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MEDIA ADVISORY

The Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce and Baker, Peterson & Franklin, CPA,LLP Announce that the Nominations are Now Open for the 2007 Agriculturist of the Year and the 2007 Ag Business Award

Fresno, CA. (June 27, 2007) - The Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce has opened nominations for the 2007 Agriculturist of the Year. This distinguished award is given annually to an individual who exemplifies leadership and integrity in the Central Valley's agricultural business community.

In conjunction with the Chamber's award, Baker, Peterson & Franklin, Certified Public Accountants, have opened nominations for the 2007 Baker, Peterson & Franklin Ag Business Award. The annual award is given to an agricultural organization whose achievements and impact have significantly contributed to the industry and the local community.

You may access both nomination forms by going to the Chamber website at www.fresnochamber.com. The deadline for both nomination forms is August 15, 2007.

Both awards will be formally presented at the Ag Awards Luncheon on Thursday, November 9, 2007 at the Fresno Convention Center, Valdez Hall. Sponsorship and tickets reservations for the luncheon are available by calling the Chamber at (559) 495-4825.

Pat Ricchiuti, was the recipient of the 2006 Agriculturist of the Year award. Other past recipients of the Agriculturalist of the year Award include; John Gebhard, Ken Billings, Bill Allison, Ron Goble, Cosmo Insalaco, Bob Sheesley, A.J. Yates, Irwin Efird, Dr. Charles Smallwood, Harry Kubo, Don Laub, Bill Hambleton, Shawn Stevenson, C.W. "Bill" Jones, Bruce J. Obbink, Jack Woolf, Vincent Petrucci, William McFarlane, Deran Koligian, Jack Stone, Paul Bettancourt, Carol Chandler and Vernon Conrad.

National Raisin Company was chosen as the 2006 Baker, Peterson & Franklin Ag Business of the year. Past recipients of the Ag Business Award include Producers Dairy Foods, P-R Farms, Inc., J & L Vineyards, Fowler Packing Co., Joseph Gallo Farms, Wawona Frozen Foods, Wilbur-Ellis Company-Western Division, Zacky Farms, Woolf Enterprises and Ballantine Produce.

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