



## Board Minutes

November 6, 2015  
Farm Bureau Building - Sacramento, California

A meeting of the California Cling Peach Board was called to order by Chairman Sarb Johl at 9:42 am on Friday, November 6, 2015 in the California Farm Bureau's First Floor Conference Room in Sacramento, California. After self-introductions, roll was taken, showing a quorum was present with the following in attendance:

<b>Members</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	<b>Board Staff</b>
Harinder Bains	* Jag Khera	JD Allen, Manager
Lou Boer, Jr	* Anthony Laney	Kassie Fraser, BCI
Rich Hudgins, Ex-Officio	* Scott Long	John Gilstrap, Asst. Manager
Lance Jackson		Ginny Hair, Echo
Bob Jawanda	<b>GUESTS</b>	Adrienne Hegarty, Echo
Sarb Johl, Chairman	Elizabeth Coons, PCP	Michelle Paul, BCI
Richard Lial	Ajayab Dhaddey, CCPA	
Justin Micheli	Steve Mobley, CCPA	<b>CDFA</b>
Brian Noeller	Brian Sowden, CCPA	Amy Uber, Senior Economist
Jake Stowe		

*\* Alternate acting in lieu of Member*

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meetings of April 14, 2015 and May 29, 2015 were unanimously approved with a motion from Noeller, and a second from Jackson, with no absentions.

### Executive Committee Report

Chairman Johl said the Executive Committee had met earlier in the morning and discussed several items that are included in the Board's agenda:

Management Request for Proposals (RFP) - Uber said the RFP letter for management proposals had gone out earlier in the week, with a due date of January 15, 2016 and a firm selected by the end of April 2016. She then stated the original RFP mistakenly said the contract would be for a 5-year term, but will actually be for a one-year term with the option to renew each year.

[NOTE: Later on this day, an updated RFP was sent out by CDFA]

Policy Manual Appendix - Allen reviewed the Board's appendix to the Tabcomp Policy manual (Exhibit "A" attached), explaining that each of Monfort Management's marketing order clients has a distinctive appendix to cover unique situations not stipulated in the main policy manual.

After reviewing the suggested Policy Manual changes as follows:

- Remove the "#1 Mark Registration Program" item, as it is no longer relevant,
- Remove the "M.A.P. Task Force" item, as it is no longer relevant,
- Remove the "Per Diem" item, as it is rarely utilized, and all expenses to members are already covered, and the \$50 per diem seems extravagant for the current program/budget,
- Remove the "Promotion Committee's Budgetary Authority" item, as the language is already present in the overall TABCOMP Policy Manual, and this item is redundant,
- Adjust the "Meetings/Attendance" item by replacing the reference to four meetings with "at least three" meetings per year, reflecting the reality; changing "shall" to "may" in both the second and third paragraph of this item, giving the Board more flexibility with regard to absences and vacancies,
- Rename the "Reserve for Contingencies" item to "Unallocated Reserve", as the Board no longer has an account called reserve for contingencies. Also, remove the reference to "replenishing the account, but only by Board action".

The only suggestion outlined on the attached appendix, and shown above, that was not generally accepted was the "Per Diem" clause, and Allen said he would keep that language in the appendix.

**Board Action 11-6-15 #1** – It was moved by Jackson, with a second from Noeller, that the Board accept the changes to the Cling Peach Board's appendix to the Tabcomp Policy Manual as presented by Allen, with the exception of leaving the "Per Diem" clause in the updated appendix (Exhibit "B", attached).

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
WITH NO ABSTENTIONS**

Minor Amendment (District/Zone Realignment) – Johl explained the need for the Board to realign its Districts and Zones to better reflect the current state of the industry, and to make it easier to find representatives to fill each Board position. Allen explained that District 1, which currently consists of four zones, would be reduced to 3 zones (1/2, 3 and 4), and that District 2 and 3 would be combined into one District (2/3), with zones 5 and 6 (5/6) being combined as well. He referred to the attached documents, (Exhibits "C" and "D") which detail the changes that would take place if the minor amendment is passed.

**Board Action 11-6-15 #2** – It was moved by Lial, with a second from Bains, that the Board accept the changes to the Districts and Zones as discussed and outlined in the attached "Text for the Minor Amendment to the California Cling Peach Growers Marketing Order" (Exhibit "E").

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
WITH NO ABSTENTIONS**

Antitrust Compliance Policies & Procedures – Allen informed the Board of a new policy that CDFA will be enforcing regarding antitrust procedures at all Board meetings. He said a statement will be made before each meeting, reminding the Board members and alternates of

their obligations concerning antitrust compliance. He then read the following statement, as suggested by Uber:

*"Please keep in mind the antitrust policy you have signed and the importance of avoiding meeting discussions centered around price or price levels, cost of operations, supplies, labor or services, allowance for discounts, and/or terms of sale such as credit arrangements; and profit margins and mark ups, provided this limitation shall not extend to discussions of methods of operation, maintenance, and similar matters in which cost of efficiency is merely incidental. Any discussion on these topics are prohibited per the antitrust policy. "*

Civil Rights Training – Allen then reminded those who had not turned in their "Civil Rights" training documents, that he needs them as soon as possible.

Nomination Meetings – Allen announced the schedule for nomination meetings to be held during the months of December and January, and distributed the schedule, (Exhibit "F", attached). He noted the District 1 nomination meeting will be held in conjunction with the Sacramento Valley Cling Peach day in Yuba City and the District 2/3 nominations during the North San Joaquin Valley Cling Peach Day in Modesto. Johl said there would be a short Board update following nominations in Yuba City and Modesto, and encouraged all members to attend.

### **Industry Report**

Hudgins reported on a story that will soon appear in local media regarding the Sacramento City Unified District's purchase of Chinese canned peaches in defiance of the Buy American provision of the National School Lunch Act. He distributed a letter to the Sacramento City Unified School District's Nutrition Services Director outlining the Association's concerns about the situation, (Exhibit "G", attached). Hudgins then noted if the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is ratified as is, the phase-out of tariffs on peach imports would take 15 years.

Regarding the 2015 crop, he said deliveries to processors were up close to 4% from last year's crop representing an average yield of 18.1 tons/acre, up 11% from last year's 16.3 tons/acre. Overall sizes were slightly smaller than last year, but because of tight supplies, clings should maintain a strong position in the marketplace going into next year. He then stated that slightly over 1,000 acres have been pulled out to date, representing about 5.5% of 2015 bearing acreage and will result in approximately 18,100 bearing acres for 2016, down 400 acres from 2015.

