

# Ignacio Mendoza

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## OBJECTIVE Resource Conservation District (RCD) – New Board Member

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### EDUCATION

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**California State University Fresno** [2017-2019]

B.S. Plant Science - Plant Health

**Hartnell College** [2015-2017]

A.S. - Agriculture Production

A.S. - Agriculture Business

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### EXPERIENCE

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**Mendoza Growers Inc:** [2021- now]

Salinas, CA

#### *Co-Founder and Secretary*

- Responsible for overall season operations/production – Ground preparation, Mulching, Planting, Irrigation, Harvesting for strawberry production for two grower shippers (Naturipe Berry Growers and Wish Farms)
  - Performed BMP to enrich and cultivate the soil – Cover Crop, Composting, Soil Amendments, Irrigation Management
  - Promoted a safe, clean, respectful, fruitful and fun working environment for the company
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**California Strawberry Commission (CSC)** [2019-2021]

Watsonville, CA

#### *Field Research Specialist*

- Responsible for the largest strawberry growing region in California (Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties)
  - Educated growers and field personnel on IPM, Entomology, Pathology, Irrigation, Automation, and Agronomy.
  - Hired and supervised interns to execute various ongoing research projects for the strawberry industry.
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**California State University Fresno** [2017-2018]

Fresno, CA

#### *Student Research Assistant: Entomologist - Jorge Gonzalez Ph.D.*

- Proposed undergraduate research - The title of the project: *Detection of nanoparticles on honeybees (Apis mellifera) (Hymenoptera: Apidae) and effects on their behavioral responses*
  - Engineered an artificial flower for bees to feed, monitor and collected data. Research collaboration with Texas A&M
  - Intended to discover the effect of nanoparticles on honeybees and finds ways to mitigate colony collapse disorder.
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**Naturipe Berry Growers (NBG)** [2016-2017]

Salinas, CA

#### *Research Department Assistant*

- Collaborated effectively with co-workers, farmers, and supply companies to execute research proposals
  - Lead on Anaerobic Soil Disinfestation research in organic strawberries (alternatives to fumigants) & Irrigation BMP's
  - Installed irrigation systems and tested Distribution Uniformity in various fields (soil moisture monitors)
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**California Strawberry Commission (CSC)** [2015-2016]

Watsonville, CA

#### *Grower Education and Research Development Intern*

- Provided persistent and proficient insect scouting for pest and beneficial and developed a weekly report
  - Educated farmers and field personnel on tractor sprayer calibration and strawberry bug vacuum performance
  - Assisted in agriculture education trainings (First Aid, Food Safety, CPR, Labor Laws, IPM & Irrigation Workshops...)
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### QUALIFICATIONS

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- **Bilingual / Biliterate**

- **Pest Control Adviser (PCA #147809)**

- Microsoft Office (Excel, Power Point, Excel, Outlook, One Note)

- Perform Independent and Interdependent on any given task

- Initiation to lead and demonstrate integrity

- Dynamic and diverse experience in agriculture production and business

- Joyful and enthusiastic personality

- California Certified Organic Farmer (CCOF) - Lifelong learner