

Job Description

Pollination and Bee Health Working Group

Working Group Mission: Provide a safe, nutritional environment for pollinators in almonds, ensuring a sufficient and affordable supply of honey bees for almond pollination, and reducing reliance on honey bees in the long term

Member Responsibilities:

- Anticipated two all day in-person meetings per fiscal year, periodic conference calls, and review of materials, proposals, and budgets
- Prioritize issues for ABC attention and response related to honey bee health
- 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
- Support 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
- Support development of demonstration projects

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

- Ability to analyze research and recommend outreach needs
- Awareness of trends in self-compatible varieties, expanded forage areas and combination of honey bees/native pollinators
- Interest in leveraging alliances and partnerships
- Relevant professional experience (e.g., beekeeper, apiculture research, apiculture association, farmer)
- Policy experience around pesticides, impacts to bees, best management practices (BMPs), regulations
- Knowledgeable of relevant NRCS and other programs and policies on forage compatible with almond cultivation
- 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

For further information, contact Bob Curtis (rcurtis@almondboard.com, 209-604-0385)



Committee Membership Statement of Interest
Pollination and Bee Health Working Group Member

Name: _____ Company: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Industry Affiliation: Grower Handler Allied Industry Other _____

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

- Beekeeping and pollination: _____
Entomology/Integrated Pest Management: _____
Bee and pesticide best practices: _____
Variety development: _____
Sustainability or CASP program: _____
Relevant regulatory knowledge: _____
Government and/ or foundation incentive programs: _____
Research: _____
Grower outreach: _____

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

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