### **Crop Audit and Financial Report**

Allen led the Board through a discussion of the 2015 crop audit (Exhibit "H", Attached) and then of the current financial report, (Exhibit "I", attached), stating the audit of the processors had just been completed showing an adjusted final paid tonnage for 2015 of 322,034. The audit showed that the processors do a great job of making accurate payments with only some minor adjustments in the assessable tonnage, representing refunds due of only \$619.

He then reviewed the current financial report as of October 31, 2015, noting the 2015-16 budget was based on 305,000 tons. With the actual paid tonnage just over 322,000 tons, the Board realized an additional \$50,000 over their projected assessment income for the year.



He also noted there is still a long way to go on some of the other income items, such as the foreign promotion (MAP) reimbursements, other income items from the Pacific Northwest and California League of Food Processor contributions. On a motion from Lial, with a second from Long, the financial report was unanimously accepted, with no abstentions.

#### **Domestic Promotion**

Echo Communications: Ginny Hair and Adrienne Martin of Echo gave a report of their recent activities, a copy of which is available from the Board office upon request. Hair walked the Board through the report, noting some of the key elements, including their recent involvement at the International Foodservice Editorial Council (IFEC) conference held in Portland, Maine, the upcoming International Food Blogger Conference to be held in Sacramento in July of 2016, the SUPERMarket RD Program participation with Niemann Foods, Giant Eagle, Redner's Markets, C&S Grocers, and Meijer Markets. Hair also discussed Echo's involvement in the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics conference where they were able to meet over 250 new RD influencers, with over 200 surveys completed. She also touched on their Industry Partnerships with PBH, the Canned Food Alliance and "Cans Get You Cooking!" programs, and noted the Canadian Cling Peach site had now been fully integrated with the Domestic site, noting the great cooperation between the domestic and foreign promotion cling peach teams.

#### **Foreign Promotion**

Bryant Christie, Inc. (BCI): Michelle Paul and Kassie Fraser distributed a report (*available upon request from the Board office*) and gave an overview of the Canadian and Mexican programs, noting 2014-15 MAP expenditures to date of \$472,250 of the total allocation of \$500,559 for the program year. Paul said the final claim and contribution report is due by December 31, 2015 and the program should expend very nearly the entire allocation for the year. She also stated the current 2015-16 allocation is \$500,182, and the allocation for 2016-17 has now been approved at \$520,498, which is a relatively rare rate-of-increase.

Canadian Update: Fraser then reviewed the Canadian program's retail/wholesale and foodservice promotions which include in-store ads, demonstrations, retail demo kits as well as magazine articles and photography. On the Public Relations front, she said they have contracted with Impact Communications for TV, radio and print advertising as well as blogger and online media programs. Moving forward, she stated that the exchange rate and product availability are current concerns they have, but that Canada continues to prefer California product.

Mexico Update: Fraser said that in 2014/15, Abastos Teleno promotions ran for a total of 793 days, but that in 2015/16 wholesale promotions will decrease to concentrate on the retail channels. That focus on retail will include Wal-Mart, Superama and Bodega Aurrera if current negotiations are successful. Recipe and photography development are currently underway to support the planned retail promotions. She also touched on the "Buy California" GBI public relations activity in Mexico, which also involves California pistachios and pears.

#### **Research Committee Report**

Allen said he did not receive all of the progress reports before the meeting, but that he would send them out with the minutes, (Exhibit "J", attached). He also mentioned the meeting date for the Research Committee had not yet been set, but would probably be held in Davis sometime during the week of January 18, 2016.

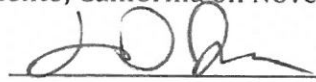


**Next Meeting/Other Business**

Johl announced the next Board meeting would be held sometime in late March, with the exact time to be determined. Johl thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting and...

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to lunch at 11:43 a.m.

I, JD Allen, Manager of the California Cling Peach Board, do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the California Cling Peach Board held in Sacramento, California on November 6, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JD Allen', is written over a horizontal line.

JD Allen, Manager

**Appendix**  
for the  
**Cling Peach Board's**  
  
**Policy Manual**  
for the  
**TABCOMP Marketing Order Boards**  
managed by  
**Monfort Management Services, Inc.**

**#1 Mark Registration Program**

~~The trustees for the Board's involvement with the #1 Mark Registration Program shall be the Board Chairman, the Vice Chairman and the Chief of the Marketing Branch.~~

**Comment [JA1]:** No longer relevant

**Executive Committee**

The Vice Chairman of the Board shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The members of the Executive Committee may attend meetings of all standing Committees and Task Forces as "ex-officio" members and shall be considered "floating alternates" of such committees so that when there is not a quorum of the Committee present, the Chairman or Acting Chairman of the Committee shall designate as many members of the Executive Committee as necessary to serve as members to make up the quorum.

**M.A.P. Task Force**

~~The Board's activities in regard to the USDA's Market Access Program shall be directed by a nine-member M.A.P. Task Force composed of three Board members or Alternates, three representatives of the canning industry, and three members representing the pear industry, all of which shall be appointed by the Chairman.~~

**Comment [JA2]:** No longer relevant

~~If the Chairman feels it appropriate, he can appoint other Task Forces to oversee a specific activity of the Board. When that specific task is completed, the Task Force will disband.~~

**Per Diem**

~~As allowed by Section 58844 of the Marketing Act, and provided the Board Member or Alternate requests such compensation by submitting a Travel Expense Claim Form, it is the Board's Policy to compensate Board Members and Alternates at the rate of \$50 per day for attending duly called meetings within the State of the Advisory Board or any of its Committees or any Board Task Force on which the Board Member or Alternate is serving.~~

**Comment [JA3]:** The per diem is not utilized often, and seems extravagant for our current program/budget. Meal, hotel, mileage and other expenses can still be claimed by Board members and Alternates.

**Out-of-State Travel**

Members of the Staff, Board and/or individuals designated by the Board are authorized to attend, at Board expense, out-of-state meetings and/or programs involving the interests of the Board. As it relates to Air travel, the Board will only pay for no more than full-coach class when Board members, Alternates, staff or other designated individuals are traveling on Board business.

