

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

Location: California Department of Food and Agriculture
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BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2024

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Don Cameron

Joy Sterling

Doria Robinson

Rachelle Arizmendi

Jenet DeCosta

Absent:

David Mancera

Glenda Humiston

Julia Jackson

Michelle Passero

Mike Gallo

Bryce Lundberg

Chris Valadez

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting proceeded without quorum.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update included an overview of meetings in Washington D.C. with the U.S. Food and Drug Agency (FDA) related to the Produce Safety Rule. The Secretary had the opportunity to meet with some of the new FDA leadership and also have meetings at USDA with various representatives on climate, trade and marketing/regulatory affairs.

Additional updates include an annual meeting of California's agricultural marketing boards, orders and commissions; current quarantine status related to oriental fruit fly; and no current detections of avian influenza (August 6, 2024) in California dairy.

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

2024 Trends Report: Agricultural Land & Lease Values

The Board heard from representatives from the California Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (CALASFMRA) on current agricultural land trends.

Speakers included:

- Janie Gatzman, CALASFMRA
- Scott Bozzo, CALASFMRA

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Agricultural Market and Land Trends

The Board heard from financial and consulting firm representatives on agricultural market and land trends for California.

Speakers included:

- Dr. David Magaña, Rabobank
- Joel Kimmelshue, LandIQ

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) BREAK

(8) PANEL DISCUSSION

State of the Industry

The Board held a panel discussion with various industry sector representatives discussing the current economic state of affairs for California farmers and ranchers.

Speakers included:

- Steve Arnold, California Cattlemen's Association
- Catherine Van Dyke, Community Alliance for Family Farmers (CAFF)
- Jeff Bitter, Allied Grape Growers
- Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, Milk Producers Council

Public Comment:

The Board held public comment on the agenda item, one individual provided public comment.
- Craig Gordon, Gordon Hay

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.

(9) PANEL DISCUSSION

State of the Industry

The Board held an additional panel discussion with various industry sector representatives discussing the current economic state of affairs for California farmers and ranchers.

Speakers included:

- Shannon Douglas, California Farm Bureau Federation
- Neill Callis, Western Growers/Turlock Fruit Company

Public Comment:

The Board held public comment on the agenda item, one individual provided public comment.
- Craig Gordon, Gordon Hay

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

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The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) BOARD DISCUSSION

Board member Doria Robinson updated the Board on the current status of the Work Group to define regenerative agriculture for state policies and programs

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) PUBLIC COMMENT

The following public comments were received for items not on the agenda.

- Macki Hamblin, Save OC Horses
- Craig Gordon, Gordon Hay
- Sharon Fells, Member of the Public

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

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(12) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting concluded at approximately 2:45 p.m.