

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

Location: California Department of Food and Agriculture
1220 N Street – Main Auditorium
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MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2017

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 7th at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Craig McNamara presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Don Cameron	Nancy Casady	Craig McNamara
Donald Bransford	Bryce Lundberg	Ben Drake
Eric Holst	Joy Sterling	Ashley Boren
Mike Gallo	Martha Montoya	

Absent:

Helene Dillard	Mary Holz-Clause
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(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 6, 2016 & February 16, 2017

President Craig McNamara moved to approve the minutes of the December and February Board meetings. A unanimous vote (10-0) carried the motion. Board member Joy Sterling was not present for the vote.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

No Departmental Update was provided

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Drinking Water Program

The Board heard a presentation from a representative from the State Water Resources Control Board concerning drinking water programs.

Speaker:

- Darrin Polhemus, State Water Resources Control Board

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board

(6) PANEL DISCUSSION – Safe Drinking Water/Disadvantaged Communities

The Board heard from speakers representing associations and other stakeholder groups on drinking water issues.

Speakers included:

- Laurel Firestone, Community Water Center
- Wade Crowfoot, Water Foundation
- Cindy Tuck, Association of California Water Agencies

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board

(7) **BREAK**

(8) **PANEL DISCUSSION – Safe Drinking Water/Disadvantaged Communities**

The Board heard from representatives of agricultural associations concerning the issue of safe drinking water and disadvantaged communities

Speakers included:

- Gail Delihant, Western Growers
- Tim Johnson, California Rice Commission
- Emily Rooney, Agricultural Council of California

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board

(9) **PANEL DISCUSSION – Safe Drinking Water/Disadvantaged Communities**

The Board heard from representatives of agricultural stakeholders concerning the issue of safe drinking water and disadvantaged communities

Speakers included:

- Ismael Herrera, California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
- Steve McIntyre, Monterey Pacific
- David Cory – UNABLE TO ATTEND

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board

(10) **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the following other business;

- California Ag Vision

Board Member Don Bransford moved to approve the Ag Vision document, as amended during discussion. Board member Don Cameron seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (11-0) carried the motion.

Following conversation of the Ag Vision, Board member Bryce Lundberg highlighted the achievement of the California Association of Food Banks, the Board, and California's farmers and ranches for more than doubling farm contributions to food banks, a goal established by the Board in 2011.

In addition, Board Member Bryce Lundberg commented on the Oroville Dam emergency and the impact that the situation had on local farm communities. Board member Lundberg also stated that he believed that Prop 1 funds should be eligible to assist in Oroville Dam repair.

(11) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were provided.

(12) **CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:25 p.m.