



January 17, 2024

NOTICE OF INDEPENDENT PRUNE PROCESSORS' NOMINATION MEETING

California Prune Board

Tuesday, February 12, 2024, 2:00pm PT

Virtual: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83007078832>

TO: INDEPENDENT PRUNE PROCESSORS

The Chair of the California Prune Board has called a nomination meeting of independent prune processors to be held at the time and place noted above. This meeting will be held **virtually** again this year on **February 12, 2024**. All meeting information can be found on our website at <https://californiaprunes.org/meetings/>.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section B of the Marketing Order for California Prunes, the selection of member and floating alternate nominees for appointment by the California Secretary of Food and Agriculture to represent independent processors on the **California Prune Board** for the two-year term beginning **June 1, 2024** will take place at this meeting on February 12th.

Other than **Mariani Packing Company** and **Sacramento Packing Company** (who, being the two largest independent processors will individually name in writing their own nominees for the member and alternate member positions), two members plus two alternate members for the CPB will be selected as nominees to represent all independent prune processors, since the tonnage of prunes handled by the independent processors as first handlers exceeded the tonnage of prunes handled by all cooperative marketing associations as a first handler in the preceding crop year. One of those two member/alternate positions on the Board will be decided between **Cal Fruit International, ShoEi Foods, and Wilbur Packing Co.** as the next three largest processors. The second of those two member/alternate positions on the Board will be determined by the remaining eligible processors. (See following list of independent processors who are eligible, based upon their handling of prunes received from producers and dehydrators during the **2022** crop year. These are listed alphabetically within each grouping, not necessarily in the order of tonnage handled.)

Each independent prune processor (other than Mariani Packing and Sacramento Packing) is urged to have an eligible representative present at this virtual meeting who is authorized to act on their behalf. Note that in order to participate, the listed processor must also be active in the current crop year and will be required to so certify.

As you know, the Board offers the opportunity for all segments of the California Prune industry to be represented and welcomes eligible women, minorities, persons with physical disabilities, persons who have never served on the CPB, organic or non-conventional processors and "small" processors (annual sales less than \$30 million), as candidates. Please keep this in mind as you select your nominees for member and alternate.

Individuals with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations or alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, 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.

Regards-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Becky Poland", is written over a white background.

Becky Poland

cc: CDFA and CPB Chair

**LIST OF INDEPENDENT PROCESSORS / REPRESENTATION
on the
California Prune Board
For the term June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2026**

	PROCESSOR NAME	SEATS/REPRESENTATION
Two largest:	MARIANI PACKING CO., INC.	1
	SACRAMENTO PACKING CO	1
Next three largest:	CAL FRUIT INTERNATIONAL	}
	SHOEI FOODS	
	WILBUR PACKING CO.	
All others:	CA PACKING CO.	}
	CAL PRUNE & NUT LLC	
	CAL RANCH, INC.	
	DALE PACKING	
	DAVIDSBROS TRADING LLC	
	HILL VIEW PACKING CO, INC.	
	JB CUSICK CO.	
	KALKAT FRUIT & NUT CO.	
	MIKI ORCHARDS	
	NATIONAL RAISIN CO.	
	RPC PACKING	
	SOWDEN BROTHERS	
	SUN-MAID GROWERS OF CA	
SUTTER BUTTES MERCANTILE LLC		
TAYLOR BROTHERS FARMS, INC.	1	

Topic: Independent Processors - Virtual Nomination Meeting
Time: Feb 12, 2024 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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