

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

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BOARD MEETING
TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Don Cameron
Chris Valadez
Glenda Humiston
Mike Gallo

Joy Sterling
Doria Robinson
Hernan Hernandez
Bryce Lundberg

Rolston St. Hilaire
David Mancera
David Shabazian
Michelle Passero

Absent:

Julia Jackson

Jenet DeCosta

Rachelle Arizmendi

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Glenda Humiston moved to the approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025 Board meeting. Board member David Shabazian seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of (9-0). Board members Robinson, Sterling and Valadez were not present for the vote.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update included information on current budget projections, CDFA's work related to the Los Angeles fires (Animal Cares Unit), and avian influenza (egg prices). The Secretary also mentioned attendance to the World Ag Expo and the Small-Scale Producer/BIPOC producer advisory committees meetings. The Secretary concluded by mentioning the Governor's Executive Order on return to office and the Federal Administrations funding pause.

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOAED
State/Federal Update (Budget/Federal Funds)

The Board heard a presentation concerning the current CDFA budget as well as federal funding updates. The presentation included an overview of the various CDFA programs funded through General Fund and Proposition 4 investments.

Speaker:

- Arima Kozina, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

SprayDays California – Statewide Restricted Material Application Notification System

The Board was provided demonstration and overview of the SprayDays California reporting system. The system will provide the public with timely information in advance of restricted material pesticide applications in production agriculture

Speakers included:

- Director Karen Morris, CA Department of Pesticide Regulation
- Leia Bailey, CA Department of Pesticide Regulation
- Juvenio Guerra, CA Department of Pesticide Regulation

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE BOARD

SprayDays California

The Board held public comment on Spray Days California, six individuals provided public comment.

- Paige, member of the public
- Vanessa Forsythe, school nurse
- Mark Weller, Santa Cruz PAN
- Jane Sellen, California for Pesticide Reform
- Yanely Martinez, California for Pesticide Reform
- Angela Garcia, California for Pesticide Reform

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

<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/LiveMediaStream.html>

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) PANEL DISCUSSION

SprayDays California

The Board heard from representatives from agricultural entities who work and advise farmers on pesticide applications.

Speakers included:

- Lindsey Carter, California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA)
- Ruthann Anderson, California Association of Pest Control Advisors (CAPCA)

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(9) BREAK

(10) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

California Land Equity Task Force Update

The Board heard from the California Strategic Growth Council on the work of the California Land Equity Task Force and the upcoming recommendation by the task force concerning land equity.

Speaker:

- Camille Frazier, California Strategic Growth Council

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Legislative Update

The Board heard an update on legislative issues and topics of interest for the current session.

Speaker:

- Rachael O'Brien, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(12) PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals provided public comment for items not on the agenda.

Public Comment:

- Charlene Vieira, Dairy Farmer
- Member of the Public (Insect Control Mechanism)
- Jim Vieira, Dairy Farmer
- Bob Borba, Dairy Farmer
- Michael Harris, Black Agriculture

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(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

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