Government Delegates

Lieutenant Governor’s Office

Amb. (RET.) Eleni Kounalakis, Lt. Governor of California

Ambassador Eleni Kounalakis was sworn in as the 50th Lieutenant Governor of California by Governor Gavin Newsom on January 7th, 2019. She is the first woman elected Lt. Governor of California. A native Californian, she visited each of the state’s 58 counties during her historic campaign. From 2010 until 2013, she served as the U.S. Ambassador to Hungary, appointed by President Barack Obama. During her service, Ambassador Kounalakis received two Meritorious Honor awards from the U.S. Department of State. Kounalakis is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley Haas School of Business, where she received her M.B.A. in 1992. She holds an honorary doctorate of laws from the American College of Greece. Previously, Ambassador Kounalakis served as a member of the California State World Trade Commission, The California First Five Commission and the San Francisco War Memorial. She lives with her husband and two children in San Francisco.

Panorea Avdis, Chief of Staff

Panorea Avdis was named Chief of Staff to Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis in January 2019. Previously, she was Director of GO-Biz, where she was appointed in 2012 by Governor Brown. Prior to that, she was Chief of Staff to Sacramento County Supervisor Phil Serna, Director of External Affairs at the California Department of Housing and Community Development under Gov. Schwarzenegger, and held several positions in the administration of Gov. Gray Davis.

Evan Reade, International Affairs Advisor

Evan G. Reade joined the staff of California Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis in July 2019 following a 27-year career as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State. Between 2014 and 2016, he was assigned to the White House on the National Security Council staff as Director for Western Europe. Prior to that, he was the U.S. Consul General in Strasbourg, France and, concurrently, the U.S. Observer to the Council of Europe.
Other overseas assignments include as Foreign Policy Advisor to the commander of U.S. Army forces in the Middle East, First Secretary for Political Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, Deputy Counselor for Political-Military Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Consul and chief of consular operations at the U.S. Consulate General in Casablanca, Morocco, Second Secretary for Political Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Tunis, Tunisia, and Vice Consul at the U.S. Embassy in Bridgetown, Barbados.

**Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development**

**John “Bud” Colligan, Senior Advisor for International Affairs and Trade**

Bud Colligan is Senior Advisor for International Affairs and Trade at the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz). He was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom in March 2019 to oversee GO-Biz’s international activities. Colligan has a long career in international business, economic development, and tech leadership. He was previously co-Founder and co-Chairman of the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership from 2014 to 2019. He was a partner at Accel Partners, a global venture capital firm, from 1998 to 2015 and Chief Executive Officer at Macromedia, a multimedia software company, from 1989 to 1997. He held multiple positions at Apple from 1983 to 1988, including International Product Manager-Macintosh and Director of Higher Education Marketing. Colligan has a Bachelor of Science of Foreign Service from Georgetown University and an MBA from Stanford University.

**Diana Dominguez, Special Advisor for International Affairs and Trade**

Diana Dominguez is Special Advisor for International Affairs and Trade at GO-Biz. She joined the GO-Biz team in October 2015. She serves as the primary manager between GO-Biz and CDFA in overseeing the implementation of California State Trade Expansion Program (STEP). Prior, Diana oversaw International Special Projects at the California Centers for International Trade Development from 2008 to 2015. Diana has a BA in political science with an emphasis in international relations from the University of California, Davis.
Max Oltersdorf, Deputy Director, International Affairs and Trade

Max Oltersdorf is Deputy Director for International Affairs and Trade at GO-Biz. He was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom in June 2019. Oltersdorf previously was a Co-Founder of Quiddity Group Inc., a start-up focused on streamlining the business sale process. Prior, Oltersdorf was appointed by President Barack Obama as Director of Private Sector Engagement at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, the team within the White House that handles U.S. trade policy. Oltersdorf has a BA in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

Maria Onorato, International Analyst

Maria Onorato is an International Analyst who joined the GO-Biz team in May 2019. She has previous experience in investment consulting in San Francisco. She has a BA in International Relations focused on economic development from University of California, Davis and an MA in International Trade and Economic Diplomacy from Middlebury Institute in Monterey.

