

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

Location: California Department of Food and Agriculture
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MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2023

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Don Cameron
Bryce Lundberg
Mike Gallo
Doria Robinson
Chris Valadez

David Mancera
Glenda Humiston
Joy Sterling
Julia Jackson*
Frank Salazar

Jenet DeCosta
Michelle Passero
Patricia Stock
Rachelle Arizmendi

*Virtual Attendance

Absent:

Eric Holst

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Glenda Humiston moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023, meeting. Board member Rachelle Arizmendi seconded the motion and a vote of (12-0) carried the motion. Board Member Bryce Lundberg and Chris Valadez were not present for the vote.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board following Agenda Item #4. The updated focused on the *State of the Science Summit: Feed Strategies to Reduce Enteric Emission* hosted by CDFA and the UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. The purpose of the summit is to identify opportunities for collaboration and research that can help the dairy and beef industries meet climate goals. In addition, the Secretary provided updates on May Revise and outreach within the Tulare Basin (flooding).

The Secretary concluded the report with a readout on participation in UC ANR's Statewide Conference and CDFA's Climate Smart Agriculture Policy Mission to Denmark and the Netherlands.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) ADVANCE PLANNING UPDATE (Floods)

The Board heard a presentation from the California Department of Water Resources on advanced planning associated with floods and spring run-off as it relates to groundwater management.

Speaker:

- Paul Gosselin, CA Department of Water Resources

The Presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD:

Ag Vision: Building Local Healthy Communities

The Board heard presentations from representatives of CDFA and stakeholders related to programs supporting the Ag Vision strategic priority of Building Local, Healthy Communities.

Speakers, included:

- Nicholas Anicich, CDFA Office of Farm to Fork
- Sofia Gross, CDFA Fairs and Expositions – Community Resource Centers
- Stacia Levenfled, California Association of Food Banks
- Thea Rittenhouse, CDFA's Farm Equity Advisor
- Carmen Carrasco, CDFA's Small Farm Advisor (Virtual)

The Presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD:

Ag Vision: Next Generation of Talent and Tools

The Board heard presentations from representatives of California State University and the University of California related to programs supporting the Ag Vision strategic priority of Driving the Next Generation of Talent and Tools.

Speakers, included:

- Patricia Stock, California State University, Chico
- Glenda Humiston, University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources

The Presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) BREAK

(9) PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD:

Ag Vision: Collaboration on Smarter Regulations

The Board heard presentations from representatives of CDFA, California Natural Resources Agency, California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and stakeholders related to programs supporting the Ag Vision strategic priority of Collaborating on Smarter Regulations

Speakers, included:

- Jennifer Norris, CA Natural Resources Agency
- Erika Lovejoy, Sustainable Conservation
- Arima Kozina, CA Department of Food and Agriculture
- Katheryn Landau, CalEPA

The Presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

Following the panel discussion, the Board heard public comment from the following individual:

- Robert Gore, The Gualco Group, Inc.

No further public comments were received on this agenda item. Public comments can be viewed at: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/LiveMediaStream.html>

(10) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:

Ag Vision: Enhance Understanding of Agriculture

The Board heard presentations from a representative of the Buy California Marketing Agreement (CAGROWN) to programs supporting the Ag Vision strategic priority of Enhancing the Understanding of Agriculture

Speaker

- Cherie Watte, Buy California Marketing Agreement (CAGROWN)

The Presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board heard updates related to the Ag Vision Committee.

The Board Discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(12) PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board heard public comment from the following individual:

- Rebecca Baskin, California Association of Pest Control Advisors

No further public comments were received. Public comments can be viewed at:

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(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting concluded at approximately 2:30 p.m.