

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

SACRAMENTO, November 13, 2024 -The California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Pest Exclusion Branch is announcing a vacancy on the Seed Advisory Board.

The board is composed of seven members who are seed labelers, and two members who may be seed dealers. These nine members must be 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.

There are two current mid-term vacancies and one upcoming vacant position: one vegetable seed labeler and two agricultural seed labelers. Two of these successful candidates will be appointed to serve the remainder of terms that end on March 31, 2026, and one of the successful candidates will serve a full-term beginning April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2028.

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.

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.

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, Sacramento, California 95814, Attention: Nicole Hostert, by December 20, 2024.

For additional information, and a Prospective Member Appointment Questionnaire, visit the Seed Services Program web page under "Seed Advisory Board" at:  
<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pe/nsc/seed/index.html>

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