Carlos Valderrama, International Trade Specialist, Americas

Carlos J. Valderrama is International Trade Specialist, Americas at GO-Biz. Previously Carlos was President of the Center for Global Trade & Foreign Investment at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce where he was responsible for developing and implementing programs to create employment and economic growth by fostering global trade and investment for Los Angeles Metropolitan Area businesses. Carlos has served as the Director of Latin American Operations for two prominent law firms in Los Angeles. He was responsible for structuring joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, exporting, importing and investment business relationships between U.S., European, and Pacific Rim and Latin American firms.
Agency Representatives

Caroline Beteta, President & CEO, Visit California

Caroline Beteta serves as President & CEO of the industry-led Visit California, a nonprofit organization created to market California as a premier travel destination and to increase the state’s share of tourism-related revenues. She simultaneously serves as the Director of Tourism in California’s Governor’s Office of Business & Economic Development (GO-Biz). Beteta is responsible for implementing Visit California’s $131 million global marketing program and serves as the lead spokesperson for California’s $140.6 billion travel industry. She has shepherded the growth of Visit California into a global marketing franchise delivering millions of visitors and billions of dollars of economic growth to the state every year.

Bryan Early, Chief of Staff, California Energy Commission

Bryan Early is the Chief of Staff to Commissioner Andrew McAllister, who is the lead commissioner for energy efficiency and electricity and natural gas system planning for the California Energy Commission, the state’s primary energy planning office. The divisions that Commissioner McAllister oversees establish statewide efficiency standards for buildings and appliances and produce forecasting and other analytical products to maintain system reliability and aid California in achieving its decarbonization goals. Bryan also advises the Commission on international engagement, particularly with Mexico. Prior to working for Commissioner McAllister, Bryan was a consultant on energy issues for environmental organizations and clean technology companies at Conservation Strategy Group; a legislative aide for California Assemblyman Mike Feuer, and a legislative advocate at the environmental nonprofit Californians Against Waste.
Josh Eddy, State Director of International Affairs, CA Department of Food and Agriculture

Josh Eddy has served as Executive Director of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture since February 2008. As executive director, Mr. Eddy is the liaison between the state board and the CDFA secretary on policy issues and initiatives that impact the agricultural community. In his role at CDFA, Mr. Eddy coordinates international trade activities for the department and assists on federal policy issues. He serves as the state marketing official for the Western United States Agricultural Trade Association and represents the CDFA Secretary within the Border Governors Conference and at the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Eddy is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento.

Yana Garcia, Deputy Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency

Yana Garcia was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom in August 2019 to serve as Deputy Secretary for Environmental Justice, Tribal Affairs and Border Relations at the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA). Prior to her most recent appointment, she served two years at CalEPA as Assistant Secretary for Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs. Before joining CalEPA, Yana was an associate attorney at Earthjustice, in the California regional office in San Francisco. Yana was also a staff attorney at Communities for a Better Environment, serving in Huntington Park and Oakland. Yana holds a degree in politics from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a law degree from Northeastern University School of Law.

Mark S. Ghilarducci, Director, California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services

Mark S. Ghilarducci serves as the Director of the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom. Ghilarducci was appointed January 8, 2019 by Governor Newsom to continue his service as Director, following his appointment on July 1, 2013 by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. Ghilarducci also previously served as Secretary of the California Emergency Management Agency, appointed in February 2012 by Governor Brown. As a member of the Cabinet, Director Ghilarducci serves as the Governor’s Homeland Security Advisor and oversees statewide public safety, emergency management, emergency communications, counter-terrorism efforts and the State Threat Assessment System.
Kate Gordon, Director of Governor’s Office of Planning and Research

Kate Gordon is Director of OPR and Senior Advisor to the Governor on Climate. Prior to being appointed Director of OPR and Senior Advisor to the Governor on Climate by Governor Newsom, she was a Senior Advisor at the Paulson Institute, and was a Fellow at the Center on Global Energy Policy at Columbia University.

