

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 MAY 7, 2019

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 7th at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Don Cameron
Helene Dillard
Ashley Boren
Andy Thulin

Rachelle Arizmendi
Nancy Casady
Joy Sterling
Donald Bransford

Mike Gallo
Bryce Lundberg
Christopher Valadez

Absent:

Crystal Hayling
Jeff Huckaby

Eric Holst

Martha Montoya

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 2, 2019

Board member Andy Thulin moved to approve the minutes of the April 2nd meeting. Board member Ashley Boren seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (11-0) carried the motion.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

The Departmental Update was provided at the conclusion of the meeting. This time was used to introduce and welcome Christopher Valadez to the Board.

No formal action by the Board occurred.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD– Water and the Future of the San Joaquin Valley

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the Public Policy Institute of California on the future of the San Joaquin Valley as it relates to water.

Speaker:

- Ellen Hanak, Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC)

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Reactivating California Floodplains

The Board heard a presentation coordinated by the Northern California Water Association which provided an overview of the work conducted by multi-stakeholder groups in the restoration and reactivation of floodplains.

Speakers included:

- David Guy, Northern California Water Association
- Jacob Katz, California Trout
- Lewis Bair, Reclamation District 108
- Meghan Hertel, Audubon California
- Roger Cornwell, River Garden Farms
- Paul Buttner, California Rice Commission
- Mark Biddlecomb, Ducks Unlimited

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) BREAK

(8) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – International Trade and California

The Board heard a presentation on the importance of international trade by a representative of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

Speaker:

- Bud Colligan, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(9) PANEL DISCUSSION – International Trade and Agriculture

The Board heard from representatives of California's agricultural sector concerning the importance of trade to California.

Speakers included:

- Julie Adams, Almond Board of California
- Rayne Thompson, Sunkist Growers and Fruit Growers Supply Company
- Adam Hollowell, Bryant Christie Inc.
- Tim Johnson, California Rice Commission

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) OTHER BUSINESS

No action was taken by the Board.

(11) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. This item was postponed from earlier on the agenda.

The update included a discussion of the Governor's Executive Order on a Portfolio Approach to Water, a status report on the ongoing virulent Newcastle disease outbreak in Southern California, and ongoing discussions concerning the California's milk quota system.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board occurred.

(12) BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board discussed a variety of issues related to trade and water policy. As a result of the discussion, Board directed staff to draft a letter for Board consideration on the importance of international trade.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

(13) PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were provided.

(14) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at approximately 3:15 p.m.