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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE
Major Amendment to the California Pistachio Research Program

To All Interested Parties:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) recently conducted a referendum vote of pistachio producers in California to determine whether a proposed major amendment to the California Pistachio Research Program should be implemented. The voting concluded on April 25, 2017 and the Department has tallied the ballots. The results (presented below) meet the approval requirements specified in the California Marketing Act. Based upon this supportive vote of the pistachio industry, the Department has implemented the proposed amendment effective June 1, 2017.

Voting Results	
Portion of all eligible pistachio producers who submitted valid ballots:	49.4%
Portion of voting producers in favor of the amendment:	69.7%
Portion of the voted volume represented by producers in favor of the amendments:	82.1%

The amendment increases the maximum assessment rate allowable from one-half cent (\$0.005) to one and one-half cents (\$0.015) per pound of assessable weight of pistachios. An updated version of the California Pistachio Research Program will be made available on the Marketing Branch website at www.cdfa.ca.gov/mkt/mkt/ordslaws.html.

If you have questions regarding this industry vote, please call Kacie Fritz of this office at 916-900-5018. If you have questions about the activities of the California Pistachio Research Board, please call Bob Klein, Board Manager, at 559-225-6480.

Sincerely,

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