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The ‘American Pistachio Growers’ organization has been active in pursuing U.S.D.A. Farm Service Agency TAP (tree assistance program) assistance for growers that suffered financial losses as a result of “pistachio bushy-top syndrome”. I saw the following article from Western Farm Press (<https://www.westernfarmpress.com/tree-nuts/pistachio-growers-hit-bushy-top-syndrome-eligible-tap-funds>) on the net and think attending these meetings may be worthwhile for growers that were affected by “pistachio bushy-top syndrome”. As one might expect, there are restrictions on who is eligible and deadlines apply. I have copied the article below, and again, full credit for the article goes to Western Farm Press. I hope to see some of you in Bakersfield on October 18. The article follows:

Western Farm Press [Farm Press Staff](#) | Oct 05, 2018

Pistachio growers hit by Bushy Top Syndrome eligible for TAP funds

Meetings slated to help growers affected by Pistachio Bushy Top Syndrome apply for government assistance

Several regional meetings are slated across California to inform pistachio growers affected by Pistachio Bushy Top Syndrome of opportunities to apply for government assistance through the Farm Service Agency. Bushy Top Syndrome was designated as a natural disaster and is approved for the USDA Tree Assistance Program. USDA FSA representatives will be on site at the various meetings to help eligible growers complete their applications.

Meetings are as follows:

- Sacramento: Oct. 15 from 2-4 p.m. at the California Farm Bureau office, 2300 River Plaza Drive, Sacramento.
- Madera: Oct. 16, 2-4 p.m., Madera Municipal Golf Course, 23200 Ave. 17, Madera.
- Tulare: Oct. 17, 2-4 p.m., Southern Calif. Edison AGTAC building, 4175 South Laspina, Tulare.
- Bakersfield: Oct. 18, 2-4 p.m., Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 South Mount Vernon Ave., Bakersfield.

Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/y8hq75ry>

For questions, contact the American Pistachio Growers at 559-475-0435.

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