

West Region Staff

Jason Pucheu - Fresno



Jason manages the division's equity portfolio and provides oversight of the property management group for the Western region. He has extensive professional experience in water management, operations management, and crop protection chemical and fertilizer distribution.

Prior to joining PGIM Real Estate Finance, Jason served as Vice President of Operations for Maricopa Orchards, a diversified farming operation that grows almonds, pistachios, citrus, cherries, and blueberries. Previously, he was a Branch Manager for Wilbur Ellis, a chemical distribution company, and worked for Woolf Farming.

A graduate of California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business with a concentration in Farm and Ranch Management. Additionally, he has a Master in Business Administration from California State University-Fresno.

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Kenneth Peters, AFM - Fresno



Licensed in California

Ken started with Capital Agricultural Property Services, Inc. (CAPS) in 2012. He is located in the Fresno office and is currently the Regional Vice President of CAPS' Western Region. He is responsible for all the nut crops in the region, including almonds, walnuts, and pistachios. He is also involved with property developments and consults on new property acquisitions; additionally Ken coordinates all of the CAPS public affairs for the region.

Ken comes to CAPS with 30 years of experience and a diverse farm management background. He is a fourth generation grower in the Fresno area producing grapes (wine, table, and raisin) stone fruit, and citrus. Ken earned a Bachelor's degree in Viticulture at Fresno State in 1990.

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Ken is currently a licensed Pest Control Advisor (PCA) and a member of the California Association of Pest Control Advisers (CAPCA). He is also a member of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) and received his Accredited Farm Manager (AFM) certification in 2014.

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Justin Wylie - Fresno



Justin started with Capital Agricultural Property Services, Inc. (CAPS) in 2018. He is located in the Fresno Office and is responsible for management of permanent crops including nuts, vineyards, citrus and tree fruit in the Western Region.

Justin comes to CAPS with a 10-year background in farm management for a wide range of clients. He is a third generation nut farmer, with his family producing walnuts, pistachios and almonds as well as citrus and pomegranates.

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Michael Blaine - Fresno



Michael, who oversees the nut properties located in the southern California region, came to CAPS in 2021 from Maricopa Orchards. There he was responsible for 14,000 acres of diverse crops, mainly almonds, but also including pistachios and citrus. He also has over 20 years of experience in growing wine grapes in California.

A Cal Poly graduate, Michael earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Ornamental Horticulture. Along with his extensive experience, he holds Pest Control Advisor (PCA), Certified Crop Advisor (CCA), and Certified Professional Agronomist (CPAg) licenses.

Additionally, he is a Director on the Wheeler Ridge Maricopa Water Storage District, Director at the Kern Groundwater Authority, and Director at the Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority. Michael currently resides in Bakersfield.

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Jason Schlagel - Washington State



Jason grew up in agriculture, working in row crops and tree fruit. He received his Bachelor's degree in Horticulture from Washington State University and earned a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University and a Master in Business Administration degree from Indiana University.

He has spent his professional career working in wine grapes, apples, cherries and pears, specializing in development, operating and financial management. He is a former board member of the Washington Winegrowers Association, a graduate of the Agforestry Leadership Program, and formerly an Agforestry Leadership Foundation Trustee.

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