### **Promotion Committee's Budgetary Authority**

~~The Promotion Committee may meet several times yearly so it can closely monitor the activities of the Board in its respective area. The Board should be in a position to take advantage of the sometimes rapidly developing and changing situations that can occur in the area of Promotion during the course of the fiscal year. Therefore, the Promotion Committee is authorized, when it deems it advisable to do so, and when a quorum is present, to make changes in programs and money allocations within the scope of the total regular Promotion budget approved by the Board, including the authorization to make inter-item transfers in the budget, not to exceed the total amount allocated to the Promotion Budget of the Board.~~

Comment [JA4]:

### **Meetings/Attendance**

Under normal circumstances, the Board meets ~~four~~ at least three times per year for the purposes of conducting its regular business. If a special meeting needs to be held, it will be called at the discretion of the Board Chairman.

Comment [JA5]: More up-to-date reality

Failure of any Board member to attend two (2) consecutive regular Board meetings without an acceptable excuse to the Board or failure of a Board member to attend three (3) consecutive meetings for any reason, ~~shall~~ may be grounds for removal from the Board.

Comment [JA6]: The word "shall" doesn't give the Board any choice in the matter, regardless of the need to keep members and alternates.

Upon the creation of a vacancy, the Board ~~shall~~ may recommend a qualified replacement to the Department.

Comment [JA7]: See previous comment.

### **Unallocated Reserve for Contingencies**

During the year, there may be emergencies arise where funds might be needed for which there is no specific budget or allocation. If and when this occurs, the ~~"Reserve for Contingencies"~~ Unallocated Reserves category in the budget may be used for such purposes at the discretion of the Executive Committee. ~~When and if this amount is expended by the Executive Committee, the account may be replenished but only by Board action.~~

Comment [JA8]: The Board no longer has an account called "Reserve for Contingencies". CDFA told us several years ago that it was not necessary and could be included in the "Unallocated Reserve".

Comment [JA9]: I don't think it is possible to replenish the "Unallocated Reserve"



# TABCOMP Policy Manual

## *Cling Peach Board Appendix*

### **Executive Committee**

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### **Per Diem**

As allowed by Section 58844 of the Marketing Act, and provided the Board Member or Alternate requests such compensation by submitting a Travel Expense Claim Form, it is the Board’s Policy to compensate Board Members and Alternates at the rate of \$50 per day for attending duly called meetings within the State of the Advisory Board or any of its Committees or any Board Task Force on which the Board Member or Alternate is serving.

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### **Meetings/Attendance**

Under normal circumstances, the Board meets at least three times per year for the purposes of conducting its regular business. If a special meeting needs to be held, it will be called at the discretion of the Board Chairman.

Failure of any Board member to attend two (2) consecutive regular Board meetings without an acceptable excuse to the Board or failure of a Board member to attend three (3) consecutive meetings for any reason, may be grounds for removal from the Board.

Upon the creation of a vacancy, the Board may recommend a qualified replacement to the Department.

### **Unallocated Reserve**

During the year, there may be emergencies arise where funds might be needed for which there is no specific budget or allocation. If and when this occurs, the “Unallocated Reserves” category in the budget may be used for such purposes at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

# CALIFORNIA CLING PEACH BOARD

## New District/Zone Realignment Proposal

**CURRENT DISTRICT 1** ...consists of those counties north of a line drawn along the southern boundaries of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Sacramento, Amador and El Dorado Counties, divided into zones as follows:

Zone 1	...consists of those counties north of a line drawn along the southern boundaries of Mendocino, Glenn, Butte, Plumas and Lassen Counties.
Zone 2	...consists of Lake and Colusa Counties and that portion of Sutter County north of Lincoln Road.
Zone 3	...consists of Sonoma, Marin, Napa Solano, and Yolo Counties and that portion of Sutter County west of the Feather River and south of Lincoln Road.
Zone 4	...consists of Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, and Sacramento Counties and that portion of Sutter County east of the Feather River

**PROPOSED DISTRICT 1** ...consists of those counties north of a line drawn along the southern boundaries of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Sacramento, Amador and El Dorado Counties, divided into zones as follows:

Zone 1	...(incorporate into Zone 2).
Zone 1 & 2	...consists of those counties north of a line drawn along the southern boundaries of Mendocino, Lake, Colusa, Butte, Plumas Lassen Counties, and that portion of Sutter County north of Lincoln Road.
Zone 3	...consists of Sonoma, Marin, Napa Solano, and Yolo Counties and that portion of Sutter County west of the Feather River and south of Lincoln Road.
Zone 4	...consists of Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, and Sacramento Counties and that portion of Sutter County east of the Feather River.

**CURRENT DISTRICT 2** ...consists of Alameda, Contra Costa, Calaveras, and Alpine Counties and that portion of San Joaquin County north of the Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian. Zone 5 shall be coterminous with the District:

Zone 5	...consists of the entirety of District 2.
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**CURRENT DISTRICT 3** ...consists of those counties or any portions of counties north of a line drawn along the southern boundaries of Monterey, San Benito, Merced, Madera, and Mono Counties which are not included in Districts 1 or 2, divided into zones as follows:

Zone 6	...consists of that portion of San Joaquin County south of the Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian and that portion of Stanislaus County north of the Tuolumne River.
Zone 7	...consists of that portion of Stanislaus County south of the Tuolumne River.
Zone 8	...consists of those portions of District 3 not included in zones 6 or 7.

**PROPOSED DISTRICT 2** ...incorporate into District 3

Zone 5	...incorporate into Zone 6.
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**PROPOSED DISTRICT 2 & 3** ...consists of those counties or any portions of counties north of a line drawn along the southern boundaries of Monterey, San Benito, Merced, Madera, and Mono Counties which are not included in District 1, divided into zones as follows:

Zone 5 & 6	...consists of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Alpine Counties, and that portion of Stanislaus County north of the Tuolumne River.
Zone 7	...consists of that portion of Stanislaus County south of the Tuolumne River.
Zone 8	...consists of those portions of District 3 not included in zones 6 or 7.

