

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 DECEMBER 5, 2017

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, December 5th at approximately 9:05 a.m., President Craig McNamara presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Don Cameron	Nancy Casady	Craig McNamara
Ashley Boren	Joy Sterling	Crystal Hayling
Bryce Lundberg	Rachelle Arizmendi	Andy Thulin
Ben Drake	Martha Montoya	

Absent:

Eric Holst	Mike Gallo	Helene Dillard
Donald Bransford		

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 7, 2017

Board member Rachelle Arizmendi moved to approve the minutes of the November 7th meeting. Board member Bryce Lundberg seconded the motion and a vote (7-0-1) carried the motion. Board member Ben Drake abstained from the vote. Board members Ashley Boren, Joy Sterling and Martha Montoya arrived late.

(4) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – CalCannabis

The Board heard from representatives from CDFA's CalCannabis program and the California Growers Association.

Speakers included:

- Richard Parrott, CalCannabis
- Hezekiah Allen, California Growers Association
 - Casey O'Neill & Diana Gamzon, California Growers Association

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PUBLIC COMMENT – CalCannabis

Eight individuals provided public comment on CalCannabis. No written public comments were provided for the record. Video of the public testimony is available at: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/LiveMediaStream.html>

- Marvin Pineda, Capitol Strategies Group
- Kalita Todd, Fox Hollow Farm
- Roosevelt Tarlesson, Organic Farmer/National Economic Social Development Committee

- Sheldon Norberg, Essential Medicinals
- Michael Lewis, California Growers Association
- Josh Artman, Mendocino County Farmer
- Shelly Salvador, Nevada County Resident
- Alex Irons, Royal Crest Cannabis

Public comment concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update included a status report of various pest issues, including ACP and fruit flies. Secretary Ross also discussed the department's continued work on implementation of the animal antibiotic legislation related to antimicrobial resistance which will take effect on January 1, 2018. Other topics included Healthy Soils Week and CDFA's continuing work on Climate Smart Agriculture policy issues and international collaboration.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) BOARD DISCUSSION – 2018 Planning

The Board held a public discussion on planning for 2018. Several meeting topics and issues were discussed amongst the members including: WaterFix; regenerative agriculture; SGMA/GSA; trade agreements; vocational education/linked learning; flood management; agricultural education; farm to school/CDFA Office of Farm to Fork; FSMA/food safety; soil health; plant breeding/gene editing; and climate change.

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) Public Comment:

One individual provided public comment to the Board. No written public comments were provided for the record. Video of the public testimony is available at: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/LiveMediaStream.html>

- Robert Gore, Gualco Group

No further public comment was provided.

(9) OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business was discussed

(10) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at approximately 11:45 a.m.