

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

Location: CA Department of Food and Agriculture
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MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2019

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 5th at approximately 10:10 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Don Cameron	Nancy Casady	Rachelle Arizmendi
Mike Gallo	Crystal Hayling	Martha Montoya
Ashley Boren	Bryce Lundberg	Joy Sterling
Donald Bransford	Andy Thulin	Helene Dillard

Absent:

Eric Holst	Jeff Huckaby	Frank Muller
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(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 5, 2019

Board member Nancy Casady moved to approve the minutes of the February 5th meeting. Board member Ashley Boren seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (10-0) carried the motion. Board member Crystal Hayling and Martha Montoya were not present for the vote.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Undersecretary Jenny Lester Moffitt provided a brief update to the Board. The update included a report on hemp and cannabis licensing/processes, Virulent Newcastle Disease in Southern California and the launch of Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) on-farm produce inspections.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – SGMA Implementation & Basin Boundaries

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the California Department of Water Resources on the progress of SGMA implementation and steps moving forward.

Speaker:

- Taryn Ravazzini, California Department of Water Resources

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Bay Delta Update

The Board heard a presentation from a representative from the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) on current updates related to water quality control plans and river flow objectives.

Speaker:

- Erik Ekdahl, State Water Resources Control Board.

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) BREAK

(8) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – California Water Plan (Update 2018)

The Board heard a presentation from a representative from California Department of Water Resources on the California Water Plan Update.

Speaker:

- Lewis Moeller, California Department of Water Resources

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(9) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Climate Smart Agriculture Programs - Update

The Board heard a presentation from CDFA's Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation on the Climate Smart Agriculture Programs

Speakers:

- Geetika Joshi, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Carolyn Cook, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Industrial Hemp

The Board heard a presentation from the California Department of Food and Agriculture on the status of Industrial Hemp following passage of the 2018 Farm Bill.

Speaker:

- Joshua Kress, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) OTHER BUSINESS

The Board had a discussion on the Water Committee and discussed changes in membership based on board member transitions. Following the discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Board member Nancy Casady moved that the Water Committee be structured as follows:

Committee Members

- Don Bransford (Chair)
- Mike Gallo
- Jeff Huckaby
- Eric Holst
- Joy Sterling

Advisory Members

- Ashley Boren
- Bryce Lundberg
- Martha Montoya
- Don Cameron

Board member Bryce Lundberg seconded the motion and a unanimous carried (13-0).

No further action was taken by the Board.

(12) PUBLIC COMMENT

Two individuals provided public comment:

- Sonya Logman, Governor's Office
- Michael Boccadoro, West Coast Advisors

Public comments can be viewed at:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/LiveMediaStream.html>

No formal action was taken by the Board following public comments.

(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at approximately 2:50 p.m.