

**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 2, 2026  
MEETING MINUTES**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

**Present:**

Don Cameron  
Rolston St. Hilaire  
David Shabazian

Mike Gallo  
Joy Sterling  
Jenet DeCosta

Chris Valadez  
Michelle Passero  
Hernan Hernandez

**Absent:**

Julia Jackson  
Doria Robinson

Glenda Humiston  
Rachelle Arizmendi

VACANT  
Bryce Lundberg

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the April 7, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Board member Joy Sterling moved to approve the minutes, and Board member Mike Gallo seconded the motion. The minutes were approved (8-0). Board member Michelle Passero was not present for the vote. The May 2026 meeting of the Board was canceled.

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Undersecretary Christine Birdsong provided a brief update to the Board. The update included an overview of the detection, and CDFA response, of glassy-winged sharpshooter (GWSS) in nursery stock that was delivered to select retail outlets in the Northern California last month. Additional updates included an upcoming industry roundtable on SB 54 (Single Use Plastic), the release of the regulatory alignment reports on food safety and water quality, as well as an overview of the Governor's May Revise Budget.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Water Update**

The Board heard a presentation from the California Department of Water Resources focusing on the California Water Plan Update 2028.

Speaker:

- Eric Tsai, California Department of Water Resources

The remarks concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: California Agricultural Economy**

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of University of California Davis focusing on the current state and trends within California's agricultural economy.

Speaker:

- Dr. Daniel Sumner, University of California Davis.

Public Comment:

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

- Usha, Guest (Online comment)
- Robert Sisson, Farm Advisor Sonoma County (Online comment)

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

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

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(7) PANEL DISCUSSION: Comprehensive Pest Prevention Program Analysis**

The Board heard presentations focusing on a program analysis concerning CDFA's Pest Prevention Programs.

Speakers included:

- Dr. Neil McRoberts, University of California Davis
- Lindsey Carter, California Agricultural Commissioner and Sealers Association
- Victoria Hornbaker, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(8) BREAK**

**(9) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: California Wine Industry Update**

The Board heard presentations focusing on the current economic conditions for the California wine sector.

Speakers included:

- Jeff Bitter, Allied Grape Growers (via Zoom)
- Tim Schmelzer, Wine Institute

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(10) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD - Fertilizer Availability and Price**

The Board heard a presentation from an economist with the American Farm Bureau Federation focusing on fertilizer availability and costs.

Speaker:

- Faith Parum, American Farm Bureau Federation (via Zoom)

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(11) BOARD DISCUSSION**

No Board Discussion was held.

**(12) PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment was provided.

**(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The public meeting concluded at approximately 2:15 p.m.