

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

**Location:** High Hill Ranch  
2901 High Hill Road (Pie House)  
Placerville, CA 95677

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**MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2018**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at approximately 9:10 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

**Present:**

Don Cameron	Joy Sterling	Jeff Huckaby
Nancy Casady	Ashley Boren	Andy Thulin
Frank Muller	Rachelle Arizmendi	Crystal Hayling

**Absent:**

Eric Holst	Helene Dillard	Bryce Lundberg
Donald Bransford	Martha Montoya	Mike Gallo

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board minutes of July 31, 2018 to be considered at the September 4, 2018 Board meeting.

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

No Departmental Update was provided.

**(5) PANEL DISCUSSION– Foothill Agriculture**

The Board heard presentations from the local Agricultural Commissioner as well as agricultural groups comprised of farmers and ranchers in the Sierra Nevada foothills.

Speakers included:

- Charlene Carveth, El Dorado County Agricultural Commissioner & Sealer
- Chris Delfino, Apple Hill Growers Association
- Robert Scharpf, El Dorado County Farm Bureau

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(6) BOARD DISCUSSION/BOARD BUSINESS**

The Board discussed issues related to broadband connectivity and members provided ad hoc updates on discussions with local and state officials

The Board also considered the following Action Items:

- STAFF DRAFT letter – Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- STAFF DRAFT letter – Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

**MOTION:** Board member Frank Muller moved to approve the STAFF DRAFT letters to the Public Utilities Commission and Board member Ashley Boren seconded the motion and was approved by a unanimous vote (9-0).

**VOTE: (APPROVED)** STAFF DRAFT letters to the PUC and FCC

PASS: (9-0)

Ayes: Arizmendi, Boren, Cameron, Casady, Hayling, Huckaby, Muller, Sterling and Thulin.

Noes: None received.

Action by the Board on ‘Other Business’ concluded.

**(7) PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were provided

**(8) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at approximately 10:26 a.m.

**(9) BOARD TOUR (10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)**

Following the meeting, the Board took a tour of the following sites:

- Harris Tree Farm (Christmas tree and fruit farm)
  - Jane Harris, Harris Tree Farm
- 24 Carrot Farms (Organic farm stand and CSA)
  - Ben Hansen, 24 Carrot Farm
- Lava Cap Winery (Foothill winery and farm trail)
  - Charlie Jones, Vineyard Manager