

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

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MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2022

Item
No.

(1) BOARD TOUR

The Board conducted an off-site tour from 9:30am to 1:30pm focusing on working lands and farmland loss. The site visits included KLM Ranches and Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

(2) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at approximately 1:35 p.m., Board Member Bryce Lundberg presiding.

(3) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

David Mancera
Frank Salazar
Bryce Lundberg
Mike Gallo

Doria Robinson
Jenet DeCosta
Glenda Humiston
Julia Jackson

Eric Holst
Rachelle Arizmendi
Patricia Stock

Absent:

Joy Sterling
Michelle Passero

Chris Valadez

Don Cameron

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Frank Salazar moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022. Board member Patricia Stock seconded the motion and a vote of (10-0-1) carried the motion. Board member Rachelle Arizmendi abstained.

(5) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Deputy Secretary Virginia Jameson provided a brief update to the Board. The update focused on upcoming CDFA grant opportunities and budget proposals.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Working Lands/Farmland Loss

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of American Farmland Trust on the organization's multi-year initiative to document the status of threats to U.S. farmland and rangeland. The presentation focused on future scenarios for California, as part of the Farms Under Threat report.

Speaker:

- Kara Heckert, American Farmland Trust

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

Following the presentation, the Board heard public comment from the following individuals:

- Taylor Roschen, California Farm Bureau Federation
- Patty Poire, Kern Groundwater Authority (Online)

No further public comments were received on this agenda item. Public comments can be viewed at: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/LiveMediaStream.html>

(7) BOARD DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board held a brief discussion on the potential to establish committees to address various subject matters, including water, Ag Vision, and regenerative agriculture/climate. Staff will work to communicate opportunities to Board members and determine interest. Formal action on committee establishment and membership will be determined at a future meeting.

(8) PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments were provided.

(9) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at approximately 2:30 p.m.