

**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
June 6, 2018**

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

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Michael Koewler, Chair, called the RIAB meeting to order at 9:14 a.m., roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

(2) INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members Present:

Michael Koewler
Daniel Stonesifer
D.O. Spike Helmick Jr.
James Andreoli Jr.
Jared Trawick

Interested Parties:

Tina Caparella
Tad Bell
Sandy Stonesifer
Hank Brady
Mark de Bie

CDFA:

Paula Batarseh
Paul SanGregorio
Irene Sanchez
David Schurr
Michael Abbott
Daysi Alcantar

(3) **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (February 28, 2018)**

Mr. Koewler, Chair, asked RIAB to review the RIAB meeting minutes from February 28, 2018.

Motion #1: Mr. Helmick made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Trawick seconded. Mr. Stonesifer and Mr. Andreoli agreed with no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.

(4) **BRANCH UPDATES**

Mrs. Batarseh gave a brief overview of the branch updates. She stated Mr. Andrew Halbert, Associate Governmental Program Analyst and Mrs. Daysi Alcantar, Special Investigator, were hired to assist in the Rendering Enforcement Program.

Mrs. Alcantar provided a brief description of her background and previous employment history.

(5) **SENATE BILL (SB) 1383**

Mr. Brady and Mr. de Bie gave an overview on SB 1383, which solidifies California's leadership in the United States Climate Alliance and affirms the states commitment to implement measures that advance the Paris Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2025.

Mr. de Bie discussed the SB 1383 statutory guidance and background.

- The targets and dates established in SB 1383 include:
 - By 2020, reduce organic waste disposal to 50 percent below 2014 level
 - By 2025, reduce organic waste disposal to 75 percent below 2014 level
- Legislative guidance directs California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to:
 - Include requirements to recover at least 20 percent of edible food that is currently disposed of for human consumption by 2025
 - Develop requirements consistent with the Short-Lived Climate Pollution Strategy (SLCP Strategy) and the 2017 Integrated Energy Policy Report
- Legislative guidance directs CalRecycle not to:
 - Impose organic waste disposal bans on individual landfills
 - Require jurisdictions to issue penalties prior to 2024
 - Impose the statewide 50 percent and 75 percent targets on individual jurisdictions
 - Utilize the "Good Faith Effort" compliance model specified in Public Resource Code Section 41825

- Legislative guidance allows CalRecycle regulations to:
 - Impose penalties on regulated entities of up to \$10,000 per day for noncompliance
 - Requires jurisdictions to impose requirements on relevant entities in their jurisdiction
 - Establish different levels of requirements for a jurisdiction
 - Consider additional incentives and requirements based on a 2020 market analysis by CalRecycle and California Air Resources Board

Mr. de Bie discussed public outreach and engagement. He stated that in February 2017, CalRecycle initiated a public process to develop a regulatory framework for SB 1383. Based on the outlined framework and stakeholder feedback, CalRecycle provided an initial draft of regulatory text in October 2017. A revised draft presented in October reflected changes made over six months of review of the public comments and stakeholders consultations.

Mr. de Bie also discussed the Primary SB 1383 Regulatory Policies regulatory framework, which is consistent with the statutory requirements and direction included in SB 1393.

The core aspects of the regulatory framework are the following:

- Organic Waste Collection Services
- Edible Food Recovery Programs and Services
- Procurement of Recovered Organic Waste Products
- Enforcement and Oversight

(6) RENDERING OUTREACH AND ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Schurr stated that he and Mr. SanGregorio provided an outreach and enforcement presentation to the California Restaurant Association. Mr. Schurr also asked to be included on the weekly current news website.

CDFA, Mr. Koewler, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Helmick have adopted an outreach strategy as follows:

- Industry Stakeholders (arrange meetings for individuals, share information, address problems and concerns, define the problems)
 - Inedible Kitchen Grease (IKG) Renderers
 - Pacific Coast Rendering Association
 - California Restaurant Association
 - Buyers of yellow grease

- Law enforcement
 - California Highway Patrol (CHP) divisions
 - Weight Scale Stations
 - Local Sheriff's Office
 - Local Police Departments
 - Department of Justice

- Other regulatory agencies
 - County Environmental Officers
 - Los Angeles County
 - San Diego County
 - San Bernardino County
 - Orange County

(7) **REGULATIONS / PENALTY MATRIX**

Mr. Schurr provided an overview of the penalty matrix. Mr. Schurr explained he would like to streamline the hearing process to match the penalty matrix.

Mr. Stonesifer would like to have more clarification on the interceptor grease trap and IKG penalty matrix as a future agenda item.

Mr. Koewler asked RIAB to discuss the penalty matrix at the next RIAB meeting.

Motion 2: Mr. Helmick made a motion to discuss the penalty matrix at the next RIAB meeting. Mr. Stonesifer seconded.

(8) **OUTREACH PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. SanGregorio provided a brief overview of the industry outreach he is focusing on.

- Industry outreach:
 - CHP
 - Local law enforcement
 - County environmental health agencies
 - California Restaurant Association
 - California Grocers Association

- Outreach goals:
 - Standardized reporting to have solid leads from:
 - Associations
 - Counties
 - Various County Department of Environmental Health
 - Law enforcement

- Educate industry on suspicious activity
- Reporting suspicious activity to CDFA
- Gain compliance in the inspection process
- Strategic alliances

Mr. SanGregorio stated that there are four (4) PowerPoint presentations and each one is specifically tailored for that industry. The outreach will work by establishing relationships and having strategic partnership with each organization.

(9) **RENDERING WEBSITE**

Mr. Abbott provided a brief overview on the Rendering website. He stated the Rendering webpage is dedicated to the Rendering program.

The link for reporting grease theft, suspicious activity, and new topic announcements is being updated.

The website sidebar will be organized to include:

- Contacts
- Regulations
- Forms
- Frequently asked questions

Mr. Stonesifer suggested that RIAB should bring ideas for updating the website to the next RIAB meeting.

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

Future agenda items:

- Barbiturates in euthanized animals
- Industry needs to be more involved and bring information to the RIAB meeting
- Clarification on the interceptor grease trap/IKG penalty matrix
- Address statutory issues

The next RIAB meeting will be September 19, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., at 2800 Gateway Oaks, Sacramento, CA.

(11) **ADJOURN**

Mr. Koewler, Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion #5: Mr. Andreoli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tradwick seconded. Mr. Stonesifer and Mr. Helmick agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Irene Sanchez