**DISTRICT 4 REMAINS UNCHANGED**



# Roster Before and After Proposed Amendment

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EXHIBIT D

CURRENT ALIGNMENT		
Zone	Term	DISTRICT 1
1	<b>2016</b>	<b>Jake Stowe</b>
2	<b>2016</b>	<b>Suki Bains</b>
2	2018	Justin Micheli
3	<b>2016</b>	<b>Harinder Bains</b>
3	2018	Bob Jawanda
4	<b>2016</b>	<b>Sarb Johl, Chair</b>
4	2018	Rajeev Davit, VC

Zone	Term	DISTRICT 2
5	2017	Rick Zolezzi

Zone	Term	DISTRICT 3
6	2017	Frank Bavaro
6	2018	Richard Lial
7	2018	Brian Noeller
8	2017	Joe Dickens
8	2018	Lou Boer

Zone	Term	DISTRICT 4
9	<b>2016</b>	<b>Dennis Flood</b>
9	2017	Lance Jackson

Dist	Term	ALTERNATES
1	<b>2016</b>	<b>Anthony Laney</b>
1	<b>2016</b>	<b>Jag Khera</b>
2-3	<b>2016</b>	<b>Scott Long</b>
2-3	<b>2016</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
4	<b>2016</b>	<b>Bill Hammerstrom</b>

PROPOSED ALIGNMENT After Minor Amendment		
Zone	Term	DISTRICT 1
1&2	<b>2016</b>	<b>Jake Stowe</b>
1&2	<b>2016</b>	<b>Suki Bains</b>
1&2	2018	Justin Micheli
3	<b>2016</b>	<b>Harinder Bains</b>
3	2018	Bob Jawanda
4	<b>2016</b>	<b>Sarb Johl, Chair</b>
4	2018	Rajeev Davit, VC

Zone	Term	DISTRICT 2 & 3
5 & 6	2017	Rick Zolezzi
5 & 6	2017	Frank Bavaro
5 & 6	2018	Richard Lial
7	2018	Brian Noeller
8	2017	Joe Dickens
8	2018	Lou Boer

Zone	Term	DISTRICT 4
9	<b>2016</b>	<b>Dennis Flood</b>
9	2017	Lance Jackson

Dist	Term	ALTERNATES
1	<b>2016</b>	<b>Anthony Laney</b>
1	<b>2016</b>	<b>Jag Khera</b>
2-3	<b>2016</b>	<b>Scott Long</b>
2-3	<b>2016</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
4	<b>2016</b>	<b>Bill Hammerstrom</b>

Names in **Bold** are up for nomination this winter.



**Text for the Minor Amendment to the  
California Cling Peach Growers Marketing Order**

**ARTICLE II**

**DEFINITIONS**

1. "Districts" shall consist of the following:

(a) District 1 consists of those counties north of a line drawn along the southern boundaries of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Sacramento, Amador and El Dorado Counties, divided into zones as follows:

~~(i) Zone 1 consists of those counties north of a line drawn along the southern boundaries of Mendocino, Glenn, Butte, Plumas and Lassen Counties.~~

(i) Zone 2 1/2 consists of those counties north of a line drawn along the southern boundaries of Mendocino, Lake, Colusa, Butte, Plumas and Lassen Counties, and Colusa Counties and that portion of Sutter County north of Lincoln Road.

(ii) Zone 3 consists of Sonoma, Marin, Napa, Solano, and Yolo Counties and that portion of Sutter County west of the Feather River and south of Lincoln Road.

(iii) Zone 4 consists of Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, and Sacramento Counties and that portion of Sutter County east of the Feather River.

~~(b) District 2 consists of Alameda, Contra Costa, Calaveras, and Alpine Counties and that portion of San Joaquin County north of the Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian. Zone 5 shall be coterminous with the District.~~

(c) District 2/3 consists of those counties or any portions of counties north of a line drawn along the southern boundaries of Monterey, San Benito, Merced, Madera, and Mono Counties which are not included in Districts 1 ~~or 2~~, divided into zones as follows:

(i) Zone 5/6 consists of ~~that portion of San Joaquin County south of the Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian and that portion of Stanislaus~~

County north of the Tuolumne River, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Alpine Counties, and that portion of Stanislaus County north of Tuolumne River.

(ii) Zone 7 consists of that portion of Stanislaus County south of the Tuolumne River.

(iii) Zone 8 consists of those portions of District 3 not included in zones 5/6 or 7.

(d) District 4 consists of all counties in the State of California not included in Districts 1 to 2/3 which are those counties south of a line drawn along the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Fresno, and Inyo Counties. Zone 9 shall be coterminous with the District.

### ARTICLE III

#### ESTABLISHMENT, MEMBERSHIP AND TERM OF OFFICE

1. The Department shall appoint members and alternates from nominations or preference voting by growers for that purpose. Members and alternates shall be nominated to represent districts and zones as set forth in this section.

(a) Prior to February 1 of each year for those zones in which Board Member nominations are required, the Department shall cause one or more meetings to be held for the purpose of allowing growers to nominate persons eligible to serve as members of the Board. Nomination meetings shall be held every year for Alternate Board Members. All growers of record with the Department of Food and Agriculture shall be notified by mail of the time and place of the meetings. If growers are not able to attend a meeting, they submit names, in writing, to the Board office for two weeks following the last scheduled nomination meeting.

(b) Growers within the respective zones shall nominate the following number of Board Members for appointment:

(i) One member ~~per zone~~ from zones ~~1, 5, and~~ 7.

(ii) Two members per zone from zones ~~2,~~ 3, 4, ~~6,~~ 8, and 9.

(iii) Three members per zone from zones 1/2 and 5/6

(c) Growers within the respective Districts shall nominate the

following number of Alternate Board Members for appointment:

- (i) A total of two alternates to represent District One (zones 1/2, ~~2~~, 3, and 4) who shall serve one year terms. Both will be considered "floating alternates" for these zones.
- (ii) A total of two alternates to represent Districts Two/~~and~~ Three, (zones 5/6, ~~6~~, 7, and 8) who shall serve one year terms. Both will be considered "floating alternates" for these zones.
- (iii) A total of one alternate to represent District Four, (zone 9) who shall serve a one year term.



# 2016-17 NOMINATION MEETINGS



*Member Positions will be for 3 year terms  
Alternate Positions for 1 year terms*

## DISTRICT 1 NOMINATION MEETING

**Thursday, January 21, 2016 – 10:15 am**

UCCE Sutter/Yuba County Office, 142 Garden Hwy, Yuba City, California

**DISTRICT 1:** consists of those counties north of a line drawn along the southern boundaries of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Sacramento, Amador and El Dorado Counties. District 1 is divided into three zones, (1\2, 3 and 4).

**Zone 1\2:** Consists of those counties north of a line drawn along the southern boundaries of Mendocino, Lake, Colusa, Butte, Plumas Lassen Counties, and that portion of Sutter County north of Lincoln Road.

