



October 10, 2022

**NOMINATIONS REQUESTED FOR THE CALIFORNIA CATTLE COUNCIL  
FOR THE 2023-2025 TERM OF OFFICE**

**TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE CALIFORNIA  
CATTLE INDUSTRY:**

The term of office for four members and four alternate members on the California Cattle Council (Council) expire at the end of this year. Therefore, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) is requesting nominations for filling these positions from organizations and individuals in the California cattle industry. The next three-year term of office will begin on January 1, 2023 and continue through December 31, 2025. The Council conducts educational programs, government relations activities, and research related to sustainability, management practices and regulatory compliance. The Council's activities are funded by assessments on cattle and calves marketed in California.

The California Cattle Council consists of 11 members and their alternates: three of the members represent cattle feeders, three represent range cattle producers, three represent dairy producers, one represents processors, and one represents the general public. All members and alternate members serve three-year terms of office, which are staggered so that one-third of the Council's positions come up for appointment each year.

Enclosed with this notice is a roster listing the current members and alternate members of the Council. Positions printed in *italics* have a term of office expiring at the end of this year. These positions will be filled through this year's nomination and appointment process. All individuals with an expiring term of office are eligible for re-appointment to their current position.

Organizations or individuals interested in making nominations must complete a nomination form and return it to the Department's Marketing Branch for consideration. Nominations must be postmarked or otherwise received by **November 8, 2022**. For your convenience, we are enclosing a nomination form and a postage-paid return

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envelope. A single nomination form should be used to nominate only one individual. If you desire to make more than one nomination, you may make additional copies the nomination form. Please make sure that each individual nominated is actively engaged in the category for which he or she is being nominated and is willing to serve on the Council.

Completed forms may be submitted to:

California Department of Food & Agriculture  
Marketing Branch  
Ben Kardokus  
1220 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5603

Completed forms may also be sent by email to: [ben.kardokus@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:ben.kardokus@cdfa.ca.gov)

If you have questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Justin Oldfield, Executive Director of the California Cattle Council, at (916) 444-2697 or Ben Kardokus with the Department's Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5018.

Sincerely,



Joe Monson, Branch Chief  
Marketing Branch

Enclosures

**CALIFORNIA CATTLE COUNCIL**  
TERMS ENDING ON DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> OF THE YEAR INDICATED

<b>Cattle Feeders</b>					
<b>Members</b>			<b>Alternates</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Mike Smith	Fresno	2024	Brad Peek	Tehama	2024
William Brandenburg	Imperial	2023	Julie Belezouli-Hathaway	Kings	2023
<i>Jesse Larios</i>	<i>Imperial</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>Rodger Guess</i>	<i>Tulare</i>	<i>2022</i>

<b>Range Cattle Producers</b>					
<b>Members</b>			<b>Alternates</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Beverly Bigger	Ventura	2024	Kevin Kester	Ventura	2024
Sam Avila	Fresno	2023	Sherri Brennan	Tuolumne	2023
<i>David Daley</i>	<i>Butte</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>Sheila Bowen</i>	<i>Kern</i>	<i>2022</i>

<b>Dairy Producers</b>					
<b>Members</b>			<b>Alternates</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Jennifer Beretta	Sonoma	2024	Frank Mendonsa	Tulare	2024
Tyler Ribeiro	Tulare	2023	Darlene Idsinga	Kings	2023
<i>Cody Nicholson-Stratton</i>	<i>Humboldt</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>Rodney Kamper</i>	<i>Fresno</i>	<i>2022</i>

<b>Processors</b>					
<b>Member</b>			<b>Alternate</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
<i>Sarah Mora</i>	<i>Humboldt</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>Brian Coelho</i>	<i>Fresno</i>	<i>2022</i>

<b>Public Representatives</b>					
(Nominated by the Council Members)					
<b>Member</b>			<b>Alternate</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Garrett Colburn	SLO	2022	Chelsea Minor	Sacramento	2022

Positions for which nominations are being requested are denoted in *italics*

**CALIFORNIA CATTLE COUNCIL  
2023-2025 NOMINATION FORM**

**Final Filing Date  
November 8, 2022**

**Prepare a separate form  
for each person nominated.**

**NOMINATION:**

I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Person Nominated)

of \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address City Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number Email Address

a resident of California, to serve on the California Cattle Council for the term of office beginning January 1, 2023 and continuing through December 31, 2025. **Please be sure that the person nominated is actively engaged in the category for which he or she is nominated.**

Please check (✓) the appropriate box below to indicate the position applicable to your nomination.

Category	Member	Alternate
Cattle Feeder		
Range Cattle Producer		
Dairy Producer		
Processor		

Section 65015 of the Council Law prescribes the following additional criteria for the Department to consider when making appointments to the California Cattle Council: "The secretary shall appoint members and alternates to the council to reflect the diversity of California's cattle industry, including women and minority-owned businesses, varying beef and dairy products, and cattle producers varying in size from small to large based on the total number of animals raised" **Please complete the Nominee Information Questionnaire on the following page to submit with this nomination form.**

**PERSON OR ORGANIZATION SUBMITTING NOMINATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed) Name of organization (if any)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (and title if representing an organization) Telephone Number

**Please return this form using one of the following options:**

- By mail in the postage-paid return envelope (if provided); or
- By mail to: CDFA Marketing Branch, Attn: Ben Kardokus, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; or
- By email to: [ben.kardokus@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:ben.kardokus@cdfa.ca.gov)

## 2023-2025 NOMINATION FORM CONTINUED

### *Nominee Information Questionnaire*

Nominee's name:						
County or counties where nominee's cattle are raised:						
Size of cattle operation (Check the appropriate box to the right)	Small: <i>(100 head or less)</i>	Medium: <i>(101 to 500 head)</i>	Large: <i>(501 head or more)</i>			
Gender: (Check the appropriate box to the right)	Male		Female			
Is nominee's operation a minority-owned business? (Check the appropriate box to the right)	Yes		No			
If a minority-owned business, what qualifies the business as minority-owned? (List qualification in the box to the right)	Qualification:					
Cattle raised primarily for: (Check the appropriate box to the right)	Beef and beef products:		Dairy:		Other:	
Production method utilized: (Check the appropriate box or boxes to the right) <sup>1</sup>	Conventional:	Organic:	Grass-fed:	Kosher:	Halal:	Other:
Please list any other qualifications or provide additional information about the nominee (Optional):						

<sup>1</sup> Reference Section 65001(c) of the California Cattle Council Law