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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** April 17, 2019

**To:** Board of Directors  
California Exposition & State Fair

**Via:** Rick K. Pickering, Chief Executive Officer

**From:** Jay Carlson, AG Program Director

**Subject:** Recommendation for Approval of 2019 Ag Progress Award

### BACKGROUND

The California State Fair annually recognizes the accomplishments and service of key individuals or organization through a series of prestigious awards. The recipient will be publically recognized and honored at the Friends of the California State Fair Gala on Thursday, June 27, 2019.

Included here is the process for selection of this award and background of 2019 award honoree being recommended.

### AWARDS SUMMARY

#### **Ag Progress Award**

*The Ag Progress Award is given to an individual, company, or organization that has demonstrated substantial contributions to the California State Fair in the area of agriculture program development.*

**Dr. Lloyd McCabe** is respectively recommended as the 2019 Ag Progress Award honoree.

Dr. Lloyd McCabe has 43 years of Educational experience, which includes 29 years at the Department of Education and 14 years as a High School Agriculture Teacher. Lloyd continues to teach Ag education and leadership classes at UC Davis. He graduated from CSU, Fresno with a B.S. in Agricultural Education. He went on to receive a M.S. in Agricultural Sciences from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, a Master of Education, Administrative Management from University of La Verne and finally a Doctorate of Education from the University of Southern California.

Lloyd began his very active and long-standing involvement and support of the California State Fair in 1963 as an exhibitor, and has continued on as an FFA Advisor, FFA Task Force Coordinator, Junior Livestock Advisory Committee and a 20-year member of the Agricultural Advisory Council. Over the years, Lloyd has become very committed to the Scholarship Program, the Gala, the Sale of Champions and the Champion Challenge program. Lloyd's contributions to the youth agricultural programs at the California State Fair are immeasurable. He has always been committed to helping State Fair become one of the premier fairs in the nation.

Lloyd was born and grew up on a farm and has raised sheep his entire life. He has a special affinity for the Suffolk breed and he and his wife have competed very successfully on the county, state, regional and national level. He is a member of the California Wool Growers Association, California Agricultural Teachers' Association and the American Association for Agricultural Educators.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

California State Fair Staff respectfully request the Board approve the following award:

- I. Accept the Staff's recommendation to honor **Dr. Lloyd McCabe** as the 2019 Ag progress Award recipient.