Helen Lopez, Assistant Director – International Affairs Office, Governor’s Office of Emergency Services

Helen Lopez is Assistant Director for the International Affairs office at the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). She works with the international community, Consular Core, and foreign nationals on emergency response efforts and coordinates delegation visits for countries from all over the world. She has been instrumental in developing Memoranda of Understanding on emergency management with various countries including Chile, Mexico, Australia, and the Aga Khan Development Network, as well as worked on various binational initiatives, including Governor Trade Missions, California Mexico Wildfire Workgroup, and the Border Governor’s Conference. Ms. Lopez has a long history in public service since 1991 working in various capacities at Cal OES and the Department of Food & Agriculture, including Chief of Staff, Grant Director and Audit Director.

Andrew McAllister, Commissioner, California Energy Commission

Andrew McAllister was appointed to the California Energy Commission by Governor Edmund G. Brown in May, 2012, and reappointed by Governor Gavin Newsom in January 2017. He is lead commissioner on energy efficiency and forecasting. Andrew has worked for 3 decades in a variety of capacities across the utility, energy efficiency and renewable energy arenas. Prior to joining the CEC, he was managing director and policy director of a clean energy non-profit; a consulting project manager in California as well as in many developing countries; and an energy efficiency analyst at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He holds M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from UC Berkeley. He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer.
Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture

Karen Ross was appointed Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture on January 9, 2019 by Governor Gavin Newsom. In re-appointing Secretary Ross, Governor Newsom cited her unmatched leadership experience in agricultural issues nationally, internationally, and here in California; including environmental stewardship, climate change adaptation, and trade. Secretary Ross was initially appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in 2011. Before joining CDFA, Secretary Ross was chief of staff for U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, a position she accepted in 2009. Prior to that appointment, she served as President of the California Association of Winegrape Growers from 1996-2009, and as Vice-President of the Agricultural Council of California from 1989-1996.

California State Legislature

The Honorable Susan Rubio, Senator, California State Senate

Senator Susan Rubio was born in Juarez, Mexico and is now a U.S. citizen. She is the proud daughter of a former bracero worker and housekeeper. She was elected to the California Legislature in 2018. In 2009, she was elected to the Baldwin Park City Council, where she helped balance the city budget during the recession while protecting vital services like public safety. She also worked on policies that gave women equal representation on city commissions, creating domestic violence programs and implementing tougher environmental rules. Senator Rubio represents District 22 in the San Gabriel Valley, which is in the eastern portion of Los Angeles County.

The Honorable Ian Calderon, Majority Leader, CA State Assembly

Majority Leader Ian Calderon was elected in November 2012 to represent California’s 57th Assembly District, becoming the first millennial elected to the State Legislature. A product of the 57th District, prior to his election to the Assembly, Ian worked as a field representative for the Legislature, which allowed him to assist residents in his community to navigate state and local government.
The Honorable Jacqui Irwin, Assemblymember, California State Assembly

Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin was first elected in 2014 to represent California’s 44th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village and the communities of Casa Conejo, Channel Islands Beach, El Rio, Lake Sherwood, Oak Park, and Santa Rosa Valley. As the former Mayor of Thousand Oaks, Irwin understands the importance of working across party lines at the national, state, and local level to help make her community one of the safest places to live and raise a family.

Private Sector Delegates

Paola Ávila, Vice President, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

As Vice President of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, Paola Avila brings over 20 years of experience in public policy, community outreach, and government relations. From 2000 to 2005, Avila served as Deputy Chief of Staff for the Mayor of San Diego, where she advised on economic development policy and binational affairs. Avila ran her own public affairs consulting business assisting large and small companies with economic development opportunities and land use planning. Avila later served in Senator Ben Hueso’s office advising him in several policy areas including water, energy and economic development. Avila graduated from the University of California San Diego with a B.A. in Economics.

