

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 FEBRUARY 5, 2019

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 5th at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Don Cameron	Nancy Casady	Rachelle Arizmendi
Mike Gallo	Crystal Hayling	Jeff Huckaby
Ashley Boren	Bryce Lundberg	Eric Holst
Donald Bransford	Frank Muller	Joy Sterling

Absent:

Martha Montoya	Andy Thulin	Helene Dillard
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(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 4th, 2018

Board member Mike Gallo moved to approve the minutes of the December 4th meeting. Board member Nancy Casady seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (12-0) carried the motion.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Undersecretary Jenny Lester Moffitt provided a brief update to the Board. The update included an announcement on the reappointment of Karen Ross as CDFA Secretary as well as the publication of a report detailing CDFA's accomplishments over the last eight years. Undersecretary Moffitt also provided a brief overview of the budget that included funding for healthy soils, deferred maintenance on fairground facilities and industrial hemp. Other updates included a status report on virulent Newcastle disease (vND) operations.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (5) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Gene Editing and Sustainable Agriculture**
The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the CLEAR Project, based at the University of California, Berkeley.

Speaker:

- Becky Mackelprang, The CLEAR Project

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (6) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Gene Editing and Agricultural Production**
The Board heard a presentation from a representative from the Genome Center at University of California Davis on the potential of gene editing in agricultural production.

Speaker:

- Dr. Richard Michelmore, Genome Center (UC Davis)

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (7) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Innovation in Seed Production**
The Board heard a presentation from a representative from HM. Clause on the potential that gene editing has for seed production.

Speaker:

- John Lindbo, HM Clause

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (8) **BREAK**

- (9) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Biotech and GMOs (via Skype)**
The Board heard a presentation from a representative from the Non-GMO project on concerns and perspective related to gene editing.

Speaker:

- Jeff Bos, Non-GMO Project

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (10) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Animal Agriculture and Genomics**
The Board heard a presentation from a representative from Department of Animal Science at the University of California, Davis on gene technology and animal agriculture

Speaker:

- Dr. James Murray, University of California, Davis

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) OTHER BUSINESS

The Board was provided an update by staff on training and reporting requirements related to Ethics and the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

No formal action was taken by the Board.

(12) PUBLIC COMMENT

Two individuals provided public comment:

- Dana Perls, Friends of the Earth
- Michael Harris, Black Agriculture

Public comments can be viewed at:

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

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

(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at approximately 3 p.m.