

My name is Rudy Hernandez,

I grew up in the Central Valley where my extended family farmed cotton, corn, almonds, citrus and grapes. After obtaining undergraduate and graduate degrees, I spent over 14 years in the accounting and finance world, participating in my first pistachio development in the year 2000. Since then, I have both managed and been a part of several pistachio development projects surpassing 1,500 acres. In addition, I operated pistachio harvesting companies. I served on the American Pistachio Board of directors for six years. During that time, I was the Treasurer as well as serving on the Marketing, Finance and Executive committees. I was also able to represent the American Pistachio Growers abroad, as well as on a delegation in Washington DC.