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**James C. Nickel**, a farming industry appointee from Bakersfield, California, is a sixth generation California farmer with a BS in Agricultural and Managerial Economics from the University of California at Davis and an MBA in Food and Agribusiness from Santa Clara University. He is a family farmer with a strong background in agribusiness, project management, and agricultural industry policy.

Mr. Nickel is involved in production agriculture and, as a licensed California Real Estate Broker, manages the real estate part of the family business. He has farming and marketing knowledge of a wide variety of crops such as citrus, almonds, tomatoes, cotton and wine grapes. He is a member of the California Citrus Mutual Board, a member of the Home Building Association of Kern County Board, and a Director of the Olcese Water District in Bakersfield.