

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 4, 2017

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 4th at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Craig McNamara presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Craig McNamara	Don Cameron	Nancy Casady
Mike Gallo	Joy Sterling	Ben Drake
Ashley Boren	Helene Dillard	Bryce Lundberg
Mary Holz-Clause	Donald Bransford	Eric Holst

Absent:

Martha Montoya

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 7th

Board member Nancy Casady moved to approve the minutes of the March 7th meeting. Board member Ben Drake seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (10-0) carried the motion. Board members Eric Holst and Joy Sterling were not present for the vote.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update include an overview the Climate Smart Agriculture Policy Mission to Australia, CDFA’s policy work in addressing federal appropriations and 2018 Farm Bill issues. In addition, Secretary Ross reported on recent huanglongbing (HLB) findings and actions in the Los Angeles region as well as CDFA’s listening session on the federal milk marketing order/dairy quota in Fresno.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Immigration and Farm Labor

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the Governor’s Office concerning immigration policies across state agencies and the relation between state and federal policy.

Speaker:

- Dan Torres, Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PANEL DISCUSSION – Farm Labor and Agricultural Research

The Board held a panel discussion with representatives from the University of California and the California State University systems focusing on initiatives and programs directed to career technical training and farm automation. An overview presentation on California labor was also provided.

Speakers included:

- Dr. Phil Martin, University of California, Davis
- Dr. Glenda Humiston, University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Dr. Sandra Witte, Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) BREAK

(8) PANEL DISCUSSION – Farm Labor and Agriculture

The Board held a panel discussion with representatives from agricultural organizations concerning the future farm labor and automation on the farm.

Speakers included:

- Hank Giclas, Western Growers
- Rick Tomlinson, California Strawberry Commission

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(9) PANEL DISCUSSION – Rural Job Development

The Board held a panel discussion with representatives from state government and non-governmental organizations focusing on job development programs in rural communities.

Speakers included:

- Tim Rainey, California Workforce Development Board
- Jennifer Hernandez, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency
- Marco Lizarrage, La Cooperativa Campesina

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed future meeting topics, Ag Vision and water issues.

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were provided.

(12) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

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