

## Job Description

### Orchard, Tree, Rootstock Working Group

**Working Group Mission:** Identification of advanced research to develop rootstocks, varieties, and orchard management practices to improve orchard health, efficiency, and reduce environmental impacts while maintaining or improving desirable almond characteristics

#### Member Responsibilities:

- Anticipated two all day in-person meetings per fiscal year, periodic conference calls, and review of materials, proposals, and budgets
- Prioritize Orchard, Tree, and Rootstock issues for ABC attention and response
- Related policy and program development
- Review 10-20 research proposals per year, 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
- 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
- Knowledge and experience in variety performance and development
- Knowledge and experience in rootstock performance and development
- Knowledge and experience in current and innovative canopy management
- Professional experience in biotech, genetics, or nursery management
- Outreach to growers and development of relevant communication pieces
- Work well with cross functional working groups on proposals and projects
- Willingness to consider trends in research, regulation, the market place, and growing that may affect focus of research projects

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Committee Membership Statement of Interest
Orchard, Tree, Rootstock Working Group Member

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

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

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

- Horticulture: \_\_\_\_\_
Variety development: \_\_\_\_\_
Rootstock development: \_\_\_\_\_
Canopy management: \_\_\_\_\_
Spray rig and harvest equipment manufacturing: \_\_\_\_\_
Pollination: \_\_\_\_\_
Almond marketing and global trade: \_\_\_\_\_
Research: \_\_\_\_\_
Plant diseases: \_\_\_\_\_
Crop inputs: \_\_\_\_\_

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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