

**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  
February 28, 2018**

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

Item No.

(1) **Call To Order**

Mr. Michael Koewler called the RIAB meeting to order on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at approximately 9:00 a.m. and a quorum was established.

(2) **Roll Call**

**Committee Members Present:**

Michael Koewler  
Daniel Stonesifer  
D.O. "Spike" Helmick Jr.  
Rory "Shawn" Griffin  
Jim Andreoli  
Jared Trawich  
Tyson Kever

**Interested Parties:**

Tad Bell  
Tina Caparella  
Sandy Stonesifer  
Eric de Jong  
Richard Brager  
Elizabeth John  
Lieutenant (Lt.) Robert Nance  
Captain (Capt.) Sean Duryee

**CDFA:**

Paula Batarseh  
Dr. Annette Jones  
Dr. Alfred Aquino  
Paul San Gregorio  
Rhett Dunn  
David Schurr  
Michael Abbott  
Laura Barlow  
Rachel Andrade  
Irene Sanchez

(3) **INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Koewler asked for an introduction of the attendees of the RIAB meeting.

(4) **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – November 2, 2017**

Mr. Koewler asked RIAB to review the November 2, 2017 meeting minutes and asked a motion be made to accept the minutes.

**Motion #1:** Mr. Helmick made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. Mr. Koewler, Mr. Stonesifer, Mr. Andreoli, Mr. Keever and Mr. Trawich agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

(5) **PROGRAM UPDATE**

Ms. Batarseh discussed the mission and vision of MPES and a strategic plan with specific goals and objectives.

The three (3) key areas that MPES have been working on are as follows:

- Robust enforcement strategy (Outreach and Education Efforts)
- Regulations on the penalty matrix
- Building partnerships and liaisons

Ms. Batarseh discussed standardizing approaches in enforcement and creating checklists and tools to ensure MPES inspections, enforcements and audit processes are consistent.

She also stated MPES is in the process of interviewing for the following three (3) positions:

- Supervising Special Investigator
- Associate Government Program Analyst (AGPA)
- Special Investigator (Southern Area)

(6) **SB 1383 IMPLEMENTATION**

Ms. Batarseh stated Senate Bill 1383 directs CalRecycle, in consultation with other regulatory agencies such as Air Resources Board and California Energy Commission, to adopt regulations to conducted divert organic waste from landfills.

CalRecycle has a study to look at different types of waste and evaluate what is currently going to landfills or transfer stations and how that can be changed.

Ms. Elizabeth John, Advanced Field Production Office Manager at the California Energy Commission further discussed their role in SB 1383 and provided an overview of the Biofuel Spending Program.

Ms. John provided information on the following:

- California transportation statistics
- California climate strategies
- Guiding policies and regulations

- Policy objective goals

Ms. John discussed the Alternative Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP). The purpose of this program is to provide funding support for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the transportation sector. She also discussed a Biofuel Project (gasoline, diesel and bio ethane).

Typically projects fall into 4 categories:

- Large community scale facilities
- Community scale facilities
- Transformative technology
- Sustainability studies

(7) **CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) PRESENTATION**

Captain (Capt.) Sean Duryee and Lieutenant (Lt.) Robert Nance, Commanders of the Commercial Vehicle Section of the California Highway Patrol provided an overview of the CHP mission.

Capt. Duryee discussed how both CHP and CDFA missions align and how both agencies can work together in regard to the Commercial Vehicle Section of CHP.

Lt. Nance oversees all the training, equipment, licensing, hazardous material waste, and prosecution. He provided an overview of the On and Off Highway Section.

(8) **RENDERING PROGRAM UPDATES**

Mr. Schurr discussed proposed regulatory changes as follows:

- Classification of violations
- Establishment of basic penalties
- Standardization

Mr. Schurr provided RIAB with a penalty schedule with examples of minor, moderate, and serious violations.

Mr. Koewler instructed RIAB members to read Table "A" Administrative Penalty Schedule and provide and comment at the next RIAB meeting.

Mr. Michael Abbott gave an overview on investigations, process improvements, outreach, assisting in registration renewals, key items include:

- Investigation leads come from industry, cities, and departmental health organizations
- Standardization of forms for northern and southern California
- Made contacts with various agencies to collaborate efforts
- Assisted in gathering missing insurance, application, etc. during renewal process

Mr. Abbott will send the checklist form to RIAB members.

Mr. Rhett Dunn gave an overview on investigations, updates and assisting in registration renewals:

- Updates on current investigations
- Training and outreach

- Became a member of California Hazardous Material Investigation Association (CHMIA)

Mr. Paul San Gregorio gave an overview on investigations and updates:

- Update on current investigations
- CDFA Investigative Task Force
- Information sharing between CHP and CDFA

(9) **FUTURE RIAB MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

- Discuss rendering website
- Review penalty matrix for comments
- Discuss violators being made public on CDFA Website
- Present camera systems for possible use by investigators
- Discuss and receive legal opinion on insurance requirements (Environmental Impairment Liability)
- Discuss enforcement strategy

Next RIAB meeting will be in June 2018.

(10) **ADJOURN**

Mr. Michael Koewler asked for a motion to adjourn the RIAB meeting.

**Motion #3:** Mr. Trawich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Keever seconded the motion. Mr. Helmick, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Stonesifer, and Mr. Andreoli agreed. The motion passed unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Irene Sanchez