

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
ANNOUNCES VACANCIES ON THE SEED ADVISORY BOARD**

SACRAMENTO, June 5, 2015 - The California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Pest Exclusion Branch is announcing three vacancies on the Seed Advisory Board. This Board is partially composed of seven members who are seed labelers, and two members that may be seed dealers. These nine members are registered to sell seed under provisions of the California Seed Law and represent the functions of seed production, conditioning, marketing, or utilization. The Board also has two public members. The term of office for board members is three years. Members typically meet twice a year but can meet more frequently if needed. Board members receive no compensation, but are entitled to payment of necessary traveling expenses in accordance with the rules of the Department of Personnel Administration.

Funded by the seed industry and implemented by the Seed Services Program at CDFA, enforcement of the California Seed Law ensures an orderly market of high quality seeds in California. The Seed Advisory Board makes recommendations to the CDFA Secretary on all matters pertaining to seed law and regulations, enforcement, seed laboratory diagnostics and annual budgets required to accomplish the purposes of the California Seed Law.

The upcoming vacant positions are for one vegetable seed labeler or dealer from the southern California region and two qualified field seed labelers, one from Northern California and one from Southern California. The successful candidates will be appointed to serve a three year term that expires March 31, 2019.

Individuals interested in being considered for this board appointment should send a brief letter of interest and a completed Prospective Member Appointment Questionnaire with resume to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Pest Exclusion Branch, 1220 N Street, Room 344, Sacramento, California 95814, Attention: John Heaton by Thursday, October 26, 2015.

For additional information, and a Prospective Member Appointment Questionnaire, visit the Seed Services Program web page at:

http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pe/nsc/seed/vacancies/sab_vacancy_notice.pdf

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