

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

**Location:** California Department of Food and Agriculture  
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**MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2018**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

**Present:**

Don Cameron	Andy Thulin	Joy Sterling
Nancy Casady	Martha Montoya	Crystal Hayling
Eric Holst	Rachelle Arizmendi	Frank Muller
Helene Dillard	Donald Bransford	Ashley Boren
Mike Gallo	Jeff Huckaby	

**Absent:**

Bryce Lundberg

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board member Mike Gallo moved to approve the minutes of the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting. Board member Andy Thulin seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote (13-0). Board member Martha Montoya was not present for the vote.

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Undersecretary Jenny Lester Moffitt provided a brief update to the Board. The update included a report on the current budget process and CDFA's proposals for Citrus Disease and Pest Prevention (Asian citrus psyllid funding); Antimicrobial Drugs and Livestock (stewardship); and the Bee Safe Program. Undersecretary Lester Moffitt also discussed safe and affordable drinking water and updated the Board on the status of the outbreak associated with romaine lettuce in the Yuma growing region of Arizona.

**(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – International Trade and China**

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation concerning international trade with China and other trade partners.

Speaker:

- Veronica Nigh, American Farm Bureau Federation (via Skype)

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – California Agricultural Exports and China**

The Board heard from the Director of the University of California Agricultural Issues Center on importance of China as an international market for California agriculture.

Speaker:

- Daniel Sumner, University of California Agricultural Issues Center

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) **PANEL DISCUSSION – California Agricultural Trade Impacts**

The Board heard from representatives of various California agricultural organizations concerning the impacts of recent tariffs on agricultural trade.

Speakers included:

- Linsey Gallagher, The Wine Institute (via SKYPE)
- Richard Matoian, American Pistachio Growers
- Casey Creamer, California Citrus Mutual
- John Talbot, California Milk Advisory Board

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) **BREAK**

(9) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Climate and Security\***

The Board heard from a representative from the Center for Climate and Security on the importance of climate change preparedness as well as an understanding of the social, economic and political impacts.

Speaker:

- Len Hering, RADM, USN (ret), Center for Climate and Security

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

*\*As a result of timing and speaker availability, this agenda item was moved.*

(10) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Global Climate Action Summit 2018**

The Board heard from a state agency representative on the upcoming Global Climate Action Summit 2018.

Speaker:

- Undersecretary Jenny Lester Moffitt, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

*\*As a result of timing and speaker availability, Undersecretary Jenny Lester Moffitt appeared in place of CNRA Deputy Secretary Keali Bright.*

**(11) OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Board discussed the following issues:

- Water Committee
- STAFF DRAFT Recommendations for ‘Managed Groundwater Recharge to Support Sustainable Water Management’
- Letter to USDA Undersecretary Ted McKinney on importance of trade
- Letter to USTR Chief Agricultural Negotiator Gregg Doud – invitation to visit California
- Letter of Support for SB623
- Letter to Governor on Importance of Trade
- Discussion of Comprehensive Water Forum

**APPOINTMENT:** President Don Cameron appointed Board member Don Bransford as Chair of the Board’s Water Committee. Additional vacancies will be addressed in the coming weeks.

**MOTION:** Board member Nancy Casady moved that the Board authorize President Cameron to work with staff to finalized Groundwater Recommendations and submit to the Administration. Board member Martha Montoya seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote (14-0).

**MOTION:** Board member Eric Holst moved that staff prepare draft letters on the issues for Board review at the next meeting. Board member Joy Sterling seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote (14-0).

Action by the Board on ‘Other Business’ concluded.

**(12) PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were provided.

**(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

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