

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
ANIMAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY SERVICES (AHFSS)
MEAT, POULTRY AND EGG SAFETY BRANCH (MPES)
RENDERING INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD (RIAB)
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 28, 2017**

California Department of Food and Agriculture
2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 101
Sacramento, CA 95833

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Michael Koewler called the RIAB meeting to order on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at approximately 9:00 a.m. and a quorum was established.

(2) ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present:

Michael Koewler
Daniel Stonesifer
D.O. "Spike" Helmick Jr.
Tyson Keever
Rory "Shawn" Griffin
James Andreoli Jr.

Interested Parties:

Tina Caperella

CDFA:

Dr. Annette Jones
Dr. Alfred Aquino
Paula Batarseh
Paul Roos
Paul San Gregorio
Rhett Dunn
Louie Lucero
David Schurr
Laura Barlow
Rachel Andrade
Irene Sanchez

(3) **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – November 2, 2016**

Mr. Koewler asked RIAB to review the November 2, 2016 meeting minutes and asked a motion be made to accept minutes.

Motion #1: Mr. Helmick made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Griffin seconded. Mr. Koewler, Mr. Stonesifer, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Keever, and Mr. Andreoli agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

(4) **WELCOME MPES NEW BRANCH CHIEF**

Mr. Koewler introduced Ms. Paula Batarseh to the RIAB. Ms. Batarseh provided the RIAB with a brief overview of her background and work experience.

The RIAB welcomed Ms. Batarseh as the new Branch Chief of the CDFA/MPES.

(5) **INEDIBLE KITCHEN GREASE (IKG) AUDITS**

Mr. San Gregorio provided an overview of the IKG Trap Grease Audit Review:

- Three (3) IKG/Trap Grease Transporters were selected from the original audits in 2016.
- This represents one-third of the nine audited in June 2016.
- All three companies chosen were conducted between the dates March 9-20, 2017.
- All three companies complied and provided all required manifest documentation.

Mr. Lucero provided an overview of the IKG Trap Grease Manifest Review:

- Seven (7) manifest reviews were attempted.
- Six (6) were successfully reviewed.
- One (1) business failed to adequately respond with documentation.
- Two (2) businesses failed reviews due to not understanding manifest concept.

Mr. Dunn provided an overview of the IKG Manifest Audit Follow up Review:

- Ten companies were audited during June 2016.
- The results from the audit performed in 2016 resulted in a 55% compliance rate.
- In March 2017, ten (10) IKG companies were audited in the Southern Region.
 - Three (3) IKG companies, which were inspected in 2016, were re-inspected.
 - Seven (7) additional IKG companies were randomly selected for the audit.

Mr. Stonesifer suggested making the Manifest forms easy for everyone to understand.

Mr. Koewler stated the Manifest audits should be consolidated and all be conducted in the same manner.

(6) **INEDIBLE PERMITS & REGISTRATION OF TRANSPORTERS OF INEDIBLE MATERIALS**

Mr. Schurr stated there were over seventy (70) USDA plants operating without an Inedible Permit. After screening through this information, it was found that a lot of inedible material was going to places it wasn't supposed to go. It was going to landfills, compost and anaerobic digesters.

Mr. Schurr gave a brief overview of the Forms Registration of Transporters of Uncooked Parts or Products of Animals That Are Not Intended For Use as Human Food (79-015A), Inedible Permit Application (79-016A), and Inedible Permit (79-016).

Mr. Schurr also stated the Inedible Permits should be changed from having no expiration to having a two (2) year license.

(7) **RENDERING WITH ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS**

Mr. Schurr stated anaerobic digesters that are taking packinghouse waste would need to be licensed as a Renderer.

Dr. Jones stated if a company is functioning as a Collection Center, they will be regulated as one and if operating as a Renderer, they will be regulated as one as well.

(8) **NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTE**

Dr. Jones stated there should be a separate meeting on the strategy for education and outreach on carcass disposal.

(9) **FUTURE RIAB MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

- Standardized audits with a draft protocol.
- Dead horse issues.
- Explore definition of Rendering.
- Incorporate California Highway Patrol (CHP) to provide a presentation regarding the reference guide.
- Workshop on moving the Manifest forward in the technology area.
- Budget Report from Budget Sub-Committee.
- Discuss the vacancies of Mr. Koewler and Mr. Helmick on RIAB in December.
- Information on where Cal Recycle belongs in the Rendering Industry.

(10) **ADJOURN**

Mr. Michael Koewler asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion 2: Mr. Keever made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Andreoli seconded. Mr. Stonesifer, Mr. Helmick, Mr. Griffin, and Mr. Koewler agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Irene Sanchez