



**RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE**

ORIENTATION 2024/26

PURPOSE OF THE RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE



- Administer the Raisin Marketing Order 989, est. 1949 under the Ag Marketing Agreement Act of 1937
- Make recommendations to USDA regarding raisin programs, amendments and rules/regulations.
- Allows growers and handlers to work together to solve marketing problems in the raisin industry.

In Essence,
The RAC monitors production/shipments of raisins in California, recommends grades/standards rules, markets to international markets, and performs research.

FUNDING

- ASSESSMENT ON HANDLERS ●
- USDA – FOREIGN AG SERVICE MARKET ACCESS GRANT ●
- CDFA – SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT ●



ADMINISTRATION & OVERSIGHT



47 MEMBER COMMITTEE



YEAR-ROUND STAFF

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USDA/AMS - CAMFO

Peter Sommers, Marketing Specialist

BASIC ROLE OF A RAC MEMBER

REPRESENT THE INDUSTRY

DEVELOP CONSENSUS

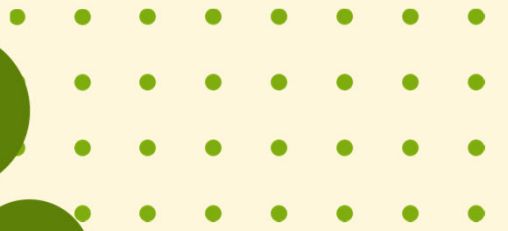
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO USDA

EMPLOY PRESIDENT & STAFF



FISCAL YEAR

AUGUST 1 - JULY 31



SOME MAJOR PRINCIPLES

- FORMAL AND INFORMAL RULEMAKING ●
- and ●
- FORMAL THROUGH INFORMAL RULEMAKING ●
- REVIEW YEAR END STATISTICS (8/15) ●
- CROP ESTIMATE & MARKETING POLICY (10/5) ●
- EXPORT MARKETING ●
- COMPLIANCE ●

PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE

(THE VERY BASICS)

PURPOSE OF PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURES



Brings Organization to a Meeting

Preserves the Wishes of the Majority

Protects the Rights of the Minority

THINGS TO CONSIDER

KEEP THE MOTION SIMPLE

BE CONSIDERATE

RESPECT THE CHAIRMAN

GET A SECOND

BE SMART ABOUT YOUR DEBATE

BE SURE TO TAKE A VOTE

MOTIONS

REFER TO PGS 7-12 IN PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURES

1. Main Motion

a. Incidental

b. Subsidiary (change or delay action on the main motion)

i. Amend

ii. Postpone

iii. Refer to a Committee

iv. Table



VOTES

- **Simple Majority**
 - A simple majority is one more than half of the advisory group members present.
- **2/3 Majority**
 - at least 2/3 of the votes cast by persons legally entitled to vote
- **90% required to add an RAC agenda item**
 - when a motion to add items to the agenda for discussion/approval
- **Voice Vote**
 - The chairperson asks those in favor to say "aye," those opposed to say "no."
- **Roll Call Vote**
 - Each member answers "yes" or "no" as his name is called. This method is used when a record of each person's vote is required.
- **Secret Ballot**
 - Members write their vote on a slip of paper; this method is used when secrecy is desired.

