



PCA Profile: NorCal CAPCA's Anna Page

By CAPCA Staff

NorCal CAPCA's Anna Page is a second-generation PCA. She graduated from California State University, Chico with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business and obtained her PCA license in 2014. She consults primarily in tree nuts, grapes and row crops, specializing in scale pests in tree nuts and Gill's mealybug in pistachios.

Anna has worked for Nichino America for four years and is currently their Northern CA Technical Sales Representative, but her experience in agriculture began at an early age. "I have always been interested in agriculture because I grew up around it. My dad has been a PCA for over 40 years and is also a rice farmer. I grew up going to work and checking fields with him. My passion for ag grew when I joined FFA in high school and that's when I knew I wanted to choose this career path."

Right out of college she interned with Grower's Ag, Dixon as a field checker, and from 2015-2017 worked for Syngenta Seeds as a sunflower field rep. "I worked with some great farmers while I was a sunflower field rep and they taught me so much about farming, from planting to harvest and everything in between. I am also thankful to work with an awesome group of coworkers at Nichino who have helped me learn and grow over the last four years." In her current position with Nichino she has the opportunity to work with growers and distributors in northern California providing technical



advice and helping them best use their products. She is particularly proud to be part of a team that is bringing a new rice product to market. Talking about her job Anna says, "I love helping farmers and PCAs solve problems, grow food, and support their families. I also feel very fortunate to get to work outside."

Asked about her involvement with CAPCA, she says that also began at an early age. "I've been familiar with CAPCA since I was a kid. I've been going to conference at Disneyland with my family for as long as I can remember. I've always known it was a great organization that helps and advocates for the PCA. Not only does CAPCA make tracking your continued education hours extremely easy they do so much for the PCA that most don't see. They advocate and fight for the ability for us to do our job, including fighting to keep active ingredients available to us." Anna has been involved in the NorCal CAPCA Chapter for the last four years, where she served as Secretary before deciding to get more involved at the state level and becoming their Director on the State Board. When she considers what CAPCA has to offer PCAs, Anna says "CAPCA is such an important advocate for the PCA. There is so much done behind the scenes. I'm thankful to be a part of an association that is fighting for the job that I love to



do. Being involved in CAPCA is also a great way to meet people and build relationships. Our chapter is fortunate to have the county ag commissioners join our meetings and give us an update each month. I would encourage PCAs to get involved with their local chapter and learn more about what CAPCA has to offer.”

Outside of work and involvement with CAPCA, Anna and her husband, Will, enjoy hunting, fishing, and spending time with their three dogs.

