

RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

ADMINISTERING THE FEDERAL MARKETING
AGREEMENT AND ORDER REGULATING THE
HANDLING OF CALIFORNIA RAISINS

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RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE **MEETING NOTICE**

IN-PERSON & TELECONFERENCE

September 27, 2023

TO: Members and Alternates of the Raisin Administrative Committee

SUBJECT: Notice of Meeting

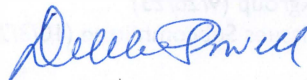
Chairman Monte Schutz has scheduled a Meeting of the Raisin Administrative Committee for **Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.** in the RAC Conference Room, 2445 Capitol Street, Suite 200, Fresno, California 93721, and by teleconference (GoToMeeting).

The Committee will review the Crop Estimates, Review Factors per Section 989.54(e), Recommend the RAC Marketing Policy for 2023 and hear reports from the Executive Committee, Research Workgroup, and the Administrative Issues Subcommittee.

An Executive session may be called.

The RAC office is open and members/alternates are encouraged to attend in person. **Members who will be participating via teleconference call by dialing in using their phone or connecting online, see the information below.**

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Debbie Powell
President/General Manager

Date: **Thursday, October 5, 2023**

Time: **3:30 p.m.**

Place: **RAC Conference Room**

2445 Capitol Street, Suite 200 • Fresno, CA 93721

Login: **Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.**

<https://meet.goto.com/RaisinAdminCmte/racmeetings>

Or

You can dial in using your phone.

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Access Code: 497-974-077

CC: Ms. Kathie Notoro, USDA

Mr. Barry Broadbent, USDA

Mr. Jeremy Sasselli, USDA

Mr. Jesse Lujan, USDA

Mr. Gary Olson, USDA

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations including special meals, or who require alternative means of communication (braille, large print, audiotape, language translation or interpretation, etc.) should contact the RAC prior to the meeting.

"The Raisin Administrative Committee accepts and adopts the concept of diversity" (per the action of the RAC on 2/11/00)

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AGENDA OF THE RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday
October 5, 2023

The RAC office is open and members/alternates are encouraged to attend in person. The RAC office is practicing social distancing, disinfecting, and following recommended safety protocols. Masks are no longer required.

1. Call to Order – 3:30 pm
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes – August 16, 2023 Teleconference
4. USDA/Inspections Report
 - a. Approvals
 - b. Replacement Members Approved by Secretary
5. Management Report
 - a. Government Purchase Update (Entitlement/Section 32/Biden Buy \$1 billion)
 - b. Rulemaking/Referendum Update
 - c. International Conference of Dried Grape Producing Countries
 - d. California Dried Fruit Coalition (CDFC)
6. Review the Crop Estimate Worksheet
7. Review & Discuss Factors per Section 989.54(e) and Recommend the RAC Marketing Policy for 2023
8. Report from Subcommittees & Workgroups
 - a. Executive Committee (9/13/23)
 - b. Research Workgroup (9/28/23)
 - c. Administrative Issues Subcommittee (10/3/23)
9. Other Business
 - a. Future Meetings
 - i. November 29, 2023
 - ii. Audit Subcommittee – December 20, 2023 (Year-end Financials)
 - iii. Multiple Rulemaking Workgroup and Administrative Issues Subcommittee meetings ongoing through December
 - iv. Export Workgroups
10. Adjournment

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Parking for persons with disabilities is available in the visitor parking on Capitol Street. The accessible entrance to the RAC Office is located on the north side of the building. Use the elevators for access to the 2nd floor offices.

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