



2024 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Technical Review Committee

Public Meeting

March 22, 2024
10:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3502787197167267932>

Committee Members Present:

Daniel Kim
Jim Dunbar
Zach Bagley

Jennifer Richards
Joel Peterson

Committee Members Absent:

N/A

CDFA Staff:

Karen Ross
Stephen Tachiera
Annika Paulsen
Kristi Duprey

Andrew Lawrence
Logan Dreher
Edward Gebing

Introductions and Opening Remarks

Karen Ross – Secretary, CDFA

Jim Dunbar, Chairman, Specialty Crop Technical Review Committee (TRC)

SCGBP Reports

Each subcommittee representative presented a brief summary, commented on the review process, and submitted the following Subcommittee Grant Proposal recommendations to the TRC Chair:

- **Grown In California** – Mr. Peterson, presented the subcommittee findings. The subcommittee reviewed 34 Concept Proposals totaling \$14.2 million, and 18 Grant Proposals totaling \$8.1 million. **Motion to submit the Grown in California subcommittee recommendations to the Chairman of the 2024 SCGBP Technical Review Committee made by Mr. Peterson. Seconded by Mr. Bagley. Motion is unanimous.**
- **Healthy Specialty Crops for All Californians** – Mr. Kim presented the subcommittee findings. The subcommittee reviewed 34 Concept Proposals totaling \$12.7 million, and 17 Grant Proposals totaling \$7.5 million. **Motion to submit the Healthy Specialty Crops for All Californians subcommittee recommendations to the Chairman of 2024 SCGBP**

Technical Review Committee made by Mr. Kim. Seconded by Mr. Peterson. Motion is unanimous.

- **Equity, Opportunity, and Education for All California Specialty Crop Farmers – Ms. Richards presented the subcommittee findings. The subcommittee reviewed 31 Concept Proposals totaling \$11.6 million, and 15 Grant Proposals totaling \$6.4 million. Motion to submit the Equity, Opportunity, and Education for All California Specialty Crop Farmers subcommittee recommendations to the Chairman of the 2024 SCGBP Technical Review Committee made by Ms. Richards. Seconded by Mr. Peterson. Motion is unanimous.**
- **Environmental Stewardship, Conservation, and Climate Smart Agriculture – Mr. Dunbar presented the subcommittee findings. The subcommittee reviewed 50 Concept Proposals totaling \$22.1 million, and 24 Grant Proposals totaling \$10.9 million. Motion to submit the Environmental Stewardship, Conservation, and Climate Smart Agriculture subcommittee recommendations to the Chairman of the 2024 SCGBP Technical Review Committee made by Mr. Dunbar. Seconded by Mr. Bagley. Motion is unanimous.**
- **Plant Health and Pest Management – Mr. Bagley presented the subcommittee findings. The subcommittee reviewed 47 Concept Proposals totaling \$20.1 million, and 26 Grant Proposals totaling \$11.7 million. Motion to submit the Plant Health and Pest Management subcommittee recommendations to the Chairman of the 2024 SCGBP Technical Review Committee made by Mr. Bagley. Seconded by Mr. Kim. Motion is unanimous.**

Final Motion and presentation of the Technical Review Committee recommendations by Mr. Dunbar to Secretary Ross, seconded by Mr. Peterson.

Public Comment – No comments.

Closing Remarks by Secretary Ross.

Motion to adjourn by Secretary Ross.