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Human Resources Branch

The Human Resources Branch provides personnel services for California's District Agricultural Associations (DAAs).

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Classification Analysis Unit

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Examination Unit

This unit is responsible for planning, developing, and administering civil service examinations to enable DAAs to recruit, hire, and promote employees.

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Labor Relations Unit

This unit represents DAA management in employer/employee relations; and provides consulting services regarding labor contract interpretation, application, and grievance and complaint resolution.

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Transactions Unit

This unit is responsible for personnel transactions affecting employment history (appointments, separations, retirements, etc.), salary determinations, benefits processing, and official personnel files.

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Disability Management Unit

This unit provides consulting services regarding Family Medical Leave Act, California Family Rights Act, State Disability Insurance, Non-Industrial Disability Insurance, and returning an employee to work following workers' compensation or disability leave.

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