

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

Location: San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau
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MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2019

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 2nd at approximately 1:05 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	Martha Montoya
Ashley Boren	Eric Holst	Crystal Hayling
Christopher Valadez	Andrew Thulin	Jeff Huckaby

Absent:

Helene Dillard	Mike Gallo	Donald Bransford
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(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 4th

Board member Christopher Valadez moved to approve the minutes of the June 4th meeting. Board member Rachelle Arizmendi seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (12-0) carried the motion.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The updated include a status report on the Virulent Newcastle Disease (VND) outbreak in Southern California (No new detections); Climate Smart Agriculture program updates and the creation of an ‘alternatives workgroup’ concerning the cancelation of chlorpyrifos as an approved agricultural insecticide.

The Secretary also reported on the visit of the U.S Food and Drug Administration’s Deputy Commissioner Frank Yiannas. The Deputy Commissioner toured growing operations with the Leafy Green Marketing Agreement (LGMA) and CDFA staff to better understand opportunities related to water testing and on-farm food safety procedures.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION – Water Resilience Portfolio

The Board held a public listening session and discussion on the Administration’s Water Resilience Portfolio.

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Jerry Lohr, J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines
- Brent Burchett, San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau
- Casey Creamer, California Citrus Mutual
- Patricia Wilmore, Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance
- James Green, San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau
- Jerry Reaugh, EPC Water District

(6) OTHER BUSINESS

Following the public comment and discussion, the Board took the following action as part of Other Business.

ACTION: Approval of Draft Letter – Agricultural and Rural Prosperity Act (AB 417)
Board member Martha Montoya moved to approval the ‘Staff Draft’ letter concerning AB 417 – the Agricultural and Rural Prosperity Act. Board member Joy Sterling seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (12-0) carried the motion.

ACTION: Approval of Draft Letters – Water Committee
Board member Bryce Lundberg moved to have staff work with the Board President to finalize and approve the ‘Staff Draft’ letters (Safe Drinking Water and Resources/EPA). Board member Andy Thulin seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (12-0) carried the motion.

ACTION: FCC Nomination Letter
Board President Don Cameron moved to have staff send a nomination letter for Board member Joy Sterling to serve on the FCC’s Precision Ag Connectivity Task Force. Board member Ashley Boren seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (12-0) carried the motion.

The Board further directed staff to work with the Board President to consider input on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation process in San Luis Obispo County.

(7) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

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