



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

## Meeting Notice and Agenda

*Notice is hereby given of the following meeting:*

### Meat, Poultry and Egg Safety Branch Rendering Industry Advisory Board

**Thursday, February 6, 2025**

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

California Department of Food and Agriculture

1220 N St, Room 333

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4690711735?omn=85319275400>

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#### Board Members:

Michael Koewler, Chair  
D.O. "Spike" Helmick Jr.  
Brad Fleeman  
Jimmy Andreoli II

David Belt  
Phil Ottone  
TJ Koewler

#### Agenda Items:

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| 1) Roll Call                             | Michael Koewler               |
| 2) Approval of Minutes (October)         | Michael Koewler               |
| 3) Branch Updates                        | Paula Batarseh                |
| 4) H5N1 Response                         | Paula Batarseh                |
| 5) Coordination with Regulatory Agencies | Michael Koewler/Board members |
| 6) Enforcement & Outreach                | Brittany Cardoza              |
| 7) Expanding Rendering Capacity in CA    | Michael Koewler/Board members |
| 8) Public Comments                       | Michael Koewler               |
| 9) Future RIAB Agenda Items              | Michael Koewler               |
| 10) Upcoming RIAB Meeting Dates          | Michael Koewler               |
| 11) Adjourn                              | Michael Koewler               |



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The meeting agenda under consideration by the RIAB will be available to the public during the meeting and is also available at [www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/ahfss\\_meetings.html](http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/ahfss_meetings.html).

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