

Fertilizer Inspection Advisory Board Technical Advisory Subcommittee

MEMBER APPLICATION PACKET 2024

Overview of the Fertilizer Inspection Advisory Board Technical Advisory Subcommittee

The Fertilizer Inspection Advisory Board (FIAB) is a statutory body that is advisory to the California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary on matters pertaining to commercial fertilizing materials. The FIAB established the Technical Advisory Subcommittee (TASC) to advise them on matters related to the funding of projects through the Fertilizer Research and Education Program (FREP). The TASC serves as an expert scientific panel on matters concerning efficient use of fertilizing materials and irrigation water. TASC members assist in setting research priorities, review and recommend research and outreach proposals to the FIAB for funding, and advise on FREP activities.

The TASC has at least nine members representing the major segments of the fertilizer industry, academic community, certified crop advisors, technical experts, farming community, public, and governmental agencies. Members must demonstrate technical, applied, and scientific expertise in the fields of agronomy, soil science, plant science, production agriculture, and/or environmental issues related to the inefficient use of fertilizers and irrigation water in California.

Length of Term

Three Years (January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026)

Member Commitment

TASC members must commit to meet three to four times per year. Meetings typically run from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and may alternate between Sacramento and other locations throughout the state.

Serving on the TASC also requires a time commitment outside of meetings. Members must read and critically evaluate pre-proposals (typically around 35, two-page proposals) and full proposals (typically around 10, fifteen-page proposals). Evaluations must be submitted prior to review meetings.

In addition, TASC members may be asked to participate in conferences and special initiatives.

Member Liaison

For questions regarding the TASC please contact:

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Prospective TASC Member Application

1. Contact Information

Name	Email	Phone Number

2. Current Employment

Employer	Position

3. Education

Degree Level	Degree Topic

4. Experience Reviewing Technical Research

Journal or Grant Program Name	# Of Years

5. Experience Conducting Research

Research Topic	# Of Years

6. Experience Working in California Agriculture Industry

Crops / Cropping System	Region(s)	# Of Years

7. Agriculture Industry Licenses and Certifications

License/Cert	Yes/No	License/Cert	Yes/No
CCA	<input type="checkbox"/>	CPSS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irrigation Specialist	<input type="checkbox"/>	CPAg	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nitrogen Management Training	<input type="checkbox"/>		

8. Experience Working with Socially Disadvantaged Communities

Community	Role / Work Conducted

9. TASC Meeting Participation

The participation of members is essential to conducting a fair and rigorous grant evaluation process and providing essential information and recommendations to the Fertilizer Inspection Advisory Board (FIAB). I understand that as a member of the FIAB Technical Advisory Subcommittee I would have the following responsibilities:

- (1) Actively participate in a minimum of two meetings per year.
- (2) Prepare for meetings by reviewing the materials and submitting my reviews in advance of the meeting.