



California Date Commission

NOTICE & AGENDA

RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024
Time: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Place: Date Commission Office
39-205 Leopard Street, Suite E, Palm Desert / Office (760) 347-4510

Join Meeting via computer on ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5475170091> or

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- 1) Call to Order – Chairman Gordon Chuchian, Sun Date LLC
 - 2) Roll Call & Establish Quorum

Handler Member

Gordon Chuchian, Sun Date LLC
Bob Harrick, Woodspur Farms
George Jeffrey, Pacific Date Corporation
Albert Keck, Hadley Date Gardens
Greg Kirkjan, Desert Valley Date
Mark Tadros, Aziz Farms

Handler Alternate

Anthony Bianco, Sun Date LLC
Stacy Creasy, Woodspur Farms
Jesse Nunez, Pacific Date Corporation
Sean Dougherty, Hadley Date Gardens
Christopher Rogers, Desert Valley Date
Tony Somohano, Del Rey Farms

- 3) Introductions
- 4) Public Comments on Agenda Items

5) NEW BUSINESS

a. Research Presentations:

- *Robert Krueger, USDA-ARS-NCGRCD - Developing fertilization standards
- *Glenn Wright, Yuma Agriculture Center - Bunch thinning using plant hormones
- *Christopher Simmons, UC Davis - Biosolarization using reclaimed date paste for weed control
- *Ali Montazar, UC Cooperative Extension - Developing irrigation management tools
- *Philippe Rolshausen, UC Riverside – Black mold study update (via video)
- *Cal Poly SLO – Investigating health/body composition improvement potential of dates

6) OLD BUSINESS

7) ADJOURNMENT

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