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his alternate shall be producers of nectarines in District 2; one of the members and his alternate shall be producers of nectarines in District 3; and one member and his alternate shall be producers of nectarines in District 4.

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### §916.21 Term of office.

The term of office of each member and alternate member of the committee shall be for 2 years beginning on March 1 of an odd numbered year and ending on the last day of February of an odd numbered year. Members and alternate members shall serve in such capacities for the portion of the term of office for which they are selected and have qualified and until their respective successors are selected and have qualified.

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### §916.22 Nomination.

(a) *Initial members.* Nominations for each of the initial members, together with nominations for the initial alternate members for each position, may be submitted to the Secretary by the committee responsible for promulgation of this part. Such nominations may be made by means of group meetings of the growers concerned in each district. Such nominations, if made, shall be filed with the Secretary no later than the effective date of this part. In the event nominations for initial members and alternate members of the committee are not filed pursuant to, and within the time specified in, this section, the Secretary may select such initial members and alternate members without regard to nominations, but selections shall be on the basis of the representation provided in §916.20.

(b) *Successor members.* (1) The committee shall hold or cause to be held, not later than February 15 of each odd numbered year, a meeting or meetings of growers in each district for the purpose of designating nominees for successor members and alternate members of the committee. These meetings shall be supervised by the committee which shall prescribe such procedure as shall be reasonable and fair to all persons concerned.

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(2) Only growers who are present at such nomination meetings, or represented at such meetings by duly authorized employees, may participate in the nomination and election of nominees for members and their alternates.

(3) A particular grower, including employees of such grower, shall be eligible for membership as principal or alternate to fill only one position on the committee.

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### §916.23 Selection.

From the nominations made pursuant to §916.22, or from other qualified persons, the Secretary shall select the eight members of the committee and an alternate for each such member.

### §916.24 Failure to nominate.

If nominations are not made within the time and in the manner prescribed in §916.22, the Secretary may, without regard to nominations, select the members and alternate members of the committee on the basis of the representation provided for in §916.20.

### §916.25 Acceptance.

Any person selected by the Secretary as a member or as an alternate member of the Committee shall qualify by filing a written acceptance with the Secretary promptly after being notified of such selection.

### §916.26 Vacancies.

To fill any vacancy occasioned by the failure of any person selected as a member or as an alternate member of the committee to qualify, or in the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of any member or alternate member of the committee, a successor for the unexpired term of such member or alternate member of the committee shall be nominated and selected in the manner specified in §§916.22 and 916.23. If the names of nominees to fill any such vacancy are not made available to the Secretary within a reasonable time after such vacancy occurs, the Secretary may fill such vacancy without regard to nominations, which selection shall be made

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on the basis of representation provided for in § 916.20.

### § 916.27 Alternate members.

An alternate member of the committee, during the absence of the member for whom he is an alternate, shall act in the place and stead of such member and perform such other duties as assigned. In the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of a member, his alternate shall act for him until a successor for such member is selected and has qualified. In the event both a member of the committee and his alternate are unable to attend a committee meeting, the member or the committee members present may designate any other alternate to serve in such member's place and stead provided such action is necessary to secure a quorum.

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### § 916.30 Powers.

The committee shall have the following powers:

- (a) To administer the provisions of this part in accordance with its terms;
- (b) To receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violations of the provisions of this part;
- (c) To make and adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the terms and provisions of this part; and
- (d) To recommend to the Secretary amendments to this part.

### § 916.31 Duties.

The committee shall have, among others, the following duties:

- (a) To select a chairman and such other officers as may be necessary, and to define the duties of such officers;
- (b) To appoint such employees, agents, and representatives as it may deem necessary, and to determine compensation and to define the duties of each;
- (c) To submit to the Secretary as soon as practicable after the beginning of each fiscal period a budget for such fiscal period, including a report in explanation of the items appearing therein and a recommendation as to the rate of assessment for such period;

(d) To keep minutes, books, and records which will reflect all of the acts and transactions of the committee and which shall be subject to examination by the Secretary;

(e) To prepare periodic statements of the financial operations of the committee and to make copies of each such statement available to growers and handlers for examination at the office of the committee;

(f) To cause its books to be audited by a competent public accountant at least once each fiscal year and at such times as the Secretary may request;

(g) To act as intermediary between the Secretary and any grower or handler;

(h) To investigate and assemble data on the growing, handling, and marketing conditions with respect to nectarines;

(i) To submit to the Secretary the same notice of meetings of the committee as is given to its members;

(j) To submit to the Secretary such available information as he may request;

(k) To investigate compliance with the Provisions of this part;

(l) With the approval of the Secretary, to redefine the districts into which the production area is divided and to reapportion the representation of any district on the committee: *Provided*, That any such changes shall reflect, insofar as practicable, shifts in nectarine production within the districts and the production area.

### § 916.32 Procedure.

(a) Six members of the committee, or alternates acting for members, shall constitute a quorum and any action of the committee shall require the concurring vote of the majority of those present: *Provided*, That actions of the committee with respect to expenses and assessments, or recommendations for regulations pursuant to §§ 916.50 to 916.55, shall require at least six concurring votes.

(b) The committee may vote by telephone, telegraph, or other means of communication, and any votes so cast shall be confirmed promptly in writing: *Provided*, That if an assembled meeting