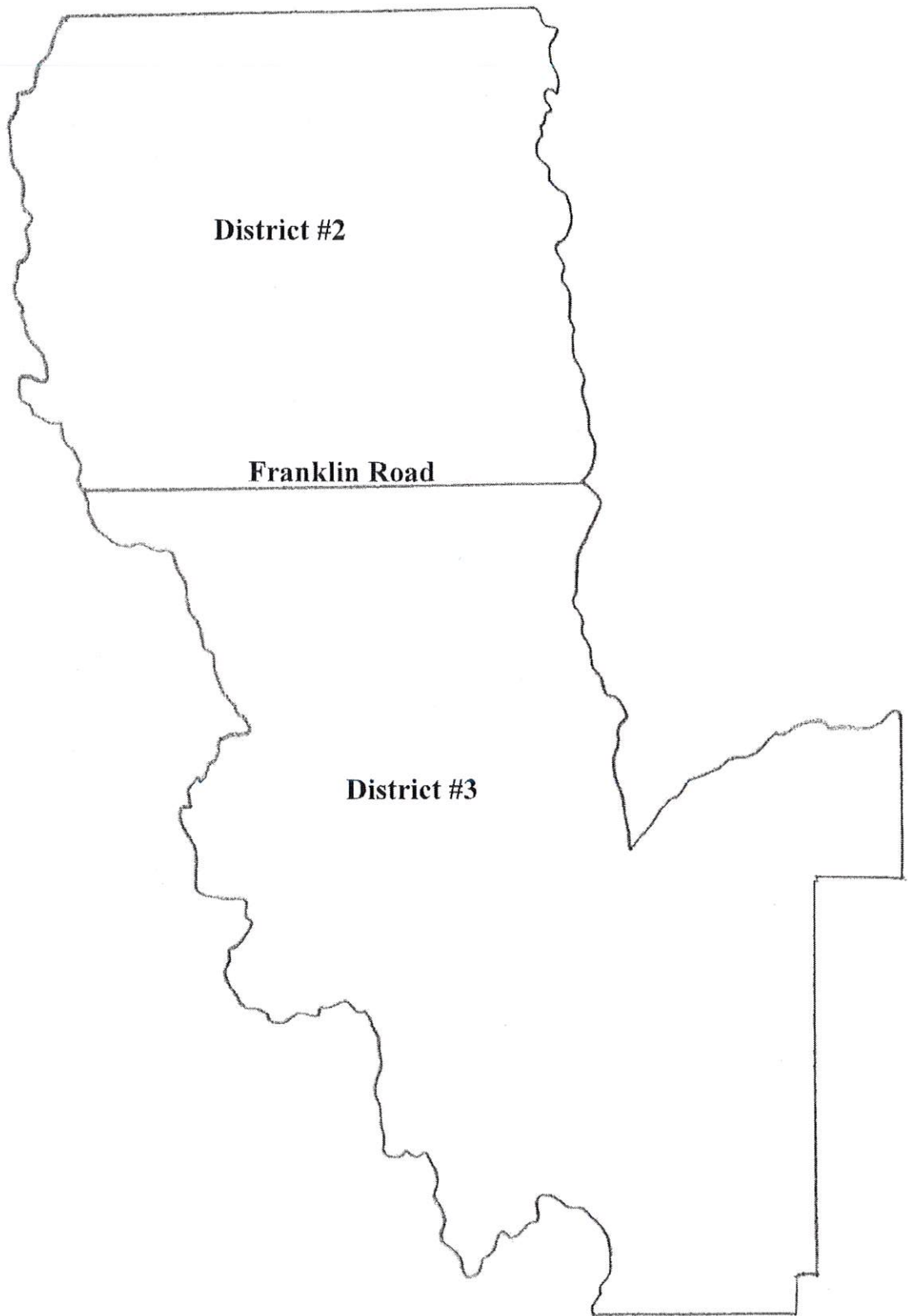
District 7 Counties: Fresno, Kern, King, Madera, Merced, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Tulare, and all other counties not included in Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6

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**SUTTER COUNTY BOUNDARIES BETWEEN DISTRICTS #2 AND #3**





January 10, 2024

**NOMINATION MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE  
CALIFORNIA PRUNE BOARD**

**TO THE INDEPENDENT PRUNE PRODUCER ADDRESSED:**

The term of office for all members and alternate members of the California Prune Board (Board) will expire on May 31, 2024. Therefore, in accordance with the Marketing Order for California Prunes (Marketing Order), the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) is calling district meetings for the purpose of receiving nominations of independent producers qualified and interested in serving on the Board for the next two-year term of office, beginning on June 1, 2024 and continuing through May 31, 2026.

The district nomination meetings are scheduled to be conducted remotely via videoconference and teleconference on **February 2, 2024, beginning at 2 p.m.** Please note, there will be no physical meeting locations this year for attendees to participate. Additional information about the district nomination meetings and a roster listing the current members and alternate members of the Board is enclosed with this notice.

The table below summarizes the independent producer positions on the Board that will be filled through this year’s nomination and preference voting process:

Independent Producer - MEMBERS	Independent Producer - ALTERNATES
7 Members (one from each district)	4 Floating Alternates (may be from any district)

There will be a total of **seven** independent producer **member positions on the Board** for the 2024-2026 term of office. These positions will be filled to represent each of the seven districts defined in the Marketing Order.

There will be a total of **four** independent producer **alternate member positions on the Board** for the 2024-2026 term of office. These positions are classified as “floating alternates”, which means that at Board meetings, alternates will be able to serve in the absence of any independent producer member, rather than just for one assigned member. Alternate member positions will be filled by independent producers without reference to a specific district in the state. Nominations for alternate member positions on the Board will be received at each district meeting, and four of the nominated candidates will be appointed through the subsequent preference voting process conducted by mail.

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All independent producers of prunes in California are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings. To be eligible to make nominations in a district, or to be eligible to be nominated to represent a particular district, a person must be an independent producer of prunes in such district. Proxy nominations are not permitted. Entities with production in more than one district must choose only one district in which they wish to make nominations. Entities owned by the same person count as separate entities as long as each operation has its own legal standing and representative at the meeting. Producers who wish to nominate a person to serve on the Board should determine the candidate's eligibility and willingness to serve prior to the nomination meeting.

Representatives of the Marketing Order will be present at each meeting to receive nominations and answer questions regarding the activities and operations of the Marketing Order. All California prune producers are welcome to attend the meetings and to participate in the discussions, however, only independent producers (growers other than cooperative members) may participate in the nomination portion of the meetings.

Following the close of the nomination process, the Department will conduct a preference voting process by mail among all independent prune producers to determine which nominees are preferred for appointment to the Board in each district.

If you have questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Steven Donaldson with the Department's Marketing Branch at (916) 202-8682. For questions regarding the activities of the Marketing Order for California Prunes, please contact Donn Zea, Executive Director of the California Prune Board, at (916) 749-3442.

Sincerely,



Joe Monson, Branch Chief  
Marketing Branch

Enclosures