

January 16, 2024 Sent Via Email to: <a href="mailto:haycraiggordon@aol.com">haycraiggordon@aol.com</a>

Mr. Craig Gordon StopQIP 2915 Kings River LN Ontario, CA 91761

Dear Mr. Gordon,

We are contacting you regarding the petition to call a referendum to terminate the Quota Implementation Plan (QIP) titled "Petition to Terminate the QIP #5" submitted by StopQIP and received by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) on August 6, 2024. The purpose of the petition was to ask the Secretary to call a referendum to immediately terminate the QIP.

On November 4, 2024, CDFA certified that the twenty five percent (25%) threshold had been met. Accordingly, on December 17, 2024, the matter of whether a referendum should be conducted was presented to the Producers Review Board (PRB) for consideration. During the meeting the PRB made two motions regarding this matter which, in summary, recommend that the petition be issued to an industry vote with the proviso that the Secretary wait until after the results of the current amendment referendum are known to make a decision on whether to issue the matter to a vote.

After due consideration, the Secretary has decided to accept the PRB's recommendation. Accordingly, a decision about whether to issue the petition to an industry vote will be released after the results of the amendment referendum are announced in February.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please contact Peter Weber with our Legal Office.

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Kathy Diaz, Director

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