**Zone 3:** Consists of Sonoma, Marin, Napa Solano, and Yolo Counties and that portion of Sutter County west of the Feather River and south of Lincoln Road.

**Zone 4:** Consists of Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, and Sacramento Counties and that portion of Sutter County east of the Feather River.

- **Member Positions:** Nominations will be taken for the following member positions in District 1.  
Member Terms Expiring: **Jake Stowe & Suki Bains** (zone 1/2), **Harinder Bains** (zone 3), **Sarb Johl** (zone 4)
- **Alternate Positions:** Nominations will be taken for two alternates and may be from anywhere within District 1.  
Alternate Terms Expiring: **Anthony Laney** and **Jag Khara**.

## DISTRICT 2/3 NOMINATION MEETING

**Friday, December 4, 2015 – 10:50 am**

Harvest Hall, Stanislaus County Ag Center, Service & Crows Landing Roads, Modesto, California

**DISTRICT 2\3:** consists of those counties or any portions of counties north of a line drawn along the southern boundaries of Monterey, San Benito, Merced, Madera, and Mono Counties which are not included in District 1. District 2/3 is divided into three zones, (5\6, 7 and 8).

**Zone 5\6:** Consists of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Alpine Counties, and that portion of Stanislaus County north of the Tuolumne River.

**Zone 7:** Consists of that portion of Stanislaus County south of the Tuolumne River.

**Zone 8:** Consists of those portions of District 3 not included in zones 5\6 or 7.

- **Member Positions:** (there are no District 2\3 member positions up for nomination this year).
- **Alternate Positions:** Nominations will be taken for two alternates and may be from anywhere within District 2\3.  
Alternate Terms Expiring: **Scott Long** and **VACANT Position** (left by Peter Martini's resignation).

## DISTRICT 4 NOMINATION MEETING

**Tuesday, December 15, 2015 – 8:30 am**

Cling Peach Board Office, Conference Room, 531-D North Alta Avenue, Dinuba, California

**DISTRICT 4:** consists of all counties in the State of California not included in District 1 through 2\3 which are those counties south of a line drawn along the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Fresno and Inyo counties. Zone 9 is coterminous with this district.

- **Member Positions:** Nominations will be taken for the following member position in District 4.  
Member Term Expiring: **Dennis Flood**
- **Alternate Positions:** Nominations will be taken for one alternate within District 4.  
Alternate Term Expiring: **Bill Hammerstrom**



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# California Canning Peach Association

November 2, 2015

Diana Flores  
Nutrition Services Director  
Sacramento City Unified School District  
3051 Redding Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95820

**VIA: E-mail & USPS**

Dear Diana,

On behalf of the nearly 500 grower members of the California Canning Peach Association who produce nearly 80% of the nation's canned & plastic packaged peach supply, I am writing to voice our concerns regarding the District's recent purchase of Chinese canned peaches and mixed fruit from Gold Star Foods.

It is our hope that the Sacramento City Unified School District will agree to suspend any future sourcing of canned peaches produced over 6,000 miles away in China and carefully weigh issues such as food safety, pesticide use, raw product traceability, and global warming. According to a 2014 report by the Chinese government's Environmental Protection Ministry, nearly 20% of China's crop growing farmland is contaminated with heavy metals with more than 80% of the contamination attributed to cadmium, nickel, and arsenic. I have enclosed several pictures of canning industry conditions in China which clearly show a much different level of environmental concern and worker safety focus than is practiced by peach growers in California as well as press accounts of the soil contamination study findings.

Secondly, I have enclosed a copy of a 2006 USDA memo reminding all State Directors of Child Nutrition Programs that the Buy American provisions in the National School Lunch Act apply to all school procurements using funds from the nonprofit school foodservice account. Certainly it should be possible for the District to source domestically-produced canned peaches as there are four processor warehouses with ample supplies of canned peaches within a two-hour drive of Sacramento.

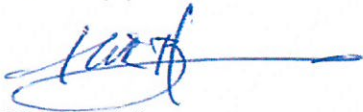
In remarks made less than two months ago, Governor Brown identified climate change as one of the greatest threats facing California today noting that "it's time for boldness to tackle climate change." However, it appears that a double standard exists when it comes to tackling climate change. Farmers in California have complied with regulatory agency directives to purchase reduced emission tractors and now transport their crops using reduced emission trucks. Processors move products at their facilities using



cleaner burning forklifts and ship finished goods to customers using more fuel-efficient trucking fleets. However, all of these environmental benefits as a result of grower and processor investments are more than negated when school districts or other public agencies spend taxpayer funds to source canned fruit from overseas. Certainly it is not in the best interest of our State to become more dependent on foreign-grown fruits and vegetables.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further at your convenience. We would greatly appreciate your support of the California canned peach industry. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rich Hudgins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rich Hudgins  
President & CEO

Enclosures

cc: Brenda Padilla, Nutrition Services Director  
Cathy Allen, SCUSD Chief Operations Officer  
José Banda, SCUSD Superintendent

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**CALIFORNIA CLING PEACH BOARD  
DINUBA, CALIFORNIA  
EXAMINATION OF ASSESSABLE TONS  
OF CLING PEACHES  
FOR THE 2015 CROP YEAR**

**BORCHARDT, CORONA & FAETH  
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CALIFORNIA CLING PEACH BOARD  
DINUBA, CALIFORNIA

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**BORCHARDT, CORONA & FAETH**  
Accountancy Corporation

Thomas R. Borchardt, CPA  
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Scott A. Faeth, CPA

### Independent Accountants' Report

California Cling Peach Board  
Dinuba, California

We have examined the accompanying schedule of assessable tons of cling peaches processed for the 2015 crop year. The California Cling Peach Board management is responsible for the schedule of assessable tons processed. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Weight and Measure Requirements issued by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the schedule of assessable tons of cling peaches processed for the 2015 crop year. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In connection with the examination we performed the following procedures: reconciled annual tonnage processed to individual grower statements and examined, on a test basis, original weight certificates supporting the annual tonnage processed. The results of our examination disclosed no instances of noncompliance.

In our opinion, 322,033.59 tons, reported on the schedule referred to above, presents, in all material respects, the assessable tons of cling peaches processed for the 2015 crop year, in conformity with the Weight and Measure requirements issued by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the California Cling Peach Board and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.

