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Information Regarding Decision of Order and Referendum

On December 11, 2020 Judge Timothy J. Aspinwall, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) with the Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH) issued a Recommended Decision regarding a petition to amend and terminate the Quota Implementation Plan submitted by the United Dairy Families on June 25, 2020. See OAH No. 20200850708. The petition proposes to change the regional quota adjusters such that the quota premium in all counties equal \$1.43/cwt.; it also proposes to terminate the Quota Implementation Plan effective March 1, 2025. The ALJ recommended holding a referendum vote among eligible producers. After due review and consideration, the Secretary adopted the ALJ's proposed Order of Decision. The signed Order can be found here:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dairy/pdf/hearings/OAH2020080708_SIGNED_Decision_from_OAH_1-2_ADA.pdf

To ensure full participation by California market milk dairy farmers, the referendum voting period will be March 4, 2021 – June 1, 2021, the maximum time allowed for a producer referendum.