Michael Camuñez, President & CEO, Monarch Global Strategies

Michael C. Camuñez is President and CEO of Monarch Global Strategies LLC, a bi-national consulting firm providing strategic advice and advocacy to companies doing business in emerging economies, with a particular emphasis on Mexico and Latin America. Mr. Camuñez served from 2010 to 2013 as one of the nation’s leading commercial diplomats as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce at the International Trade Administration. He was the chief architect of the U.S.-Mexico High Level Economic Dialogue during President Obama’s visit to Mexico in May 2013. A graduate of Harvard College and Stanford Law School, Mr. Camuñez is a Director of Edison International (NYSE: EIX) and Southern California Edison and is an Independent Director of the
American Funds. He is also a Trustee of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and Stanford University.

Honore Comfort, Vice President of International Marketing, Wine Institute

In her role as Vice President of International Marketing, Honore draws on her 18 years of international wine marketing, association management, and brand strategy experience to promote export sales of California wines while building the brand for California wines on a global scale. In 2015, Honore joined Brack Mountain Wine Company, a mid-sized winery start-up, where she served as President and oversaw sales & marketing, brand development and business strategy for the company based in Sebastopol, CA. She also held the position of Wine Industry Executive in Residence with the Wine Business Institute at Sonoma State University where she focused on strategic planning, program development, and industry engagement. Ms. Comfort gained her marketing and advertising expertise prior to joining the wine industry while working for Macy’s West in San Francisco, the Art Institute of Chicago, and other non-profit museums and institutions around the United States.

Kelly Damewood, CEO, California Certified Organic Farmers

Kelly Damewood has spent the last decade working towards a single goal: helping organic farmers thrive. She serves as the CEO of California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF), a dynamic nonprofit organization that serves organic producers throughout North America by providing USDA organic certification services, organic advocacy, and educational programs. Damewood previously served as CCOF’s policy director and holds a Juris Doctor degree from Vermont Law School and a Master of Laws degree in agricultural and food law from the University of Arkansas School of Law.

Michael Delaney, Chief Development Officer, Worldwide Environmental Products

Michael C. Delaney is the Chief Development Officer at Worldwide Environmental Products, Inc. headquartered in Brea, California. Michael is directly responsible for the development and management of the company’s international operations which includes work in Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe. Michael’s main role has been to create relationships with international clients to help countries and private sector agencies implement and manage periodic motor vehicle inspection/roadworthiness programs. In addition, his work
includes introducing new technologies and innovative data platforms, to construct economically-advantageous models for active periodic automotive inspection programs. Michael holds an MBA from EADA Business School, in Barcelona, Spain.

Nicole Ellis, Administrative Assistant, Int’l and Corporate Relations, CalChamber
Nikki Ellis joined the CalChamber’s International Affairs department in 2016. She assists Susanne Stirling with the department’s sponsoring and participating in trade, investment and other international events. She also assists members with general export and important information, helps maintain www.calchamber.com/international, the CalChamber’s International website, and manages the production of the Council for International Trade’s weekly e-newsletter. Prior to joining the CalChamber, Nikki completed an internship with the Northern California World Trade Center in Sacramento where she focused on trade programs and membership development. Nikki holds a B.A. in Latin American Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles where she had the opportunity to study in Havana, Cuba. She has studied both Spanish and Portuguese.

Rick Goddard, Managing Director/Chairman, Caylym Technologies
Rick joined the Marine Corps in 1981 and served in various deployed command roles until leaving active duty in 1993 with the rank of Major after serving as a Commander in the first Gulf War (Desert Storm). Rick worked in the packaging industry in operations and senior management roles for publicly traded companies until 2007, after which he earned his MBA from University of California Irvine. Rick served for six years as the Sr. Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Sinclair Systems International LLC. Sinclair, headquartered in Fresno CA, supports the fresh produce industry globally. Rick founded Caylym Technologies in 2009 in order to develop and produce environmentally responsible and sustainable solutions for first responders and the international disaster relief community.
Jennifer Haley, President, Kern Oil & Refining Co.

