

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
ANIMAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY SERVICES (AHFSS)
MEAT, POULTRY AND EGG SAFETY BRANCH (MPES)
SHELL EGG ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)
COUNTY CONTRACTS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2022**

California Department of Food and Agriculture
1220 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Item
No.

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Sencer, Chair, called the SEAC meeting to order at 1:17p.m. and a quorum was established.

(1) ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Mr. Michael Abbott, Egg Quality Manager, Egg Safety and Quality Management (ESQM).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Sencer, Chair	Debbie Murdock (Non-Voting)
Dr. Richard Breitmeyer	Cathy Roache (Non-Voting)
David Will, Chino Valley	

CDFA:

Logan Bartley
Michael Abbott
Penny Arana

INTERESTED PARTIES:

Ed Williams

(2) COUNTY CONTRACTS DISCUSSION

Michael Abbott presented a chart showing which counties have contracts with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). He stated that counties that are at the farthest edges of California are ones that are difficult to reach for inspections. Counties located in central California have CDFA staff nearby to handle most inspections outside of the current County agreements. However, CDFA is open to developing new contracts with any county within the state.

Mike Sencer inquired if CDFA would be able to train multiple counties if they were added. CDFA currently has an extensive training program for counties that agree to implement egg inspections in their respective county. Any county that wants to perform egg inspections will have the opportunity to participate in this training program, to ensure that all inspections are standardized.

CDFA will continue exploring other options to bring more counties into contracts. The larger counties will still maintain more detailed agreements for retail work. Further, it was proposed that the reimbursable mileage amounts should be increased, to compensate an increase in travel. CDFA discussed looking into an administrative rate for future agreements and will propose additional funding to SEAC. Additionally, CDFA will send out a survey to the counties to get feedback about how to make it more desirable for counties, and what can be done differently to facilitate increase county involvement. CDFA and some members of SEAC may participate in a County Deputy Commissioners meeting to expand outreach to get more County involvement. CDFA will continue to update the agreements with some of the changes mentioned and will release further implementation details later.

The Counties discussed looking into the reimbursement rate per inspection to be a more comparable rate for the time it takes to travel to each retail location and complete the inspection. Currently the reimbursement rate per retail location is \$29.19, with only thirty minutes allowed for each location. It was stated that thirty minutes allotted for each location would not be sufficient to travel to each location and conduct an adequate inspection. It was expressed by the counties that the classification of inspector and the rate for egg retail inspection does not justify the time when other program inspections that cover the inspectors at a much higher rate.

(3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made

(4) **ADJOURN**

Motion #1: Dr. Richard Breitmeyer motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Mike Sencer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without any abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Logan Bartley