

**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 JULY 7, 2026
MEETING MINUTES**

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 7, 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

Rachelle Arizmendi

Glenda Humiston

Joy Sterling

Jenet DeCosta

Bryce Lundberg

Doria Robinson

Michelle Passero

Hernan Hernandez

Absent:

Julia Jackson

VACANT

Mike Gallo

Chris Valadez

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the June 2, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Board member Joy Sterling moved to approve the minutes, and Board member Rolston St. Hilaire seconded the motion. The minutes were approved (11-0).

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

No Departmental Update was provided

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel Report - Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the Agricultural Expert Panel concerning the recent recommendations related to the Irrigated Land Regulatory Program.

Speaker:

- Ruth Dahlquist-Willard, UC Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education Program

Public Comment:

The Board held public comment on the agenda item, one individual provided public comment.

- Bruce Houdesheldt, Northern California Water Association.

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

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

The remarks concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (6) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force Report**
The Board heard a presentation from representatives of California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force on developed recommendations.

Speakers included:

- Camille Frazier, Strategic Growth Council
- Doria Robinson, Board Member/Task Force Representative
- Thea Rittenhouse, CDFA/Task Force Representative
- Ruth Dahlquist-Willard, UC SAREP/Task Force Representative
- Nelson Hawkins, We Grow Urban Farm/Task Force Representative

Public Comment:

The Board held public comment on the agenda item, one individual provided public comment.

- Melonie Morgan, Agricultural Commissioner's Office, Ventura 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) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: SB 54 - Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act.**

The Board heard a presentation from CalRecycle focusing on the implementation of SB 54.

Speakers included:

- Mindy McIntyre, CalRecycle
- Michelle Martin, CalRecycle

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (8) **BREAK**

- (9) **PANEL DISCUSSION: Agricultural Perspectives - SB 54**

The Board held a panel discussion with representatives from the agricultural industry concerning SB 54 implementation.

Speakers included:

- Tricia Geringer, Agricultural Council of California
- Paul Towers, Community Alliance with Family Farmers
- Gail Delihant, Western Growers (via Zoom)
- Rick Tomlinson, California Strawberry Commission

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (10) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD - Animal and Plant Pest Update**

The Board heard presentations from CDFA's Animal and Plant Divisions concerning recent pest and diseases outbreaks.

Speakers included

- Dr. Amanda Murray, CDFA State Veterinarian
- Michelle Pham, CDFA Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services Division

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board further discussed issues related to SB 54 - Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act.

Board Action: Board Member Joy Sterling moved to have staff develop a letter for consideration at the August 4th meeting concerning the SB 54 discussion. Board Member Glenda Humiston seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (10-0). Board Member Doria Robinson was not present for the vote.

No further action was taken by the Board.

(12) PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was provided.

(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting concluded at approximately 2:37 p.m.