As President of Kern Oil & Refining Co., Jennifer Haley oversees all aspects of Kern’s petroleum refining operation, which provides the local San Joaquin Valley marketplace with over three-quarters of a million gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel each day. The company employs 155 people and has operated for more than 85 years. Ms. Haley joined the company in 2011 as Vice President – Legal and Government Affairs and quickly gained an understanding of the regulatory and operational challenges of small business refining in California. Ms. Haley was previously with Best Best & Krieger LLP as an attorney in the Litigation, Municipal and Special Districts practice groups working out of the San Diego, CA office. Ms. Haley received her BA in History, magna cum laude, from the University of San Diego and her J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law, Order of the Coif.

Denise Kruger, SVP, Golden State Water Company

Denise L. Kruger is Senior Vice President, Regulated Utilities for Golden State Water Company. In this role, Ms. Kruger has oversight of all functions in Regulated Utilities, including Water Operations, Asset Management, Environmental Quality, Customer and Community Relations, Customer Service, Water Use Efficiency, Water Resources and Regulated New Business. Golden State Water Company provides water service to 254,000 customers and electric service to 23,000 customers in California. Ms. Kruger has over 30 years of experience in the utility industry. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California-Davis and a Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of California-Irvine.

Mario Lopez, External Affairs Manager, IEnova

Mario Lopez has almost two decades of experience in US-Mexico relations in communications, lobbying and public policy on infrastructure, regional development and economic growth. He is currently the External Affairs Manager of IEnova, which develops, builds and operates energy infrastructure in Mexico. Prior, Mario was Director of Binational Affairs for the City of San Diego. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from University of California San Diego.
Richard Matteis, Strategic Adviser, California Farm Bureau

Richard Matteis was named Administrator of the California Farm Bureau Federation in August 2007. He served in that capacity until April 1, 2019 at which time he was named Strategic Adviser of the organization. Prior to his service at the Farm Bureau he served as CEO of the California Grain and Feed Association for three decades. While serving in this capacity he was also CEO of the Pacific Egg and Poultry Association, the California Seed Association, the California Grape Rootstock Improvement Commission and the California Planting Cotton Seed Distributors, a farmer-owned cooperative. Matteis served on numerous boards and committees including Keep California Beautiful Board, the Sacramento Central Credit Union, the Civil Justice Association of California Executive Committee, the Clean Water and Jobs for California Coalition Board and many more. He was also a member and chaired various advisory committees at the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Lisa Mazur-White, Business Development & Legal Affairs, 3 Phases Renewables

Lisa Mazur-White is responsible for Business Development and Legal Affairs at 3 Phases Renewables, which helps Fortune 500, commercial, industrial, and municipal organizations achieve their sustainability goals by providing them with up to 100% renewable electricity. Prior to 3 Phases Renewables, Lisa was a business transactional attorney in Los Angeles specializing in in-house-counsel-for-hire services to small and mid-sized companies, as well as transactional support in fund-raising and mergers and acquisitions. She has worked at the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as with companies in various industries in the private sector, including tech, green, consumer products, and medical. Lisa has a JD/MBA from Pepperdine University with a concentration in Finance and Corporate Law and a BA in Comparative Literature and Russian Literature from UCLA.

Geoffrey Moran, Director of Marketing, Measurabl

Geoffrey Moran is Director of Marketing for Measurabl, the world’s leading ESG data management platform for the built environment. Geoff has consulted for a range of Fortune 500 companies, technology startups and educational initiatives in the areas of marketing, design and sustainability, and served on the marketing team for Ford Motor Company’s THINK Mobility, where he helped introduce the THINK City electric car and other sustainable transportation solutions to the U.S. market. He has also served in the Majority Leader’s Office of the U.S. House of
Representatives, the American Bar Association’s Presidential Administration Office and the Wilson Center. He received a Fulbright Fellowship in sustainability values from the U.S. Department of State, which he pursued at the University of British Columbia, where he earned an MA in the Philosophy of Science as a University Graduate Fellow and Resident Member of Green College. He holds a BA in Philosophy and English from George Mason University.

