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Blue Diamond Growers Announces Inaugural Chairman's Grower Ambassador of the Year Award

Sacramento, CA — Blue Diamond Growers recently honored member Michael Doherty, owner of Chamisal Creek Ranch, LLC and California almond grower, with the inaugural Chairman's Grower Ambassador of the Year Award. Chairman of the Board Dan Cummings presented the award on Wednesday, November 14 during Blue Diamond's 108th Annual Meeting held in Modesto.

The Chairman's Grower Ambassador of the Year Award is the cooperative's newest and highest honor, selected solely at the discretion of Blue Diamond's Chairman of the Board. It is presented to an individual who has made an extraordinary contribution to the success of Blue Diamond Growers, going above and beyond in their engagement with the cooperative.

"Mike Doherty has made a significant difference for our cooperative and industry," said Dan Cummings, Blue Diamond's Chairman of the Board. "He is a role model of our core values, an influence in the community, and his dedication has made a positive difference in the industry."

Doherty has served on Blue Diamond's Grower Liaison Committee and held countless tours on his ranch for buyers and social media influencers to educate them on the almond lifecycle and stewardship management. He has hosted political action committee events to connect other growers and industry affiliates with legislative members. He also serves many leadership roles supporting California agriculture.

Producing 800 acres of almonds, Doherty is set on making a difference to ensure that people, profit and the environment are all considered while conducting daily business. His farming practices are focused on plant health, balance and sustainability. One hundred percent of the farm's electrical needs are provided for by solar array and uses 100 percent low volume drip irrigation. He is a graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and devoted to his wife, Amy, and two children, Molly and Emma.

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About Blue Diamond

Blue Diamond Growers, a grower-owned cooperative representing over 3,000 of California's almond growers, is the world's leading almond marketer and processor. Established in 1910, it created the California almond industry and opened world markets for almonds. Blue Diamond is dedicated to delivering the benefits of almonds around the world and does so by providing high-quality almonds, almond ingredients, and branded products. Headquartered in Sacramento, the company employs more than 1,500 people throughout its processing plants, receiving stations and gift shops. To learn more about Blue Diamond Growers, visit www.bluediamond.com.