

# CALAMCO

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WINTER 2025

## EXECUTIVE STAFF

**PRESIDENT AND  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
Daniel Stone

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**  
Allen Cupples

**DIRECTOR OF MARKETING**  
Alice Inderbitzin

**DIRECTOR OF  
TRANSPORTATION**  
Dale Thigpin

**REGIONAL MANAGER**  
Natalie Foss

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
AND SAFETY MANAGER**  
Bob Marshall

**REGULATORY COMPLIANCE  
MANAGER**  
Jim Brockhouse

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**  
Case Van Steyn

Bardin Bengard  
Alan Freese  
Beau Howard  
Jana Owens  
G.Rey Reinhardt  
Richard Sunderland

## MESSAGE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Happy New Year – 2025!

We have now returned the 2<sup>nd</sup> of our two ammonia tanks to full service after completing the 20-year internal inspection process. We owe hearty thanks to both our internal team and external partners as we look forward to another 20 years of safe and effective operation of the storage tanks.

With the recent closure of our fiscal year on October 30, we are happy to report the co-op earned \$6.2 million in patronage. While we are still collecting and evaluating patronage claims, we believe the rebate will be around \$55 per ton, which is in line with our original plan.

As the fall turns to winter and with an apparent good start to the rain/snow season, we are comfortable targeting a \$55 per ton patronage again in Fiscal Year 2025.

For those members in District 1, we encourage you to vote for your preferred Board nominee. We are excited about our 3 candidates and you can review their full bios inside this issue on page 3. ■



**Daniel Stone**  
President / CEO

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A PARTNERSHIP WITH GROWERS

## CALAMCO EMPLOYEES HONORED IN 2024



*Pictured from left to right: Dale Thigpin, Allen Cupples, Juan Gutierrez, Dan Stone. Not pictured: Tanya McKennee, Scott Johnson*

Each year CALAMCO honors those employees that reach milestones in their years of employment. In 2024 we were pleased to honor the following employees:

Dale Thigpin, Director of Operations..... 45 Years  
 Tanya McKennee, Accounts Receivable & HR ..... 20 Years  
 Daniel Stone, President & CEO ..... 10 Years  
 Scott Johnson, Truck Driver (retired) ..... 10 Years  
 Juan Gutierrez, Maintenance Lead ..... 5 Years  
 Allen Cupples, Stockton Plant Manager ..... 5 Years

We would like to congratulate these employees, and thank them for their years of dedicated service. ■

## 2025 REGIONAL SHAREHOLDER DINNER

This year we will be hosting our Shareholder Dinner at the Historic Hotel Woodland which is at the Southern end of District 1. Elections will be held this year for the new Director to replace Alan Freese, our current Director representing District 1. We hope to draw members from far and wide to attend this dinner!

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 30, 2025  
**WHERE:** Hotel Woodland  
 436 Main Street  
 Woodland, CA  
**TIME:** Hosted Cocktail Hour – 6:00 pm  
 Dinner – 7:00 pm

The meeting portion of our program will begin following dinner at approximately 8:00 pm, and will conclude with a drawing for door prizes.

Make your reservations early! Invitations will be emailed to those members that have an email address on file with us. You will be able to click on the link within that email to RSVP or go to our website at [calamco.com/rsvp](http://calamco.com/rsvp).

Members that have not submitted an email address will still receive an invitation by mail. We strive to make this a fun and informative evening. If you haven't attended one of these meetings in the past, we hope you will plan to attend!

This is always an enjoyable evening for all, so please mark your calendars! ■

## RECENT RETIREMENTS

In the last quarter of 2024, the following employees celebrated their retirement from CALAMCO. We would like to thank them for their dedication and years of service and wish them all the best in their retirement.



**SCOTT JOHNSON** worked as a truck driver for CALAMCO for nearly 11 years. His retirement luncheon was

held at the Stockton Terminal on October 29th. ■



**JOSE RUBALCABA** started working for CALAMCO as a truck driver in 2010. His retirement luncheon was

held on November 22nd at the Stockton Terminal. ■



**MARTIN JEPPESON** has been with CALAMCO for 28 years, having started in 1996 as Safety Director, later becoming Director of Regulatory Affairs in 2007. A Retirement

Luncheon was held for Martin at the Stockton Terminal on December 13th. ■

# CALAMCO OFFERS \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP



CALAMCO is offering a scholarship to shareholders and their immediate families (children), that are graduating high school seniors and plan to continue to college or university, majoring in agriculture or an ag-related field. This offer is valid to current high school seniors planning to attend a college or university in the fall of 2025 or spring of 2026.

