

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

SACRAMENTO, June 7, 2013 - The California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Pest Exclusion Branch is announcing five 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. The 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 current vacant positions are for three qualified seed labelers or dealers from the vegetable seed industry in the central/coastal region, one qualified field seed labeler in the southern California region and one public member. The successful candidates will be appointed to serve a three year term that expires March 31, 2017.

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 31, 2013.

For additional information, and a Prospective Member Appointment Questionnaire, visit the Seed Services Program web page at <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/PE/Nursery/vacancies.html> or contact: John Heaton, Senior Environmental Scientist, Seed Services Program (916) 403-6715, by fax (916) 651-1207, or e-mail john.heaton@cdfa.ca.gov