



CALIFORNIA WALNUT BOARD & COMMISSION

Rancidity Task Force (RTF) Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

11:00 a.m.

California Walnut Board and Commission Office

110 Woodmere Road, Ste 250

Folsom, CA 95630

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AGENDA

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Members:

Sam Nevis, Chairperson

Aaron Martella

Ben Walsh

Brent Barton

Davin Norene

Gordon Heinrich

Gus Mariani

James Cantrell

Jeff Sleeper

Kenny Dickens

Kiran Black

Ron Keyawa

Sean Hails

Tim Sambado

Ulash Turkhan

C. Introductions

D. Overview of RTF Functions

- ◆ Task Force purpose and goals
- ◆ Meeting cadence/frequency
- ◆ Key outcomes & actions this group can perform
- ◆ General expectations of RTF members

E. Discussion

- ◆ Key priorities and expertise of each RTF member
- ◆ Ideas and initiatives the group is interested in pursuing

F. Other Business

G. Time and Place of Next Meeting

H. Adjournment

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