

**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 TELECONFERENCE MEETING**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at approximately 10:00 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

David Mancera

Glenda Humiston

Julia Jackson

Michelle Passero

Mike Gallo

Bryce Lundberg

**Absent:**

Chris Valadez

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board member Mike Gallo moved to the approve the minutes of the July 25, 2024 and August 6, 2024 Board meetings. Board member Glenda Humiston seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of (9-0). Board members David Mancera and Joy Sterling were not present for the vote.

**(4) WELCOMING**

Prior to the Departmental Update, President Cameron welcomed David Shabazian as a recent appointment to the Board. David Shabazian participated as a guest while his appointment is finalized. David Shabazian is serving as a public member (Environment)

**(5) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update included the announcement that all quarantines related to fruit flies have been lifted; three dairy herds have been confirmed with avian influenza; and continued internal discussions on the 7.95% budget reduction to CDFA operations is occurring. Strong collaboration occurring with the federal government on avian influenza and great on-ground teams are in the place to address the detections.

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

**Defining Regenerative Agriculture for State Policies and Programs**

The Board heard from a representative of California State University's Consensus and Collaboration Program on the work of the Regenerative Agriculture Workgroup and the proposed DRAFT definition submitted to the Board.

**PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD (Continued)**  
**Defining Regenerative Agriculture for State Policies and Programs**

Speaker included:

- Sam Magill, CSUS Consensus and Collaboration Program

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

Public Comment:

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

- Ken Melban, California Avocado Commission
- David Horwitz, Member of Public
- Mark Shire, Grocer
- Peter Van Dyke, Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District

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

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

**(7) FACILITATED DISCUSSION ON REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE**  
**Board Working Session on Proposed Draft Definition.**

Facilitator:

- Sam Magill, CSUS Consensus and Collaboration Program

The Board held a facilitated discussion on the DRAFT definition.

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(8) PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT DEFINITION**

The Board held public comment on the Draft Definition of Regenerative Agriculture provided by the Regenerative Agriculture Work Group. Nine individuals provided public comment.

Public Comment:

- Jessica Hulse Dillon, Soil and Climate Alliance
- David Horwitz, Member of Public
- Rebekah Weber, CCOF
- Devin Clark, Member of the Public
- Michael Ross, Member of the Public
- Jennifer Carr, Member of the Public
- Richard Filgas, CA Farm Bureau Federation
- Christine Lenches-Hinkle, Member of the Public
- Peter Van Dyke, Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District

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

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**(9) BOARD DISCUSSION**

The Board Discussion focused on individual comments/feedback on the DRAFT definition.

ACTION:

Board member Glenda Humiston moved that Board staff work with the work group chair to bring a revised definition, based on Board feedback, for consideration at a future meeting. Board member Joy Sterling seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of (8-0). Board members Rachelle Arizmendi, Julia Jackson, David Mancera were not present for the vote.

The discussion concluded.

**(10) PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

- Peter Van Dyke, Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District
- David Horwitz, Member of Public
- Craig Reynolds, Member of the Public
- Michael Ross, Member of the Public

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

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**(11) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

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