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**California Department of Food and Agriculture
Animal Health and Food Safety Services
Meat, Poultry and Egg Safety Branch
Rendering Industry Advisory Board
May 14, 2013**

**Location: 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 173
Sacramento, CA 95833**

Meeting Minutes

Item
No.

(1) **Call To Order**

Chairman Mike Koewler called the Rendering Industry Advisory Board (RIAB) meeting to order on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at approximately 10:00 a.m.

(2) **Roll Call**

Roll call taken by Chairman Koewler and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present:

Mike Koewler
Daniel Stonesifer
Donald DeSmet
Gerardo Garza
D.O. "Spike" Helmick Jr.
Chris Ottone

Committee Members Not Present:

James Andreoli Jr.

Interested Parties:

Sandy Stonesifer
Doug Smith
Tad Bell
Tina Caperella
Dr. Ross Hamilton
Terry Well-Brown
Lori Gikas
Dennis Albiani
Carlo Luri
Jared Trawich
Valerie Mendrin

CDFA:

Dr. Annette Jones
Dr. Doug Hepper
Dr. Jan Hershenhouse
Adrian Woodfork
Paul Roos
Paul SanGregorio
Louie Lucero
Rachel Andrade
Irene Sanchez

(3) **Approval of Minutes- March 5, 2013**

Chairman Koewler asked RIAB to review the March 5, 2013 meeting minutes and asked that a motion be made to accept the minutes.

Motion #1: Mr. Helmick made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. DeSmet seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

(4) **Review of RIAB By-Laws**

Dr. Hepper discussed revisions to the by-laws and asked RIAB to review the draft so they can discuss changes needed and/or recommend approval at the next meeting.

(5) **Spent Hen Disposal Survey**

Dr. Hershenhouse advised RIAB that Ms. Debbie Murdock is still completing the draft of the Spent Hen Disposal Survey and will provide updates at the next RIAB meeting.

(6) **Status of Inedible Kitchen Grease Investigations**

Investigators, Mr. Roos and Mr. Lucero, provided updates on current investigations and training sessions provided to law enforcement agencies. Discussion ensued around the need to track theft reporting, so that the data can be used to educate law enforcement agencies about the problem. Having statistical information will help define the magnitude of the problem and encourage law enforcement agencies to participate in the enforcement activities. Consensus was made that a system for data and information sharing needs to be established.

(7) **Program Updates**

Mr. SanGregorio and Dr. Hershenhouse provided the members with a Rendering Enforcement Program update and discussed outreach efforts. The following was discussed:

- Mr. SanGregorio gave an Inedible Kitchen Grease Theft presentation to the American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS) International. The goal is to inform other security forces about the of IKG theft problem.
- Outreach efforts should be extended to grocers and restaurants. IKG theft can result in loss of income from licensed renderers and potential environmental hazards, as well as, create liability issues for the restaurant.
- The Orange County District Attorney agreement remains active and is making continuous progress. Going forward, RIAB should press the environmental aspects to other District Attorneys to encourage them to take on IKG theft cases.
- REP created a new IKG Theft Decal that advertises the programs hotline and webpage reporting systems. The decals are available to all interested parties. RIAB has concerns that REP does not have the resources to follow-up on all the leads that come in from these resources. REP assured the members that this will be beneficial to help build reports that can be passed along to police departments.
- The new manifest regulations went into effect April 1, 2013 and Dr. Hepper conducted training sessions in March 2013. RIAB also suggests that information regarding the new regulations should be forwarded to all county health inspectors.

(8) **Directions and Roles for Enforcement Based on Mr. Helmick's Report**

Dr. Jones discussed the core functions and strategies for the REP. In addition to continuing routine plant inspections, REP will focus on administrative enforcement cases, data collection, and outreach. All criminal cases will be forwarded to law enforcement and REP will provide support to those cases.

(9) **Discussion of Restricted Rendering License and Fresh Food Recycling**

Mr. Morash, founder of California Safe Soil, LLC, presented his recycling method and described uses, process, and benefits of this method to RIAB. Mr. Morash explained to RIAB the barriers for his business of being registered as a renderer. Discussion ensued about the possibility of creating a separate type of registration titled Fresh Food Recycling, for a limited form of rendering, meaning a limited type of material can be used. Pros, cons, and concerns were discussed and the consensus from RIAB was that creating a subcategory would be unfair to traditional renderers. RIAB will review the issue further and discuss how it can be resolved.

(10) **Discussion of Enforcement Penalty Matrix**

Dr. Hershenhouse presented a draft of the penalty matrix for IKG enforcement to the board and asked for suggestions and/or approval by the board. The Chairman asked the board to review the matrix and discuss any suggestions at the next board meeting.

(11) **Budget Updates**

Dr. Hepper discussed four program options as it relates to funding. RIAB would like to wait on approval of options and budget until they know which enforcement approach will be used. RIAB further asked REP not to engage in any new enforcement contracts without prior approval from RIAB.

(12) **Auditing and Enforcing Manifest Regulations**

Dr. Hepper anticipates that REP will begin random routine audits beginning July 1, 2013.

(13) **Technical Subcommittee Report on Emerging Technologies**

Dr. Hamilton presented the members safeguards that the rendering industry currently has in place and made suggestions of ways RIAB could identify criteria to evaluate new technologies. The following was discussed:

- Safety control requirements for Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP)
- Identified potential biological, chemical, and physical hazards that need to be considered when reviewing new technologies
- The World Resource Institute report for Green Recycling
- Evaluation techniques for new technologies

The subcommittee will continue to work on the process of how to evaluate new technologies. RIAB suggested that REP should consult with a third party, such as a university to review all new technologies.

(14) **Subcommittee and Container Management Policy**

RIAB discussed the scope and magnitude of container theft and the need for a policy to be developed to resolve the issue.

(15) **Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

(16) **Next Meeting**

Chairman Koewler suggested establishing a date to meet sometime in late July or early August 2013.

Motion #2: Mr. DeSmet made a motion to meet in late July or the first week of August 2013. Mr. Ottone seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

(17) **Adjourn**

Mr. Ottone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. DeSmet seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rachel Andrade