

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

Location: California Department of Food and Agriculture
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MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2019

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 4th 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
Bryce Lundberg	Joy Sterling	Donald Bransford
Ashley Boren	Mike Gallo	Crystal Hayling
Christopher Valadez	Andrew Thulin	

Absent:

Martha Montoya	Eric Holst	Helene Dillard
Jeff Huckaby		

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 7th

Board member Nancy Casady moved to approve the minutes of the May 7th meeting. Board member Andy Thulin seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (11-0) carried the motion.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update focused on the May Budget Revise, which includes increased funding for animal health, food safety (FSMA), and wildfires. Outstanding items for the department include final funding levels for Citrus Health (HLB) and a biodiversity funding request to support natural working landscapes, primarily within urban areas.

The Secretary also reported on the assistance of the California National Guard in helping CDFA resume sterile Medfly releases in Southern California. Airport infrastructure issues impacted regularly scheduled flights and as a result sterile fly releases did not occur for a short time period. With the assistance of the California National Guard, the infrastructure issue was addressed and flights resumed.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) Board Discussion – Water Policy

The Board held a water policy discussion/update with the Board Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

Speaker:

- Board Chair Joaquin Esquivel, State Water Resources Control Board

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Navel Orangeworm

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the Central California Almond Growers Association on the navel orangeworm pest.

Speaker:

- Michael Kelley, Central California Almond Growers Association

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Robert Gore (Ag Lands & Irrigated Lands Workgroup) commented on Ag Land Permits.

Public comments can be viewed at: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/LiveMediaStream.html>

(8) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Rural California & Agriculture

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the California Farm Bureau Federation on rural issues and initiatives.

Speaker:

- Jim Houston, California Farm Bureau Federation

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(9) BREAK

(10) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Overview of California Fairs

The Board heard a presentation from representatives of the Western Fairs Association and the California Department of Food and Agriculture on the current status of California's fair industry.

Speakers included:

- Sarah Cummings, Western Fairs Association
- John Quiroz, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) PANEL DISCUSSION – California Fairs

The Board heard presentations and updates from representatives of California fair industry.

Speakers included:

- Patricia Conklin, Dixon May Fair
- Rick Pickering, California State Fair
- Laurie Giannini, Calaveras County Fair and Jumping Frog Jubilee
- Cliff Munson, Siskiyou Golden Fair

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(12) OTHER BUSINESS

Following the presentations, the Board took the following action as part of Other Business.

ACTION: Letter to Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis on Agricultural Trade
Board member Don Bransford moved to approval the 'Staff Draft' letter to Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis on the importance of agricultural trade. Board member Crystal Hayling seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (10-0) carried the motion. Board member Mike Gallo was not present for the vote.

The panel discussion concluded without any further action by the Board.

(13) BOARD DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board held a discussion on issues covered at the meeting and took the following actions:

ACTION: Letter to USDA Secretary Perdue on Navel Orangeworm
Board member Nancy Casady moved that the Board authorize President Don Cameron to send a letter on the issue to Secretary Perdue. Board member Bryce Lundberg seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (10-0) carried the motion. Board member Mike Gallo was not present for the vote.

ACTION: Letter to Governor/Secretary on AB 417
Board member Joy Sterling moved that staff prepare a 'Staff Draft' letter on the importance of rural communities and support AB 417. Board member Don Bransford seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (10-0) carried the motion. Board member Mike Gallo was not present for the vote.

The discussion concluded without any further action by the Board.

(14) PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Robert Sissca (Pest Scope) commented on pest detection technology

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(15) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at approximately 3:10 p.m.