



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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TO: Fairground Managers and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: 2026 State Rules Advisory Committee Meeting

The Fairs and Expositions Branch (F&E) would like to invite you to the 2026 State Rules Advisory Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2026. The meeting will be held at 10:00 am via Teams. During this annual meeting, the State Rules Advisory Committee will discuss any pertinent rule change recommendations for the following year.

As a reminder, the purposes of the State Rules are to ensure educational and equitable competition, provide consistency in statewide competition, and maximize exhibitor and public safety. These rules apply to all competitive exhibits conducted by District Agricultural Associations, citrus fruit fairs, and county fairs in the State of California.

At this time, we are accepting any State Rules-related topics and/or rule change recommendations to be considered for the upcoming meeting. Please provide the topics and applicable information to Mike Francesconi at mike.francesconi@cdfa.ca.gov by close of business on October 02, 2026. An agenda will be sent out by email and posted on the F&E [website](#) 10 days prior to the October 21 meeting.

This year, F&E will also be accepting applications for the State Rules Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee application is for a two-year term that would begin on January 1, 2027, and end on December 31, 2029. There are seven positions, with two-year terms, expiring at the end of this calendar year.

The committee comprises of 14 members and is appointed by the Branch Chief of F&E. The responsibility of the committee is to review the State Rules on an annual basis and make a recommendation for adoption to F&E. The committee makeup should be a balance of expertise in livestock, horse shows, small animals, and/or still exhibits. Each member of the committee shall serve without compensation.

Applicants must be representatives of the fair industry and employed within California. Applicants should also be aware of current requirements of livestock classification and/or current trends in still exhibits. Current committee members with expiring terms are eligible to reapply for a new two-year term. Should you, or an appropriate member of your team, be interested in applying to be considered for the State Rules Advisory



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Committee, please fill out the attached application form and email it to F&E's Branch Chief, Mike Francesconi, at mike.francesconi@cdfa.ca.gov by November 6, 2026. The new committee members will be announced by December 31, 2026.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding State Rules, please contact [Mike Francesconi](#) at (916) 591-8791.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Francesconi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Francesconi
Branch Chief

Enclosure