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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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VIA Electronic Submission

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Re: Renewable Energy for Agriculture Program (REAP)

The Wonderful Company LLC ("Wonderful") appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to the California Energy Commission ("CEC") regarding the proposed structuring of the Renewable Energy for Agriculture Program (REAP).

Wonderful and its related entities farm and process almonds, pistachios, citrus, pomegranates, nursery stock, and wine grapes throughout California. Every year we grow, harvest, package and ship healthy products to our customers on a global scale. The REAP program is a critical tool for helping California agriculture expand its environmental stewardship to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gases. As such, we respectfully make the following requests as the CEC moves forward with program implementation

- 1) The CEC ensure that funding is available to eligible agricultural entities in order to update and modernize food processing equipment, including dryers;
- 2) There be no monetary cap on awards in order to foster the potential for projects of all sizes;
- 3) The CEC streamline compliance efforts for fund recipients to reduce the regulatory burdens associated with documenting and reporting; and
- 4) The CEC keep to the current schedule to and encumber funds by June 30, 2019 to ensure these projects are completed in a timely manner.

We would be happy to discuss our recommendations at your convenience and look forward to providing further input as the program develops.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa Poole".

Melissa Poole
Senior Counsel/Director of Government Affairs