

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

Meeting Location:

Terra Madre
SAFE Credit Union Convention Center
1401 K Street – Meeting Room #11
Sacramento, CA 95814

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BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

Item

No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Friday, September 26, 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	Joy Sterling	Doria Robinson
David Shabazian	Chris Valadez	Michelle Passero
Hernan Hernandez	Jenet DeCosta	Bryce Lundberg
Glenda Humiston		

Absent:

Rachelle Arizmendi	Mike Gallo	Julia Jackson
David Mancera	Rolston St. Hilaire	

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Bryce Lundberg moved to the approve the minutes of the August 5, 2025, Board meeting. Board member Glenda Humiston seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of (10-0).

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided an update to the Board. The update included plant and animal health items related to fruit fly quarantines and the threat of New World screwworm, which has been detected in Mexico. Other updates included international activities related to California's MOU with Denmark, a climate smart agricultural policy trip to Brazil focusing on biologicals and the recent Jobs First ag tech award to UC Agriculture and Natural Resources. Secretary concluded remarks with an announcement that Dr. Annette Jones, State Veterinarian and Director of CDFA's Animal Health and Food Safety Services will be retiring at the end of the year.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PANEL DISCUSSION

Terra Madre Americas

The Board heard presentations from supporters and organizers related to Terra Madre Americas.

Speakers included:

- Mike Testa, Visit Sacramento
- Patric Mulvaney, Mulvaney's B&L

PANEL DISCUSSION – Cont.

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PANEL DISCUSSION

Local Foods on the Global Stage

The Board heard presentations from exhibitors at the Terra Madre Americas exhibition, which showcased local and regional foods on a global stage.

Speakers included:

- Michael Dimock, Roots of Change
- Claire Tauber, Community Alliance with Family Farmers
- Tracy Celio, UC Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Helle Petersen, F3 Local

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

International Culinary Trends

The Board heard a presentation on international culinary trends and opportunities for California agriculture.

Speaker:

- Greg Drescher, The Culinary Institute of America

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Climate Resilience Strategy

The Board heard a presentation from CDFA on the agency's climate resilience strategy.

Speaker:

- Virginia Jameson, CA Department of Food and Agriculture

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(9) BOARD DISCUSSION

No Board Discussion occurred.

(10) PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board held public comment for items not on the agenda, one individual provided public comment.

- Ave Lambert: Public comments focused on introduction of new leadership of the Yolo Food Hub Network.

No further public comments were received.

(11) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting concluded at approximately 12:55 p.m.