

CITRUS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

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WANTED: NEW CAC MEMBERS WITH MORE DIVERSITY

LAKELAND –The Florida Citrus Administrative Committee (CAC) is actively seeking new committee members, especially women and minorities, small grove and packinghouse owners, and organic growers and shippers. The CAC, which administers Florida’s fresh citrus marketing order, aims to be representative of the entire industry.

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George Hamner, Jr., a grower/shipper and Chairman of the Citrus Administrative Committee for the 2014-15 season, said the committee’s efforts to increase diversity on the committee will continue with manger Duke Chadwell reaching out to the citrus industry, which has been successful over the past few seasons.

Hamner and Chadwell are urging any interested and qualified women and minorities, small grove and packinghouse owners, and organic growers and shippers to contact Chadwell. His email is Duke@citrusadministrativecommittee.org; his phone is (863) 670-0278.

Nomination meetings for grower members of the committee will be held in April & May and those interested should contact Chadwell prior to that date. Shipper member nominations are scheduled to be held in May and those interested in those positions should contact Chadwell by mid April. Information about the location and times of the nomination meetings may be found on the CAC’s webpage www.citrusadministrativecommittee.org.

Membership on the committee is a volunteer job, but members are paid for their travel to meeting, usually about two to three times a year.

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