

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

Location: CA Department of Food and Agriculture
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BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2024

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 4, 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
Bryce Lundberg
Doria Robinson

Glenda Humiston
Mike Gallo
Patricia Stock*

Joy Sterling*
David Mancera*

Absent:

Chris Valadez
Rachelle Arizmendi
Vacant (Public)

Jenet DeCosta
Julia Jackson

Michelle Passero
Vacant (Environment)

**Remote participation*

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Glenda Humiston moved to approve the minutes of the of the April 30 and May 1 2024 meetings. Board member Joy Sterling seconded the motion and vote of (5-0-2) carried the motion. Board member Doria Robinson was not present for the vote.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Ross provided a brief update to the Board. Key items included the conclusion of backyard fruit removal, related to Oriental fruit fly in Redlands, CA, and the continued work related to various fruit fly quarantines. Other updates focused on the safety of the national milk supply and ongoing testing by FDA related to the detections of avian influenza in dairy herds within various states.

The Secretary also reported on the State of the Science Summit that occurred in May 2024 focusing on feed strategies to reduce enteric emissions. This event was co-hosted by CDFA and UC Davis and included academic researchers, government representatives and agricultural representatives. Other updates included the ongoing work of the Regenerative Agriculture Task Force to develop a policy and program definition for “regenerative agriculture” and the regulatory realignment project with CA Department of Water Resources.

The Secretary concluded with leadership updates related to CDFA’s Divisions. Victoria Hornbaker is the new Director of Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services Division; Fred Gomez is the new Agency Information Officer; and David Gutierrez is the Interim Director for the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Division.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

CDFA Budget Update

The Board heard from a CDFA representative on the current budget situation for the Department's various programs.

Speaker:

- Deputy Secretary Arima Kozina, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The presentation concluded without Board Action.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

The Board heard a presentation from a representative from the CA Department of Water Resources on current issues related to SGMA.

Speaker:

- Timothy Godwin, California Department of Water Resources

The presentation concluded without Board Action.

(7) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

2024 Farm Bill Perspective

The Board heard from a representative from Invariant GR, a government affairs and communications firm in Washington D.C., on the current status and issues related to the 2024 Farm Bill.

Speaker:

- Anne MacMillan, Invariant GR

The presentation concluded without Board Action.

(8) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

California Jobs First

The Board heard from a representative of the California Labor and Workforce Agency on the California Jobs First Initiative, a regional economic development agenda for the state.

Speaker:

- Assistant Deputy Secretary Derek Kirk, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency

The presentation concluded without Board Action.

(9) BREAK

(10) PANEL DISCUSSION

F3: Farms-Food-Future

The Board held a panel discussion with F3 partner organizations on the current status and implementation of Farms-Food-Future. The F3 Initiative is regional economic development project within California's Central Valley.

Speakers included:

- Cesar Lucio, Central Valley Community Foundation
- Karen Aceves, Arken Strategies
- Joshua Viers, University of California, Merced.

The presentation concluded without Board Action.

(11) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Healthy Food Financing Collaborative

The Board heard from a representative from the Los Angeles Food Policy Council on recently awarded initiatives focusing on increasing healthy food availability in local communities.

Speaker:

- Alba Velasquez, Los Angeles Food Policy Council

The presentation concluded without Board Action.

(12) BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the following items.

Board Meeting Schedule:

Upon the recommendation of President Cameron, the Board meeting scheduled for July 2, 2024 was canceled.

Public Recognition:

Board Member Bryce Lundberg recognized the work and service of Hugh Mattingly (Richvale, CA).

No further 'Board Discussion' occurred.

(13) PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board heard public comment from the following individuals for items not on the agenda.

Member of the Public, commented on issues related to CDFA's Quota Implementation Plan

Jim Viera, commented on issues related to CDFA's Quota Implementation Plan

Craig Gordon, commented on issues related to CDFA's Quota Implementation Plan

Sharon Fels, commented on issues related to CDFA's Equine Medication Monitoring Program

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

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

(14) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting concluded at approximately 2:52 p.m.