

**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  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2017**

Item  
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**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 3rd 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
Ben Drake	Mike Gallo	Martha Montoya
Helene Dillard	Ashley Boren	Joy Sterling
Bryce Lundberg		

**Absent:**

Donald Bransford	Eric Holst
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**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 5, 2017**

Board member Nancy Casady moved to approve the minutes of the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Board member Mike Gallo seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (10-0) carried the motion.

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Deputy Secretary Jenny Lester Moffitt provided a brief update to the Board. The updated included a report on Farm to Food Bank Month (September); the opening later this month on the voting period for the California dairy quota program; and an update on pest detections. In addition to the updates, Deputy Secretary Moffitt reported on staffing changes at CDFA - Undersecretary Jim Houston has accepted another position outside of state government and Kevin Masuhara will serve as Acting Undersecretary.

The update concluded without further action by the Board.

**(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – CDFA Legislative Update**

The Board heard from a representative from CDFA's Legislative Office regarding current pending legislation in related to the agricultural sector.

Speaker:

- Taylor Roschen, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – DACA and California**

The Board heard an update from a representative from the Governor’s Office concerning recent federal action related to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

Speaker:

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

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(7) PANEL DISCUSSION – DACA Perspectives**

The Board heard from four panelists representing non-profits, local communities and farmworkers who discussed perspectives related to DACA.

Speakers included:

- Diana Tellefson, UFW Foundation
- Daniel Costa, Economic Policy Institute
- Javier Zamora, JSM Organics
- Abigail Solis, Earlimart School Board

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(8) BREAK**

**(9) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – DACA Perspectives**

The Board heard from a representative from the California State University system on potential DACA impacts:

Speaker:

- Joseph I. Castro, California State University, Fresno

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(10) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – DACA Perspectives**

The Board heard from a non-profit representing the farmworker community on potential DACA impacts to agricultural communities.

Speaker:

- Maria Eschaveste, Farmworker Justice (via Skype)

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(11) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Safe and Affordable Drinking Water**

The Board heard from the author of the SB 623 concerning next steps and action on the proposed legislation to address safe and affordable drinking water for an estimated 3 million Californians.

Speaker:

- The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(12) OTHER BUSINESS**

Following the discussions, the Board took the following actions as part of Other Business.

ACTION: Board member Ben Drake moved to approve President McNamara sending a letter in support of DACA, incorporating content amendments provided by Board in relation to the Staff Draft letter on DACA. Board member Nancy Casady seconded the motion and the motion was passed by consent (10-0).

ACTION: Board member Mike Gallo moved to approve the Staff Draft letter on NAFTA/KORUS. Board member Don Cameron seconded and the motion was passed by majority vote (7-2-1) AYES: Boren; Cameron; Gallo; Lundberg; McNamara; Montoya; Sterling. NAYS: Drake; Casady. ABSTENTION: Dillard

No further business was conducted.

**(13) PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were provided.

**(14) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at approximately 3:30 p.m.