Tom O’Brien, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Driscoll’s

Tom O’Brien is the senior vice president and general counsel of Driscoll’s, a family-owned berry company headquartered in Watsonville, California. From its beginning along California’s central coast more than a century ago, Driscoll’s has grown to include significant operations throughout the Americas, Europe, and Australia. Tom has served as a deputy director of the Washington DC office of California Governor Gray Davis, and was associate administrator of an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Tom received his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley’s Boalt School of Law, and his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Davis.

Dave Puglia, Executive Vice President, Western Growers

Dave Puglia is Executive Vice President of Western Growers. Since joining the organization in 2005, he has worked on numerous public policy issues affecting agriculture in California and other western states. Puglia has been involved in major legislative and regulatory issues involving water supply, water quality, energy, air quality and labor. Puglia served for seven years in the California Attorney General’s Office as an appointee of former Attorney General Daniel E. Lungren. He has also worked as a consultant to numerous corporations and industry groups in addition to serving in senior roles the several statewide political campaigns. Puglia holds a bachelor’s degree in Government-Journalism from Sacramento State University and resides in Orange County.

Grant Rosenblum, Executive Director, NextEra Energy Resources

Grant Rosenblum is a Senior Director with Regulatory Affairs at NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy, Inc. He has held this position since the beginning of 2019. Prior to that and since joining the company in 2011, Grant was an Executive Director with NextEra’s Development Department, where he was responsible for business and project development in the western US. Grant has been involved in transactions covering approximately 1 GW of renewable generation and
nearly 250 MW of storage capacity, including some of the earliest and largest solar/storage hybrid projects in the US. Prior to coming to NextEra, Grant was a lawyer for the California ISO from 2003 to 2011, advising on transmission planning, generator interconnection and market design.

Joy Sterling, CEO, Iron Horse Vineyard

Joy Sterling represents the second generation at Iron Horse Vineyards, in Sebastopol, CA. She is the CEO of the winery and a member of the California State Food & Agriculture Board, appointed by Governor Jerry Brown. Joy attended Yale University where she studied history and economics. Joy took up the reins as CEO at the start of 2006 after 20 years presenting the wines across the country. She is the author of A Cultivated Life, published by Random House, served for ten years as a Trustee of the Leakey Foundation and chairs the California Democratic Party Rural Caucus. Most recently, she has been appointed to co-chair the CDP Legislation Committee.

Susanne Stirling, Vice President, International Affairs, CalChamber

Susanne Thorsen Stirling is Vice President of International Affairs for the California Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Stirling is an appointee of the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to the National Export Council, and serves on the US Chamber of Commerce International Committee, California International Relations Foundation, and the Chile-California Council. In previous years, Mrs. Stirling served on the Governor’s California International Trade and Investment Advisory Council, Board of Directors of the International Diplomacy Council, the World Affairs Council of Northern California, and the Danish-American Chamber of Commerce. Through the efforts of Mrs. Stirling, the California Chamber of Commerce is a recipient of the US President’s “Excellence for Export Service Award,” the nation's highest award to honor US exporters. Mrs. Stirling also has received the prestigious Presidential Citation from the government of the Republic of Korea for promoting US-Korea commercial relations. Mrs. Stirling, originally from Denmark, earned her M.A. in International Relations from the University of Southern California. Her undergraduate work was completed at the University of Copenhagen and the University of the Pacific in Stockton, where she received her B.A. in International Relations, and currently serves as a Regent.
Stuart Woolf is President and CEO of Woolf Farming & Processing, a family owned operation whose primary business is the production and processing of agricultural commodities. He was involved with the establishment of two related entities: Harris Woolf California Almonds and Los Gatos Tomato Products. Harris Woolf is a processor and handler of raw almonds. Los Gatos manufactures bulk tomato paste for industrial users. He received a bachelor’s degree in Liberal Arts from the University of California at Berkeley and an MBA at Boston College. Mr. Woolf has served as Chairman of the California League of Food Processors, the Almond Board of California, and of the UC President’s Commission of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Stuart currently serves on the board of the California Chamber of Commerce, Western Growers Association and Marrone Bio Innovations.