The application is available in PDF format on our website at [www.calamco.com](http://www.calamco.com) under the news/events tab. Print the application and mail it back to our corporate office at: CALAMCO, 1776 West March Lane, Suite 420, Stockton, CA 95207. **Applications must be postmarked by April 21, 2025.** We will notify the recipient of the scholarship by May 5, 2025. ■

## ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN DISTRICT 1

Elections for the Director to serve on CALAMCO's Board will be held this year in **District 1**, which Northern California counties including Marin, Solano, Yolo, Colusa, Butte, and Plumas Counties. Alan Freese, who has been serving as director since 1998 will be retiring from his service on the board. Only Class A shareholders that reside in District 1 are eligible to vote for the Director in this District.

### WE ARE EXTREMELY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THREE EXCELLENT CANDIDATES SEEKING YOUR VOTE!

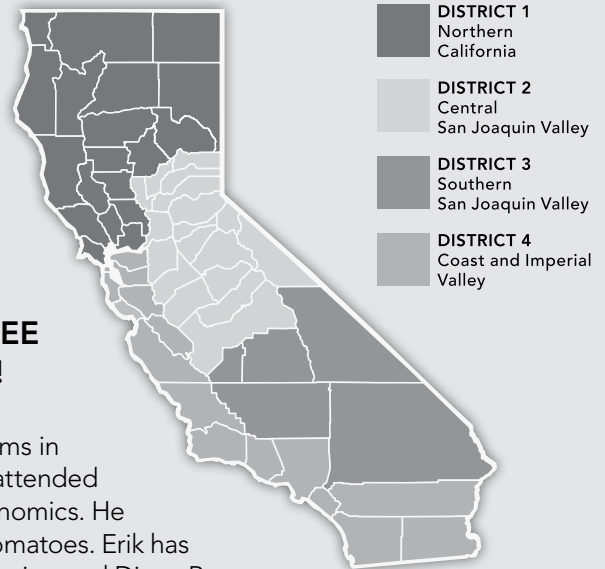
**ERIK FREESE** grew up in Birds Landing and owns Freese Farms in Solano County. He has farmed 2,500 acres for over 25 years. He attended UC Davis earning a degree in Agricultural Management and Economics. He farms sunflowers, alfalfa, corn, wheat, grain hay, and processes tomatoes. Erik has served as a board member on both the California Wheat Commission and Dixon Resource Conservation District. He has been married for 29 years and has two children.

**GEORGE TIBBITTS** has farmed 1,292 acres on a family farm in Arbuckle in Colusa County, since 1994. A UC Davis graduate, he has a bachelor's degree in Plant Science/Agronomy and a Master's degree in Ag Economics. George has served as a Director in the National Affairs Division of the California Farm Bureau Federation. He has also served on the Farmers' Rice Cooperative, the Rice Research Board, past President of the Colusa County Farm Bureau; and is the current Board Chairman for the Colusa County Drainage District. George primarily farms rice and sunflowers, but also grows wheat, safflower, alfalfa, and beans.

**GREG SOHNREY** was born and raised in Durham, CA. He has been married for 40 years and has 3 sons, and 8 grandchildren. He attended Butte College and California State University, Chico earning a degree in Ag Business. He farms 5,000 acres of rice, almonds, and hay, a family tradition he has carried on since starting in 1984 on his grandfather's farm. Greg has served on the CalRose Co-op Board, Butte County Farm Bureau, as a Board Member for Associated Rice Marketing Co-op, and on several local water committees in Butte County. He and his sons farm together on their now 5th generation family farm.

Proxies have been either mailed or emailed to all members and are due back to our office prior to the Annual Meeting which will be held at our corporate office on Wednesday, February 20, 2025

**Please note that we do require a quorum, so we ask that you return your proxy as soon as possible.** If you have an email address on file with us, you will also be able to vote online as proxies will be emailed to those email addresses which will include a link to vote. If you have not received your proxy by mid-January, please contact our office. ■



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET DRIVE

2024 marks the 25th anniversary that CALAMCO and our fellow companies located at the Port of Stockton have been donating food baskets for Christmas, which are distributed by the Boggs Tract Community Center.

The food baskets, each containing a frozen turkey and everything needed for a holiday meal, were given out to 100 families and individuals who are struggling to put food on the table. CALAMCO feels that it is important to be good stewards of our neighboring community by donating and participating in this event on an annual basis.

CALAMCO has made a commitment to the community that surrounds our Stockton Terminal and is happy to bring a little comfort and joy to those in need. In that spirit, we are hoping that you will do the same within your own community, as there is such a great need during these difficult economic times.

Have a safe and prosperous 2025! ■

## CALAMCO HIRES REGULATORY COMPLIANCE & SAFETY MANAGER



In November, Jim Brockhouse joined CALAMCO as our new Regulatory Compliance & Safety Manager. Jim has over 30 years of experience working with anhydrous ammonia in industrial refrigeration.

Jim grew up in Tulare on his family's dairy farm. He has been married for 20 years and has two daughters. His hobbies include farming and building sets for St. Mary's theater program. ■

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