

**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
November 2, 2017**

**Location: California Department of Food and Agriculture
2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 155
Sacramento, CA 95833**

Item No.

(1) **Call To Order**

Mr. Michael Koewler called the RIAB meeting to order on Thursday, November 2, 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.
Rory "Shawn" Griffin
Jim Andreoli
Jared Trawich

Interested Parties:

Tad Bell
Tina Caperella
David Isen
Allan Nelson
Jed Smith
Mateo Sosa
Sandy Stonesifer

CDFA:

Paula Batarseh
Dr. Annette Jones
Dr. Alfred Aquino
Tony Herrera
Paul San Gregorio
Rhett Dunn
David Schurr
Michael Abbott
Laura Barlow
Irene Sanchez

(3) **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – March 28, 2017**

Mr. Koewler asked RIAB to review the March 28, 2017 meeting minutes and asked a motion be made to accept the minutes.

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

(4) **INTRODUCTIONS/ NEW STAFF**

Mrs. Batarseh introduced Michael Abbott a new MPES Special Investigator. Mr. Abbott will be assuming the responsibilities of Louie Lucero, who is on an extended leave. Mr. Abbott gave an overview of his experience.

(5) **RENDERING ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY**

Mrs. Batarseh gave an overview of the Rendering Enforcement Strategy of MPES:

- Workload
 - Administrative
 - Licensing and Registration
 - Inspections
 - Enforcement
 - Investigations
 - Prosecution
 - Citations, Warrants and Arrests
- Mission
 - Safe and Legal Collection
- Future Workload Focus Areas
 - Process Improvement
 - Invest in Staff
 - Standardized Investigations
 - Targeted Inspections
 - Balanced Budget and Transparency
- Enforcement Activities
 - Surveillance
 - Education and Outreach
 - Prosecution
 - Target Unlicensed Operations
 - Standardized Enforcement and Escalation Activities
 - Improved Coordination with MPES Inspectors
 - Enhance Efficiency
- Partnership and Liaisons
 - Foster Partnerships with Cities and Counties
 - Work Closely with Other Regulatory Agencies
- Regulation Review and Update

- Inedible Waste
- Fee Collection
- Record Keeping and Tracking System
- Permit Requirements
- Inedible Kitchen Grease (IKG)
 - Improve Tracking System
- Under development
 - Interview and Interrogation
 - Investigative Report Writing and Documentation
 - Criminal/Regulatory Investigations
 - Preparing Statements and Testifying
- Other Activities
 - Update CDFA's Policy Manual
 - Regulatory/Statutory Interpretation

(6) **INVESTIGATIVE TASK FORCE**

Mrs. Batarseh stated the Investigative Task Force is working on standardized terminology. Mr. San Gregorio stated it is a departmental wide task force and there are three members lending their training efforts (Division of Measurement Standards, Milk and Dairy Food Safety Branch, and MPES). They are developing three (3) core curriculum for interview and interrogations, investigative report writing and documentation, and accessing individual knowledge and skills. Mr. San Gregorio stated he is focusing on the Investigative Report Writing and developing a standardize forum for all investigators; therefore, everyone will be on the same standardized format.

(7) **RENDERING PROPOSED BUDGET/FEEES**

Mr. Andreoli provided RIAB with an overview of MPES's current Rendering Program Expense. He explained that the RIAB Budget Sub-Committee has been working on trying to expand while maintaining a balanced budget. He provided an overview of the Enhanced Rendering Program Expense.

Mrs. Barlow stated the following proposed changes:

- The Renderer General and IKG Enforcement fee is proposed to increase from \$3,000.00 to \$7,000.00.
- The Collection Center fee is proposed to increase from \$1,500.00 to \$3,500.00.
- The IKG-C Registration fee is proposed to increase from \$100.00 to \$250.00.
- The IKG-C Enforcement fee is proposed to increase from \$300.00 to \$500.00.
- The IKG-P Registration fee is proposed to increase from \$100.00 to \$250.00.
- The IKG-P Enforcement fee is proposed to increase from \$75.00 to \$125.00.

These proposed increases will remain at this fee for the next three (3) years. After three (3) years, the 2023/2024 Rendering Enforcement Program Budget will be reviewed and assessed if increased fees are necessary again.

Mrs. Barlow also explained Assembly Bill (AB) 655, which allows fees to be increased to a maximum amount of \$10,000.00. At this time, MPES has proposed to raise the fees to a

maximum amount of \$7,000.00.

Motion #2: Mr. Stonesifer made a motion to accept the RIAB Budget Sub-Committee proposed fee changes. Mr. Trawich seconded the motion. Mr. Koewler, Mr. Andreoli, Mr. Helmick, and Mr. Griffin agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

(8) **UPCOMING VACANCIES**

Mr. Koewler stated there are two (2) upcoming vacancies on RIAB on December 1, 2017. He stated it is imperative to have resumes submitted for consideration by November 3, 2017.

(9) **DISCUSS POSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES FOR UPCOMING SESSION**

Mr. Koewler asked RIAB if they would like to look at what is the definition of Rendering or other regulatory changes RIAB members would like to pursue and discuss at the next RIAB meeting.

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

Proposal to Coordinate a Unified Program.

- Mitigation and Partnership with CDFA.
- Animal Disposal.
- Cal Recycle regulatory processes and Senate Bill (SB) 1383.
- Invite Cal Recycle to the next RIAB meeting.
- Definition of where animal products should be going.

Next RIAB meeting will be in February, 2018.

(11) **ADJOURN**

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

Motion #3: Mr. Stonesifer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Andreoli seconded the motion. Mr. Helmick, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Trawich, and Mr. Koewler agreed. The motion passed unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Irene Sanchez