

**MICHAEL J. FRANTZ
FRANTZ WHOLESALE NURSERY, LLC
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Michael Frantz is President of Frantz Wholesale Nursery, LLC, a position he took over from his father in 1998. Frantz Wholesale Nursery, LLC grows a broad selection of trees and shrubs, native grasses, and a large lineup of fruit and citrus trees. The nursery prioritizes good stewardship by recycling green waste, capture & reuse of irrigation water, and using on-farm solar generation to offset a substantial part of their electric load. Mr. Frantz is passionate about growing beautiful plants and ensuring the success of his employees and customers.

Current Board Service:

Elected in 2009 to current, Mr. Frantz serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for Turlock Irrigation District. TID is a publicly owned utility that generates & distributes electricity and operates Lake Don Pedro and the Tuolumne River system.

American Hort Advocacy Committee, 2010 to current. In his capacity as Chair, Mr. Frantz leads their efforts to affect Federal policy to best meet the needs of America's lawn and garden industry.

Board member of Sustainable Conservation, 2018 to current. This environmental NGO's mission mirrors Mr. Frantz' personal perspective of seeking out collaborative water policy solutions: "Environmental Solutions that make Economic Sense for Everyone".

Past Chair and current Commissioner of the San Joaquin River Tributaries Authority. This JPA works on behalf of multiple Central Valley water agencies on issues of common interest to harness the power of a regional voice when working with the State of California. Mr. Frantz is highly involved with the Bay Delta Plan Update.

Montna Farms, 2024 to Current, Board Member. This diversified family rice farming operation is a model of environmental stewardship and strategic visioning.

Nursery Advisory Board, California Dept. of Food & Agriculture. Committee member, 2018 to Current. Advises the California Secretary of Agriculture on matters pertaining to the nursery industry.

Monte Vista Chapel, Deacon – Oversees the annual budget and facilities.

Ag Council of California, 2021 to current. Nursery Committee Member. This advocacy group works to affect legislative and regulatory policies to produce best outcomes for California's agricultural industry.

Past Affiliations:

Nursery Growers Association, Director

California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers, Local Director

Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, Local Director

Dave Wilson Nursery, Director

Don Pedro Recreation Agency, Chair

California State University, Stanislaus, Agricultural Advisory Board member
California Agricultural Leadership Program, Graduate, Class 36
Stanislaus Workforce Alliance, Director

Awards:

Modesto Bee's 20 under 40
CA Association of Nurseries & Garden Centers 2018 Nursery Professional of the Year
California State University, Stanislaus 2021 "Roots" Award
Profile in Leadership Award, California Agricultural Leadership Foundation, 2023