



# Newsletter

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## **OGCC NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to the first Olive Growers Council of California (OGCC) Newsletter. Our mission is to include olive related articles that we hope you will find beneficial and interesting. The OGCC Newsletter will be printed quarterly, and we encourage your feedback or any suggestions of topics that you would like to read more of. In addition, if you would like to receive the Newsletter by E-Mail instead of by mail, please email Janette Ramos at [JRamos@theogcc.org](mailto:JRamos@theogcc.org).

## **INTRODUCTION OF OGCC STAFF MEMBERS**

After many years with the OGCC, Adin Hester announced his retirement in August 2018. His years of service and guidance were invaluable and the OGCC is very grateful for his many years of dedication to the table olive industry. The Board of Directors announced the new team for the OGCC, Executive Director Todd Sanders, of the California Apple Commission will manage the operations of the OGCC, along with Elizabeth Carranza, Director of Trade and Janette Ramos, Office Manager. The team is happy to make a positive contribution to the OGCC industry, and welcomes any suggestions, questions, or concerns you may have. You may contact the OGCC office at

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## **BELL-CARTER/DCOOP TERMINATES CONTRACTS WITH CALIFORNIA TABLE OLIVE GROWERS**

As many industry members are likely aware, Bell-Carter Foods (20% owned by Spanish conglomerate, Dcoop) recently terminated many of its contracts with California table olive growers just months before harvest. We value the multi-generational family commitments to our industry, and are truly upset but this unfortunate news. The OGCC will continue to support the California grower, and will do our best to assist the industry through this difficult time. Please reach out to the OGCC office at any time, and we will be sure to provide updates on this situation as we receive them.

## **OGCC APPLIES FOR SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT**

The OGCC has submitted one proposal for the Specialty Crop Block Grant (SCBG) program through the California Department of Agriculture, titled "Implement education outreach to current and future CA table olive growers." The OGCC is happy to report that this proposal was invited back to Phase 2. If funded, the grant program would begin in November 2019. The CDFA SCBG review committee will make a final decision and announce funding results later in spring 2019. The OGCC will provide updates as they are received. For any questions regarding these grant proposals, please contact the OGCC office.

## **CALIFORNIA OLIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATION BALLOTS**

On March 1, 2019, nomination ballots were mailed out from the California Olive Committee (COC) for the 2019-2021 Board of Directors. Ballots were mailed to the olive growers in District 1 (North) and District 2 (South). Nomination

Ballots must be returned back to the COC office, and postmarked no later than March 31, 2019. Should you have any questions regarding the nomination ballots or would like more information, please contact the COC office directly at 559-456-9096. The California Olive Committee would like to thank the OGCC staff for including this article in their newsletter.

### HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION TRAINING

The Department of Industrial Relations, Cal/OSHA Consultation & Agricultural Organizations are hosting a free heat illness prevention training session. The training will be hosted on Friday, April 12, 2019 in both Spanish and English. The 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. session will be in Spanish, and the 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. session will be held in English. If you have any questions, please contact the OGCC office. The training will be held at: C.P.D.E.S. Portuguese Hall 172 W. Jefferson Ave. Easton, CA 93706

### COURT DISMISSES ADVERSE EFFECTIVE WAGE RATES CASE AGAINST DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

The National Council of Agricultural Employers (NCAE) filed a court action against the Department of Labor in January 2019 to prevent the Department of Labor from implementing the new Adverse Effective Wage Rates in 2019. The 2019 adverse effect wage rate for CA is \$13.92, up 5.6% from 2018. Unfortunately, the District Court filed a Memorandum of Opinion on the lawsuit dismissing the order, citing the claims of the NCAE fell outside the statute

of limitations. We will continue to keep the industry updated as we received more information, but please do not hesitate to contact the OGCC office for more information.

### CALIFORNIA RIPE OLIVE SPICY BEAN LAYER DIP

#### Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups California Ripe Olives
- 1 ¾ cups refried beans with spices to taste
- 1 ½ cups sour cream
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 cup diced tomatoes
- ½ cup sliced California Olives

#### Directions:

*Serve in a 9 inch pie plate with tortilla chips.*

1. Drain the olives and add to the spiced refried beans. Mex thoroughly. Spoon the olive bean layer into the pie plate and smooth with a spatula.
2. Add the chili powder to the sour cream and stir until blended. Spoon and smooth the spicy sour cream layer on top of the beans.
3. Sprinkle the cheddar cheese on top.
4. Sprinkle on 1/3 of the sliced olives.
5. Sprinkle on the tomatoes and remaining sliced olives.

*Recipe courtesy of [www.calolive.org/recipes](http://www.calolive.org/recipes)*

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **First Day of Spring**  
-Date: March 20, 2019
- **Memorial Day – Office Closed**  
-Date: May 27, 2019
- **Independence Day – Office Closed**  
-Date: July 4, 2019



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