



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
AVOCADO INSPECTION COMMITTEE (AIC)
Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2009
Irvine, CA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rob Wedin, Chairman
Chris Varvel
Bob Bednar
Mark Wollam
Phil Gilligan
Ohannes Karaoghlanian

CDFA REPRESENTATIVES

Donella Boreham

INTERESTED PARTIES

Tom Bellamore (CAC)
Scott Scarbrough

MEMBERS ABSENT

Reuben Hofshi
Ralph Gonzalez

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

Chairman Rob Wedin called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. with a quorum present.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL JUNE 23, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Phil Gilligan moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Chris Varvel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: LAMB HASS PROJECT

Ms. Boreham updated the committee on progress of the research project which ended July 3, 2009. The objective was to compare Lamb Hass dry matter percentage to maturity release dates for Lamb Hass. Ten growers participated, selecting five fruit per size and testing every two weeks. We tested each size until two weeks after that size was released. From the test results all release dates for the Lamb Hass are tracking.

Percent Passing at Release Date:

<u>Size</u>	<u>DM%</u>	<u>Percent Passing</u>
32	24.1%	80%
36	24.2%	90%
40	24.1%	90%
48	25.9%	100%

ITEM 4: ASSEMBLY BILL 905

Ms. Boreham updated the committee on AB 905. Section 45031 of the Food and Ag Code has passed and will be effective January 2010. "Every person who is in possession of over 40 25 pounds of avocados that are produced in this state shall possess a record of proof of ownership of avocados."

ITEM 5: INTERNATIONAL SUPPLIER'S REQUEST TO CONSIDER STANDARDIZATION OF SIZES SHIFT FROM SIZE/COUNT 48 TO 50

The committee discussed the merits of going to a size 50 and concluded that at this time the committee doesn't see a need to change.

ITEM 6: PROPOSED AVOCADO INSPECTION PROGRAM BUDGET 2009/2010 AND PROPOSED FEE

Donella Boreham presented members with a proposed fee of 25 cents per hundredweight for the crop year 2009/10. This is based on an estimated 430 million pound crop year.

Ms. Boreham presented members with the proposed budget of \$533,650 for the Avocado Inspection Program 2009/10 crop year beginning November 1, 2009. The proposed budget is based on a fee of 25 cents per hundredweight. The total budget for the year (including the CDFA Budget of \$169,976 approved March 11, 2009) will be \$703,626.

MOTION: Mr. Bob Bednar moved to approve the 2009/10 Avocado Inspection Program (AIP) budget of \$533,650 based on a crop of 430 million pounds and approve the certification fee 25 cents per hundredweight for crop year 2009/10. Mr. Mark Wollam seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Copies of the Proposed 2009/10 Budget and the 2009/10 Projected Operations are attached as EXHIBIT B and EXHIBIT C, respectively.

ITEM 6: NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Boreham reviewed the maturity testing results from Mexico and Chile.

ITEM 7: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in March 3, 2010.

ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Bob Bednar moved to adjourn. Mr. Mark Wollam seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wedin adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donella Boreham, Program Supervisor
Avocado Inspection Program
Inspection and Compliance
Inspection Services