MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2019

Item No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 2nd at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL
Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:
Don Cameron    Rachelle Arizmendi    Mike Gallo
Eric Holst    Jeff Huckaby    Martha Montoya
Ashley Boren    Joy Sterling    Frank Muller
Andy Thulin

Absent:
Donald Bransford    Nancy Casady    Helene Dillard
Crystal Hayling    Bryce Lundberg

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 5, 2019
Board member Mike Gallo moved to approve the minutes of the March 5th meeting. Board member Ashley Boren seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (9-0) carried the motion. Board member Joy Sterling was not present for the vote.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE
Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update included an overview of the recent NASDA meeting; USDA hemp guidelines and the CDFA process; ongoing ACP work; Ag Day & Farm Bureau Ag Day; legislative outreach (budget hearings); and the Governors’ Executive Order on Wildfires.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PANEL DISCUSSION – Virulent Newcastle Disease
The Board heard presentations from representatives of CDFA, industry associations and poultry/egg companies on Virulent Newcastle Disease

Speakers included:
- Dr. Annette Jones, California Department of Food and Agriculture
Debbie Murdock, Pacific Egg and Poultry Association
Dr. Charles Corsiglia, Foster Farms
David Will, Chino Valley Ranchers

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PUBLIC COMMENT - VND
One individual provided Public Comment following the discussion on VND.

Speaker:
• David Bunn, UC Davis

Public comments can be viewed at:
https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/LiveMediaStream.html

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

(7) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Regulatory Compliance Study
The Board heard a presentation from researchers at Cal Poly concerning regulatory compliance costs for lettuce growers.

Speakers included:
• Dr. Lynn Hamilton, Cal Poly
• Dr. Michael McCullough, Cal Poly

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) BREAK

(9) BOARD DISCUSSION – California Water Policy
The Board held a discussion with Administration Officials on California Water Policy.

Speakers included:
• Secretary Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Agency
• Secretary Jared Blumenfeld, California Environmental Protection Agency

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Food Safety Modernization Act
The Board heard a presentation from CDFA’s Inspection Services Division on the Food Safety Modernization Act.

Speakers:
• Natalie Krout-Greenberg, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) OTHER BUSINESS
No action was taken by the Board.
(12) BOARD DISCUSSION
Board member Mike Gallo commented that the Board should consider similar meetings in the Central Valley focusing on water policy with the Natural Resources Agency and CalEPA.

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(13) PUBLIC COMMENT
No additional public comments were provided.

(14) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT
The meeting concluded at approximately 2:30 p.m.