*Borchardt, Corona & Faeth*

Fresno, California  
October 30, 2015

CALIFORNIA CLING PEACH GROWERS ADVISORY BOARD

Schedule of Assessable Tons

For the 2015 Crop Year

Assessable Tons

Total assessable tons previously reported	322,247.54
Examination Differences:	
Under reported tonnage	-
Over reported tonnage	<u>(213.95)</u>
Adjusted assessable tons per the independent accountants' report	<u><u>322,033.59</u></u>

The following processors were subject to our examination:

California Canning Peach Association  
Del Monte Foods, Inc.  
Dole Packaged Foods, LLC.  
Pacific Coast Producers  
Seneca Foods  
Wawona Frozen Foods





# CLING PEACH BOARD

## FISCAL YEAR ENDING 5/31/16

EXHIBIT

October 31, 2015

	CARRYOVER	577,460	
	BUDGET	YTD	BALANCE
90-110 Current	884,500	934,516	(50,016)
90-120 Interest Income	2,750	1,993	757
90-132 Foreign Promotion Reimbursemer	500,000		500,000
90-140 Other Income	38,202	10,000	28,202
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,425,452</b>	<b>946,509</b>	<b>478,943</b>

### EXPENSES

#### ADMINISTRATION

90-305 Management Services	86,400	28,800	57,600
90-315 Audits	7,750	-	7,750
90-320 Office Supplies	2,500	233	2,267
90-330 Telephone	1,200	272	928
90-335 Postage	2,000	879	1,121
90-355 Travel & Mileage	13,000	1,334	11,666
90-360 Meetings	6,250	-	6,250
90-370 Insurance	1,600	237	1,363
90-390 Miscellaneous	500	-	500
90-710 Marketing Branch	28,000	6,515	21,485
	<b>149,200</b>	<b>38,270</b>	<b>110,930</b>

#### PROMOTION

90-407 Domestic Promotion	280,000	138,934	141,066
90-490 Foreign Promotion	650,000	66,376	583,624
	<b>930,000</b>	<b>205,311</b>	<b>724,689</b>

#### RESEARCH

90-503 Processor Audits	5,000	-	5,000
90-513 Production Research Reserve	100,000	-	100,000
90-550 Production Research	138,020	69,010	69,010
	<b>243,020</b>	<b>69,010</b>	<b>174,010</b>

#### GOVERNMENT/TRADE RELATIONS

90-317 Consultants	190,500	85,720	104,780
90-355 Travel & Mileage	6,000	-	6,000
90-444 World Peach Conference	6,000	-	6,000
	<b>202,500</b>	<b>85,720</b>	<b>116,780</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,524,720</b>	<b>398,311</b>	<b>1,126,409</b>
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**NET INCOME** \$ **548,199**

**CASH BALANCE** \$ **1,125,659**



## 2015-16 Progress Reports

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**Management of Brown Rot, Powdery Mildew, and Peach Leaf Curl Diseases of Peach in California**

J.E. Adaskaveg, UC Riverside

2

**Phenology and Distribution of Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs in North San Joaquin Valley Peach Orchards**

Roger Duncan, UCCE – Stanislaus County

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**Processing Peach Variety Development**

Tom Gradziel, UC Davis

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**Regional Testing of New Cling Peach Selections**

Tom Gradziel, UC Davis



## Interim Report - 2015

Prepared for the California Cling Peach Advisory Board

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Title:	<i>Management of brown rot, powdery mildew, and peach leaf curl diseases of peach in California</i>
Status:	Fifth-Year of Five
Principal Investigator:	J. E. Adaskaveg Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, Riverside 92521
Cooperating:	D. Thompson, H. Förster, and D. Cary (UCR), T. Gradziel (UCD), and J. Hasey (UCCE-Sutter-Yuba Co.)

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### SUMMARY OF RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING 2015

We continued our research on major blossom, foliar, and fruit diseases of cling peach in California including leaf curl, brown rot blossom blight and fruit rot, and powdery mildew. Low rainfall resulted that some diseases had a low incidence and severity. Still, we focused on the management of these diseases with new fungicides and biological treatments using inoculation studies when possible.

1. Our efficacy trial on peach leaf curl indicated that ziram (Fungicide Resistance Action Committee or FRAC Group or ziram is a FG Multisite 3 or M3), used at the 4-lb or 6-lb rate, was a highly effective treatment. Chlorothalonil (e.g., FG M5 - Bravo), as well as Syllit (FG Unknown 12 or U12 - dodine), copper (FG M1 - Badge X2, Kocide 3000), and selected combinations (e.g., Badge X2-Bravo, Kocide 3000-ziram, or Syllit-ziram) were also highly effective. These fungicides represent valuable components of a leaf curl management program. Lower rates of ziram, as well as mixtures and rotations provide cost-effective strategies for managing the disease.
2. Brown rot blossom blight incidence was low in 2015—Efficacy data were obtained on cv. Fay Elberta at UC Davis and on July Flame and Ryan Sun peaches at KARE. Blossoms of Fay Elberta peach were used in laboratory tests, and several new fungicides demonstrated excellent pre- and post-infection activity. The plant extract Fracture significantly reduced the incidence of blossom blight from that of the control, with an efficacy intermediate to most of the conventional synthetic fungicides. Of the conventional fungicides, the lowest levels of disease were obtained with Rhyme (FG 3 – flutriafol), the experimental compound EXP-1, the pre-mixtures Luna Sensation (FG 7/11 fluopyram + trifloxystrobin), Luna Experience (FG 7/11 fluopyram + tebuconazole), Merivon (FG 7/11 fluxapyroxad + pyraclostrobin), Viathon (FG 3/33 tebuconazole + phosphite), as well as the new EXP-2 and EXP-3 fungicides. Kenja (FG 7- isofetamid), Quash (FG 3 - metconazole), and tank mixture of Tebucon + Ph-D (FG 3 + 19) also were effective.
3. Preharvest fungicide applications were evaluated for the management of postharvest brown rot decay on three peach varieties in two orchards. In the UC Davis trial on cv. Fay Elberta where 4-day and 7-day PHI applications were done, the most effective fungicides at both timings included the new single-active ingredients Fontelis (FG 7), Kenja (FG 7), and EXP-1; standard fungicides like Indar (FG 3 - fenbuconazole) and Quash (FG 3), the pre-mixtures Luna Sensation (FG 7/11), Merivon (FG 7/11), Viathon (FG 3/33), and the tank mixture of Tebucon + Ph-D (FG 3 + 19). Other fungicides such as Rhyme (FG 3) and the pre-mixtures Luna Experience (FG 3/7), EXP-2, and EXP-3 were less effective. In the two peach trials at KARE, treatments were consistently very effective on both cultivars with 7-day PHI applications.
4. Evaluation of brown rot blossom blight susceptibility among peach genotypes in the UC Davis breeding program continued with 24 new or previously evaluated genotypes. Dr. Davis had the highest amount of stamen infections; whereas several Bolinha crosses had low disease. Disease incidence for several genotypes including extra-late accessions and Loadel with almond parentage also had lower disease than the other accessions. Data will be summarized in cooperation with Dr. Tom Gradziel.
5. In a powdery mildew management field trial, only low disease levels were detected in the non-treated control and no disease was detected in the 16 treatments that were applied at full bloom and shuck split.
6. New information on fungicide performance will be incorporated into the UCIPM website – Fungicide Efficacy Tables (<http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PDF/PMG/fungicideefficacytiming.pdf>).

## Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Monitoring in Stanislaus County Cling Peach Orchards Annual Report to the Cling Peach Board, 2015

Roger Duncan, UC Cooperative Extension Advisor, Stanislaus County

### **Purpose:**

The brown marmorated stink bug (*Halyomorpha halys*) (BMSB) originated in East Asia and was first identified in the US in Pennsylvania in 2001. It has now spread to over 40 states. A large BMSB population was discovered in Midtown Sacramento in early Sept. 2013, and subsequent surveys have shown that they now infest all of downtown and midtown Sacramento, as well as areas near Yuba City. In 2014, there were additional finds in San Joaquin and Santa Clara Counties, meaning that Stanislaus County was next in line as detections moved south each year. As it is only a matter of time before BMSB becomes widely established in the North San Joaquin Valley, it is important for peach growers and pest control advisors to learn how to monitor and identify BMSB in order to prevent severe feeding damage. This project was initiated in 2014 to gain experience trapping BMSB and to train PCAs how to develop an early warning monitoring system in peaches. The current project is a continuation of the 2014 study.

### **Materials & Methods:**

Beginning in April 2015, six peach orchards in Stanislaus County and one in southern San Joaquin County were monitored for BMSB. Because BMSB populations are most commonly spread over long distances by vehicles, new infestations are often discovered in or near residential areas (Figs 3 & 4). Therefore most of the monitored orchards were adjacent to or near urban areas.

Monitored peach orchards included:

- River Road, Escalon - Rick Zollezi
- Claribel Road, North Modesto – Gary Darpinian
- Claratina Road, North Modesto – Tony Rodin
- Hopper Road, Waterford – Tom Dickens
- Gilbert Road, Ceres – Superior Fruit Ranch
- Faith Home Road, Ceres – Pete Grubek
- Euclid Road, Hughson – Darrell Starn

Orchards were monitored once per week from April through September. Monitoring consisted of BMSB pheromone traps, five-minute timed searches, beat tray samples and fruit inspections. Pheromone traps were four-foot tall black corrugated pyramids (Fig. 1) with an inverted, clear plastic contained on top (Fig 2). The new Dead-Inn Stink Bug Xtra Combo lures were placed inside each container. The combo lures include a BMSB aggregation pheromone and the synergist methyl decatrienoate (MDT, 66 mg; AgBio, Inc.). The plastic container has an entry cone opening allowing the stink bugs to crawl in but it is difficult for them to find their way back out.

In addition to pheromone trapping, searches were conducted by slowly walking through each block and inspecting fruit, leaves and branches for signs of stink bugs or feeding injury. Limbs were gently beaten with a

padded wooden handle and dropping insects were caught on a tray and inspected. Captured stink bugs were transported to the Stanislaus UCCE lab for close inspection and identification.

Figs. 1 & 2. BMSB pyramid traps with green cone and pheromone lures.



Below are examples of monitored orchards near residential or other urban areas.

Figure 3. Tony Rodin (cv. Ross) Orchard, North Modesto





Figure 4. Darrell Starn Orchard (cv. Ross) Monitored in Hughson



**Results:**

A small number of stink bugs were captured occasionally in one of the seven monitored orchards, primarily in the pheromone traps. All captured stink bugs were identified as Consperse Stink Bugs and not BMSB. Very little stink bug damage was detected in any of the monitored orchards in 2015.

In early July, 2015, we discovered a BMSB infestation in several Trees of Heaven behind a hotel off of Freeway 99 in Modesto. This was the first confirmed report of an established BMSB population found in Stanislaus County. All stages of BMSB development were present (eggs, nymphs & adults), indicating that the infestation had been there for at least a few months.



Fig. 5. 1st instar nymphs after existing eggs



Fig. 6. BMSB adult feeding on Tree of Heaven seed pod

In order to test the effectiveness of the pheromone traps, we hung a Dead-Inn trap with a combo lure in an infested Tree of Heaven on July 24. In addition, we hung another trap in a Magnolia tree across the street (approximately 100 yards away). Traps were checked weekly. It took almost three weeks to catch our first BMSB in the pheromone trap that was hung within an infested tree (one insect). Subsequent weekly checks revealed catches of 3 - 5 BMSB per trap per week. No BMSB were ever caught in the trap across the street.

**Conclusions.** No signs of brown marmorated stink bugs were detected in any of the monitored peach orchards. Five-minute searches and beat tray sampling, while detecting a few consperse stink bugs, never detected any BMSB. Pheromone traps are the current standard for monitoring populations of BMSB in other states. However, the very low number of insects captured in a trap hung within an infested tree and the fact that no BMSB were caught in a trap hung 100 yards away from a large infestation indicates that the current pheromone traps and lures have very limited use as an early detection system. It appears that traps have to be within a very short distance of a large infestation to be effective. Until a better lure is developed, peach growers and their PCAs would be better off conducting routine visual searches of their orchards rather than relying on these pheromone traps.

