

## Job Description Harvesting Working Group

**Working Group Mission:** Develop and implement innovative harvesting practices that are practical and economically viable, and that minimize dust, maximize almond quality/safety, and ensure the safety of farm workers

### Member Responsibilities:

- Anticipated two all day in-person meetings per fiscal year, periodic conference calls, and review of materials, proposals, and budgets
- Reimagine almond harvesting to reduce harvest dust, and improve food safety, orchard floor management, and byproduct utilization
- Related policy and program development
- Review research proposals and make funding recommendations
- Review relevant research and guide staff and researchers on what is needed for the industry as a whole
- Provide direction and guidance to the Research Manager in the fielding of Requests For Proposals (RFPs), selection of research projects, management of researchers, and reporting, archiving and disseminating of research results
- Support ABC harvest outreach program and development of demonstration projects
- Report to the Strategic Ag Innovation Committee (SAIC) and take direction as appropriate
- Liaise with other Committees and working groups as necessary

### Member Target Skill Sets/Expertise (one or more of the following):

- Ability to analyze research and recommend outreach needs
- Understand almond growing, canopy management and varieties, and how they relate to harvest
- Familiar with current and future horticultural and harvesting practices, including techniques to reduce environmental impacts, particularly in air quality, from almond harvesting
- Willing to engage in strategic thinking around changes in almond cultivation and harvest
- Food safety risks from harvest (e.g., Salmonella)
- Knowledge of regulatory issues including air quality and worker safety
- Knowledge of government, foundations, and other incentive programs
- Outreach to growers and development of relevant communication pieces
- Work well with cross functional working groups on proposals and projects

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Committee Membership Statement of Interest
Harvesting Working Group Member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Industry Affiliation: Grower Handler Allied Industry Other \_\_\_\_\_

The Harvesting Task Force regularly seeks experience and expertise in the following areas. Please check all that apply to you and provide relevant detail:

- Harvest equipment manufacturing: \_\_\_\_\_
Custom harvesting: \_\_\_\_\_
Low-dust harvest techniques: \_\_\_\_\_
Grower regulatory compliance: \_\_\_\_\_
Air quality and/ or worker safety regulations: \_\_\_\_\_
Variety development: \_\_\_\_\_
Research: \_\_\_\_\_
Sustainability or CASP program: \_\_\_\_\_
Food safety: \_\_\_\_\_
Government and/ or foundation incentive programs: \_\_\_\_\_
Grower outreach: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate previous volunteer/leadership positions you have held with the Almond Board of California:

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Please indicate previous volunteer/leadership positions you have held other than with the Almond Board of California:

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