



May 18, 2021

Secretary Karen Ross
California Department of Food and Agriculture
Integrated Pest Control Branch
2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, California 95833

Re: Call for Nominations to the CDFA Apiary Board

Dear Secretary Ross,

Wonderful Orchards LLC ("Wonderful") would like to nominate Steven Bradshaw, Vice President of Wonderful Bees, for a position on the California Department of Food and Agriculture's ("CDFA") Apiary Board.

Wonderful, in connection with our grower partners, farms and cultivates almonds, pistachios, various citrus varieties, pomegranates, wine grapes and nursery stock in California. Wonderful also manages and owns one of the largest bee operations in California. Mr. Bradshaw oversees Wonderful Bees and is intimately involved in the decision making in Wonderful's farming business. He has a diverse background working across California's infrastructure and public works sectors, and has leveraged these experiences to foster further innovation in our bee operations. We are confident that Mr. Bradshaw's unique background and skills will bring a fresh perspective to the bee industry. As such, we respectfully request that you consider his appointment to the Apiary Board.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or if you require additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Yraceburu".

Rob Yraceburu
President

cc: *Patricia Bohls, CDFA Program Manager*