

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

Meeting Location:

California Department of Food and Agriculture
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BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at approximately 10:05 a.m., Board President Don Cameron presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Don Cameron

Chris Valadez

Hernan Hernandez

Julia Jackson

Doria Robinson

Glenda Humiston

David Mancera

David Shabazian

Rachelle Arizmendi

Rolston St. Hilaire

Mike Gallo

Jenet DeCosta

Bryce Lundberg

Absent:

Michelle Passero

Joy Sterling

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Glenda Humiston moved to the approve the minutes of the May 6, 2025, Board meeting. Board member David Shabazian seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of (13-0).

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

In lieu of a Departmental Update, Secretary Karen Ross yielded her time to representatives of California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to provide an overview of the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act. Speakers included Mindy McIntyre, Chief Deputy Director and Michelle Martin, Deputy Director.

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Visiting Foreign Delegation

The Board heard presentations from member organizations of AgriTech Murcia (Spain) an agricultural organization committed to advancing technology and innovation within the farming sector. CDFA led a Climate Smart Agricultural Policy Mission to Spain in 2023 and met with members of the organization to further collaboration and engagement.

Speakers, included:

- Member organizations of AgriTech Murcia (Spain).

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging

The Board heard a presentation from the Circular Action Alliance, California's Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) for the implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws related to paper and packaging.

Speaker:

- Susan Robinson, Circular Action Alliance (via Zoom)

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

Public Comment:

The Board held public comment on the agenda item, four individuals provided public comment.

- Jennifer Fearing, Fearless Advocacy
- Jenette Kwong, Member of the Public
- Katie Little, California League of Food Processors
- Keely Cervantes, Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)

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

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

(7) PANEL DISCUSSION

Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging

The Board held a panel discussion with representatives from California's agricultural sector focusing on the implementation of SB 54 – Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act

Speakers included:

- Emily Rooney, Agricultural Council of California
- Melissa Koshlaychuk, Western Growers
- Rick Tomlinson, California Strawberry Commission

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

Public Comment:

The Board held public comment on the agenda item, five individuals provided public comment.

- Neil Edgar, California Compost Coalition
- Nick Lapis, California Against Waste
- Karla Garibay Garcia, Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Keely Cervantes, Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)
- Abby Taylor-Silva, Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP

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

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(8) BREAK

(9) PANEL DISCUSSION

Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging

The Board held a panel discussion with representatives from California business and trade associations focusing on the implementation of SB 54 – Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act

PANEL DISCUSSION - Continued

Speakers included:

- Neil Edgar, California Compost Coalition
- Adam Regele, California Chamber of Commerce
- Daniel Conway, California Grocers Association

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board. Panel speaker Rachel Michelin, California Retailers Association was not in attendance.

Public Comment:

The Board held public comment on the agenda item, four individuals provided public comment.

- Jennifer Fearing, Fearless Advocacy
- Faith Conley, Carton Council of North America
- Katie Davey, Dairy Institute of California
- Rick Tomlinson, California Strawberry Commission

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

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

(10) BOARD DISCUSSION

No Board Discussion occurred.

(11) PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments were received.

Written comments were submitted by:

- Community Alliance with Family Farmers

(12) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting concluded at approximately 2:20 p.m.