

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

Location: CA Department of Food and Agriculture
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MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2019

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 2nd at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Don Cameron
Eric Holst
Ashley Boren
Andy Thulin

Rachelle Arizmendi
Jeff Huckaby
Joy Sterling

Mike Gallo
Martha Montoya
Frank Muller

Absent:

Donald Bransford
Crystal Hayling

Nancy Casady
Bryce Lundberg

Helene Dillard

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 5, 2019

Board member Mike Gallo moved to approve the minutes of the March 5th meeting. Board member Ashley Boren seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (9-0) carried the motion. Board member Joy Sterling was not present for the vote.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update included an overview of the recent NASDA meeting; USDA hemp guidelines and the CDFA process; ongoing ACP work; Ag Day & Farm Bureau Ag Day; legislative outreach (budget hearings); and the Governors' Executive Order on Wildfires.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PANEL DISCUSSION – Virulent Newcastle Disease

The Board heard presentations from representatives of CDFA, industry associations and poultry/egg companies on Virulent Newcastle Disease

Speakers included:

- Dr. Annette Jones, California Department of Food and Agriculture

- Debbie Murdock, Pacific Egg and Poultry Association
- Dr. Charles Corsiglia, Foster Farms
- David Will, Chino Valley Ranchers

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PUBLIC COMMENT - VND

One individual provided Public Comment following the discussion on VND.

Speaker:

- David Bunn, UC Davis

Public comments can be viewed at:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/LiveMediaStream.html>

No formal action was taken by the Board following public comments.

(7) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Regulatory Compliance Study

The Board heard a presentation from researchers at Cal Poly concerning regulatory compliance costs for lettuce growers.

Speakers included:

- Dr. Lynn Hamilton, Cal Poly
- Dr. Michael McCullough, Cal Poly

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) BREAK

(9) BOARD DISCUSSION – California Water Policy

The Board held a discussion with Administration Officials on California Water Policy.

Speakers included:

- Secretary Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Agency
- Secretary Jared Blumenfeld, California Environmental Protection Agency

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Food Safety Modernization Act

The Board heard a presentation from CDFA's Inspection Services Division on the Food Safety Modernization Act.

Speakers:

- Natalie Krout-Greenberg, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) OTHER BUSINESS

No action was taken by the Board.

(12) BOARD DISCUSSION

Board member Mike Gallo commented that the Board should consider similar meetings in the Central Valley focusing on water policy with the Natural Resources Agency and CalEPA.

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(13) PUBLIC COMMENT

No additional public comments were provided.

(14) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at approximately 2:30 p.m.