



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

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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=86464968392>

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Board Members:

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

Jimmy Andreoli II
Phil Ottone
TJ Koewler

Agenda Items:

1) Roll Call	Michael Koewler
2) Introduction of New Board Member	Michael Koewler
3) Approval of Minutes (October)	Michael Koewler
4) Branch Updates	Paula Batarseh
5) H5N1 / New World Screwworm Response	Lisa Quiroz
6) Coordination with Regulatory Agencies/AB411	Michael Koewler/Board members
7) Enforcement & Outreach	Brittany Cardoza
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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