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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App 2, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will meet October 27–29, 2010. The public may file written comments before or up to two weeks after the meeting with the contact person.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Hotel Palomar, 2121 P Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037. Written comments from the public may be sent to the Contact Person identified in this notice at: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 3901 South Building, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0321, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–0321.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Robert Burk, Executive Director or Shirley Morgan-Jordan, Program Support Coordinator, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; telephone: (202) 720–3684; fax: (202) 720–6199; or e-mail: Robert.Burk@ars.usda.gov or Shirley.Morgan@ars.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Honorable Secretary of Agriculture Tom

Vilsack, and the Under Secretary of Research, Education, and Economics have been invited to provide brief remarks and welcome the new Board members during the meeting.

On Wednesday, October 27, 2010, an orientation session for new members and interested incumbent members will be held from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. (noon). The full Advisory Board will convene at 12 p.m. (noon) with introductory remarks by the Chair of the Advisory Board. The afternoon session will include: Brief introductions of new Board members, incumbents, and guests; comments from a variety of distinguished leaders, experts, and departmental personnel; items of board business; and will conclude with comments from the public. Specific items on the afternoon session will include the return on investment in USDA and partnering institution's research, extension, education, and economic programs and their impact on the productivity of agriculture. The meeting will adjourn by 5 p.m.

On Thursday, October 28, 2010, the Board will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. Presentations and discussions throughout the day will include congressional staff and agency administrators, and will focus on the evaluation of the trajectory and focus of funding for the Research, Education, and Economics mission area. Agency leaders will provide information for the Board to consider while developing recommendations regarding future funding directions. The meeting will adjourn by 5 p.m.

On Friday, October 29, 2010, the Board plans to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. to discuss initial recommendations resulting from the meeting and future planning for the Board, and to finalize Board business for the meeting. Opportunity for public comment will be offered each day of the meeting. The Board Meeting will adjourn by 12 p.m. (noon) on Friday, October 29, 2010.

Written comments by attendees or other interested stakeholders will be welcomed for the public record before and up to two weeks following the Board meeting (by close of business Friday, November 12, 2010). All statements will become a part of the official record of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public

review in the Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office.

Done at Washington, DC, September 29, 2010.

Ann Bartuska,

Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS FV–10–0076; FV10–983–2NC]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection for Pistachios

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to the forms currently used to collect information under Federal Marketing Order No. 983, for pistachios grown in California, Arizona, and New Mexico. This notice also announces AMS' intention to merge two form packages into one.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 6, 2010.

Additional Information: Contact Lillie Zeng, Marketing Specialist, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237; (202) 690–3870, Fax: (202) 720–8938, or e-mail: Weiya.Zeng@ams.usda.gov. Small businesses may request information on this notice by contacting Antoinette Carter, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237; telephone (202) 690–3919, Fax: (202) 720–8938, or e-mail: Antoinette.Carter@ams.usda.gov.

Comments: Comments should reference the document number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**, and be mailed to the Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable

Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1406-S, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or submitted through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments should reference OMB No. 0581-0215 and the Marketing Order for Pistachios Grown in California, Arizona and New Mexico, M.O. No. 983, and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular USDA business hours at 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC, Room 1406-S.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Pistachios Grown in California, Arizona and New Mexico, Marketing Order No. 983.

OMB Number: 0581-0215.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2011.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (AMAA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), fresh fruits, vegetables and specialty crop industries can enter into marketing order programs which provide an opportunity for producers, in a specified production area, to work together to solve marketing problems and ensure adequate supplies of high quality product and returns to producers. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to oversee the order operations and issue regulations recommended by a committee of representatives from each commodity industry.

The pistachio marketing order regulates the handling of pistachios grown in California, Arizona and New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the order, (7 CFR part 983). The order authorizes grade and size requirements, as well as a requirement for aflatoxin testing on domestic shipments only.

The order authorizes the Administrative Committee for Pistachios (Committee) to locally administer the order, and require handlers and producers to submit certain information in order to effectively implement the requirements of the order, and fulfill the intent of the AMAA, as expressed in order, as well as assist the industry in carrying out marketing decisions. Only authorized employees of the Committee, and authorized representatives of the USDA, including AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs' regional and headquarter's staff have access to information provided on the forms.

Requesting public comments on the forms described below is part of the process to obtain approval through the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Forms needing OMB approval are contained in OMB No. 0581-0215 and include forms for committee nominations and ballots for producers (FV-245 and FV-246) and handlers (FV-245A and FV-244), as well as background statements for those nominated who agree to serve on the Committee (FV-243). In addition, all producers and/or handlers in the regulated area are required to sign a marketing order agreement (FV-242), and referendums on amendments to (FV-240A), and continuation of (FV-240), the order. There are also forms to report on receipts/assessments (ACP-1), minimal testing for aflatoxins (ACP-5), inter-handler transfer (ACP-6), inventory shipments (ACP-7), producer delivery (ACP-8), exemptions for handlers (ACP-4), and failed lot notifications (ACP-2) and dispositions (ACP-3).

AMS intends to merge OMB packets No. 0581-0215, "Pistachios Grown in California," and No. 0581-0256, "Pistachios Grown in CA (Recommended Decision AZ and NM)". By doing so, OMB packet No. 0581-0215 forms will also cover the New Mexico and Arizona regions of the marketing order.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 17 minutes per response.

Respondents: Pistachio producers, handlers and testing laboratories.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 821.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 893.2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 206.90 hours.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of the information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 30, 2010.

David R. Shipman,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Coconino Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Coconino Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Flagstaff, Arizona. The purpose of the meeting is to receive training on Resource Advisory Committees and National Environmental Policy Act, Travel Reimbursement procedures, establish proposal meeting dates, and proposal outreach. No proposals will be heard at this meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 28, 2010, beginning at 1 p.m. to approximately 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Ponderosa Room of the Coconino County Health Department, 2625 N. King St., Flagstaff, Arizona 86004. Send written comments to Brady Smith, RAC Coordinator, Coconino Resource Advisory Committee, c/o Forest Service, USDA, 1824 S. Thompson St., Flagstaff, Arizona 86001 or electronically to bradysmith@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brady Smith, Coconino National Forest, (928) 527-3490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items for this meeting include discussion about (1) Training about Resource Advisory Committees; (2) Training about National Environmental Policy Act; (3) Travel Reimbursement procedures; (4) Options for project proposal outreach. The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: September 30, 2010.

M. Earl Stewart,

Forest Supervisor, Coconino National Forest.

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