

**MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**  
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**Location:** Video Conference - GoToWebinar

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**MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2022**  
**Video Conference**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on February 1, 2022 at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

**Present:**

Don Cameron	Nancy Casady	Mike Gallo
Bryce Lundberg	Joy Sterling	Ashley Boren
Helene Dillard	Andrew Thulin	Donald Bransford
Eric Holst	Rachelle Arizmendi	

**Absent:**

VACANT (Consumer)	VACANT (Agriculture)	Martha Montoya
Chris Valadez		

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board member Andy Thulin moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2022 meeting. Board member Rachelle Arizmendi seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (10-0) carried the motion. Board member Helene Dillard was not present for the vote.

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board.

The update included reference to the recent announcement by Sonoma County Winegrowers and Ford Pro to launch three pilot farms in Sonoma County to add all electric vehicles to their fleets. These pilot farms will demonstrate the viability of electric vehicles to further sustainability and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Other updates included reports on presentations to the Nebraska Ag Leadership Program; Strategic Growth Council funding opportunities and inclusion of technical assistance; California Association of Food Banks Strategic Planning; and participation in the Future of AgTech Demo Day with Western Growers in El Centro.

The Secretary concluded remarks with a status report on Prop 12 and notice of planned attendance and remarks at the World Ag Expo in Tulare.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Water Plan Update 2023**

The Board heard a presentation on the current status of the California Water Plan Update 2023, planned next steps as well as a report on current water conditions.

Speaker:

- Director Karla Nemeth, California Department of Water Resources

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

Public Comment

Following the panel discussion, the Board heard public comment from the following individuals:

- Arohi Sharma, NRDC
- Tiffany Martinez, Member of the Public

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

**(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment Report**

The Board heard a presentation by the lead author of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Report of California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment.

Speaker:

- Angel Santiago Fernandez-Bou, UC Merced

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(7) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: California's Farm Typology – USDA Census Data**

The Board heard a presentation from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service on census data related to California's Farm Typology.

Speaker:

- Gary Keough, USDA National Agricultural Statistic Service

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(8) BREAK**

**(9) PANEL DISCUSSION: Farm Size (Small and Mid-Sized Farms)**

The Board held a panel discussion focusing on considerations for small and mid-sized farms as it relates to programs and policies.

Speakers included:

- Jim Houston, California Farm Bureau Federation
- Anja Raudabaugh, Western United Dairies
- Paul Towers, Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)
- Danielle Veenstra, Almond Board of California
- Ruth Dahlquist-Willard, UC Cooperative Extension
- Reggie Knox, California FarmLink

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(10) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:**

**Considerations for California – Farm Size (Small and Mid-sized Farms)**

The Board heard a presentation on considerations for farm size when evaluating policies and programs.

Speaker:

- Dan Sumner, UC Davis

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(11) BOARD DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS**

Following the presentations and panel discussions, the Board did not take formal action on any agenda item, but requested that staff prepare recommendations related to small and mid-sized farms for consideration at a future Board meeting.

**(12) PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comments were provided.

**(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at approximately 2:20 p.m.