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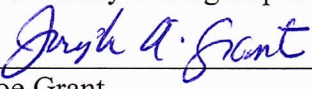
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DATE: September 7, 2017

TO: UC Cherry Workgroup Members & Project Leaders

FROM: 
Joe Grant
UC Liaison to California Cherry Board

RE: Call for Cherry Research Grant Proposals

The California Cherry Board is soliciting proposals for new or continuing research and extension work addressing the needs of the cherry industry in California. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. Both single- and multiple-year projects will be considered for funding, with continued funding for multiple-year projects subject to annual review.

The California Cherry Board uses a two-stage process for soliciting research proposals (see attached CCB 2017/2018 Proposal & Reporting Timeline):

1. Principal Investigators are requested to submit a one-page research pre-proposal on or before October 9, 2017. Pre-proposals must conform to the attached CCB RESEARCH PRE-PROPOSAL CONTENT AND FORMAT GUIDELINES.
2. Pre-proposals selected for full proposal development and submission will be notified by October 25. Full proposals must conform to the attached UC PROJECT PLAN/RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSAL. The deadline for full proposal submission is November 15, 2017.

Research areas currently of importance to the California cherry industry include, but are not limited to: innovative approaches and optimization of chemical control of Spotted Wing Drosophila of Spotted Wing Drosophila; improved pre- and postharvest decay control; improved timing and efficacy of rest-breaking treatments in the southern San Joaquin Valley; biology and control of fungal and bacterial canker diseases, viruses, and virus-like diseases; cause of cherry stem pitting disease; post-harvest commodity fumigation and fumigation alternatives for insect disinfestation; seasonal dynamics of starch and nonstructural carbohydrates as related to environmental stresses and crop yield prediction.

Please send proposals to Nick Matteis, California Cherry Board, 1521 I Street, Sacramento CA 95814, or by email to nmatteis@agamsi.com, and to Joe Grant, UC Cooperative Extension 2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Suite 200, Stockton, CA, 95206 or by email to jagrant@ucdavis.edu.

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Enclosures

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