

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 APRIL 3, 2018

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 3, 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	Bryce Lundberg	Andy Thulin
Nancy Casady	Martha Montoya	Crystal Hayling
Eric Holst	Rachelle Arizmendi	Frank Muller
Helene Dillard	Donald Bransford	Ashley Boren
Mike Gallo		

Absent:

Jeff Huckaby	Joy Sterling
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(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Nancy Casady moved to approve the minutes of the March 6th Board meeting. Board member Andy Thulin seconded the motion, with an amendment by Board member Mike Gallo on attendance, and it was approved by a unanimous vote (10-0). Board members Ashely Boren, Eric Holst and Bryce Lundberg were not present for the vote.

(4) PANEL DISCUSSION – Day Zero (Cape Town)

The Board heard from two representatives in South Africa concerning the challenges associated with water availability in Cape Town as a result of the ongoing drought.

Speakers included:

- Jeremy Gorelick, USAID Program Advisor (via Skype)
- Anton Rabe, HORTGRO (via Skype)

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) **PANEL DISCUSSION – California Water Update**

The Board was provided updates by federal/state officials on the current water year and prospects for the summer months.

Speakers included:

- Cindy Messer, California Department of Water Resources
- David Murillo, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Mid Pacific Region
- Erik Ekdhal, State Water Resources Control Board

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) **BREAK**

(7) **PANEL DISCUSSION – Water Perspectives**

The Board heard from two representatives from the Central Valley concerning groundwater at the local level.

Speakers included:

- Ronald Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
- Jason Pucheu, Maricopa Orchards

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – California Groundwater Program**

The Board heard from a representative from the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) on the organization's groundwater program.

Speaker:

- Christina Babbitt, Environmental Defense Fund

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(9) **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Secretary Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update included a status report on the programmatic environmental impact report for the Department's Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services division and associated pest prevention activities. Other updates included information on the Federal Milk Marketing Order; CA GROWN at Disneyland's Food & Wine Festival; Report of Ag Day Activities and growth of UC Merced campus and internship activities connected to agriculture.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) PUBLIC COMMENT

One individual provided public comment. Public comments can be viewed at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/LiveMediaStream.html>

Public Comments:

- Michael Harris, Black Agriculture

Public comment concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

(12) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at approximately 2:45 p.m.