**California Cling Peach Advisory Board  
2015 Interim Report**

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<b>Project Titles:</b>	Processing Peach Variety Development
<b>Project Leaders:</b>	Tom Gradziel
<b>Cooperating Personnel:</b>	S. Marchand, C. Crisosto, J. Fresnedo, R. Bostock & J. Adaskaveg
<b>Location:</b>	Department of Plant Sciences, University of California at Davis

**Interim progress: October, 2015.**

Processing peach variety development efforts in 2015 concentrated on a thorough analysis of promising selections and breeding lineages in our 2010 and 2011 Seedling Evaluation Blocks. These blocks were targeted because they possess very diverse germplasm origins with many individuals having shown good promise as processing peach selections in previous evaluations. The population sizes are also large enough to allow more detailed analysis of field trait to molecular marker associations, with over 20,000 individual genotypes included in these blocks; (which represent more seedling progeny than the total generated by all other tree crop breeding programs at UCD over the last 10 years). One thousand of the most promising genotypes were selected for detailed molecular fingerprinting as well as analysis for maturity time, fruit quality, tree size and architecture, mildew and brown rot resistance, and harvest stability (ability of the fruit to retain quality on the tree for one week or more after full ripe stage) as part of the 4 year RosBreed-2 project. Second generation molecular markers are being developed as in collaboration with Ksenija Gasic, Clemson University, fruit traits are being evaluated in collaboration with Carlos Crisosto, (Plant Sciences, UCD), and canning quality of over 300 genotypes were performed in 2015 in collaboration with Molly Lear (Food Science, UCD). Control lab inoculations and evaluations for fruit brown rot were done in collaboration with Rick Bostock, (Plant Pathology, UCD) with over 400 genotypes evaluated in 2015. Crop uniformity was achieved through a combination of strategic tree hedging, mechanical and manual flower thinning and mechanical and manual fruit thinning.

Several selections with good commercial potential have been identified in the different commercial peach maturity seasons. Process samples will be evaluated this winter to determine which selection should be advanced to the next level of testing. Priorities include maturity season, improved disease resistance, reduced need for grower maintenance and capacity for once-over and machine harvest.

Molecular marker data from the RosBreed-1 project continued to be analyzed with promising sources for fruit size and quality being identified and documented in refereed journals. Molecular data has also proven particularly useful in identifying the level of inbreeding in our current parent material since this will determine their value as parents in future crosses for both specific and novel traits.

Over 8000 seed from crosses and self-pollinations were harvested in 2015. Hand pollinations were used in controlled crosses while self-pollinations are allowed to occur naturally with any contamination from out-crosses to be subsequently identified using molecular markers. A second year of low winter chilling resulting in light and scattered bloom again presented a serious challenge to generate large numbers of progeny from controlled crosses, and new field hybridization techniques utilizing artificial germination medias are being tested to overcome this limitation. Field plantings in 2015 were limited to approximately 5000 seedling progeny. Limited seedling plantings have occurred in the last 3 years to maintain resources for continuing the 2010 and 2011 Blocks evaluations until 2017 to allow thorough RosBreed molecular marker analysis.



## California Cling Peach Advisory Board

### 2015 Interim Report

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**Project Titles:** Regional Testing of New Cling Peach Selections

**Project Leaders:** Tom Gradziel

**Cooperating Personnel:** A. Dhaddey, S. Marchand, M. Lear, C. Crisosto, J. Hasey and R. Duncan

**Location:** Department of Plant Sciences, University of California at Davis.

#### Interim progress: October, 2015

To support the recent release of the processing peach cultivar *Kader*, virus-free and true-to-type foundation stock has been made available to California nurseries by establishing certified foundation trees in the Foundation Plant Services Facility in Davis California. In addition, California nurseries have been provided approximately 30,000 buds of advanced UCD selection *Early#5* in order to provide cooperating growers with large numbers of commercial trees to establish accelerated regional field testing for this promising *Andross*-season selection. Preliminary, 2015 data from regional plantings of the more promising advanced selections are provided in the accompanying table. The data represent the averages from multiple, replicated harvests. These, along with approximately 300 breeding selections, were processed in the summer of 2015 at the Mondavi food science pilot plant with canned samples to be evaluated for fruit quality in the winter 2016. *UltraEarly#1* continued to look promising despite the low chill conditions during the previous winter. A scattered bloom delayed its first harvest until approximately one week before *Loadel*. The compact selections (approximately 1/2 to 2/3 standard height) continued to show good productivity and fruit quality. A second unique aspect of this semi-dominant trait is a strong suppression of epicormic or water-sprout growth resulting in a much more manageable tree during pruning. Alternative pruning strategies are currently under testing with cooperating growers as well as hedging trials in Davis and Winters California. Selection *Early#5* continues to look promising in standard, intensively-cropped, as well as delayed harvest trials in the Sacramento and northern San Joaquin Valley, while *Early#6* also continues to demonstrate good productivity and fruit quality in standard plantings. No adverse effects of low winter-chill/scattered bloom were observed in these advanced selections. The variety *Goodwin*, which had split-pit levels comparable to *Andross* prior to its release in the mid-2000s, has shown an increasing vulnerability to split-pits with the increasing warmer winters and thus may be an early victim of climate change. (The increase in split pits is believed to be due to both lower general chilling as well as high heat events in January which affect later ovule/seed development).

A number of promising breeding selections have been identified which have consistently shown good performance in 2014 and 2015 and ripen in the target periods of *Extra-Early*, *Early*, and *Extra Late*. Many also show good fruit firmness, including ability to hold on the tree for extended periods after full-ripe, and resistance to fruit brown rot and flesh bruising making them amenable to once-over and possibly machine harvest. Evaluations will continue for these items into 2016-17 while concurrently promoting the establishment of regional grower trials for the most promising selections.

Selection	Ripe date	Color (RGB scores)	Red in Pit (0=none, 9=color bleed.)	Fragments (0=none, 9=1+ per fruit)	Fresh Fruit firmness (lbs)	Firmness Stand. Dev.	Germplasm donor source	Seed	Pollen
<i>UltraEarly#1</i>	7/9	211,168,11	0	0	5.9	0.8	<i>Brazil</i>	PG8-6	Conserva 431
<i>Compact#2</i>	7/14	211, 143, 46	2	0	6.3	1.8	<i>Mutation</i>	F10E22-59	Self-pollination
<b>Kader</b>	7/18	185, 130, 37	0	0	5.7	2.0	<i>Standard</i>	Ross	R1-1
<i>Early#5</i>	7/20	205, 147, 1	0	0	5.8	1.4	<i>Standard</i>	Loadel	F10E,6-27
<i>Early#6</i>	7/16	238, 177, 14	0	0	6.6	1.1	<i>S. Africa</i>	Woltemade	91,17-195
<i>Compact#3</i>	8/18	217, 147, 1	0	1	6.4	1.6	<i>Mutation</i>	D45-7	F10E22-59
<i>Late#2</i>	8/22	220,148,2	0	0	6.6	1.0	<i>Standard</i>	F9,66-3	F9,17-45