

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

Location: Video Conference - GoToWebinar

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MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2022
Video Conference

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on January 4, 2022 at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

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| Don Cameron | Nancy Casady | Mike Gallo |
| Bryce Lundberg | Joy Sterling | Ashley Boren |
| Helene Dillard | Andrew Thulin | Martha Montoya |
| Donald Bransford | Eric Holst | Chris Valadez |

Absent:

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| VACANT (Consumer) | Rachelle Arizmendi | Jeff Huckaby |
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(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Nancy Casady moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2021 meeting. Board member Joy Sterling seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (11-0) 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 an overview of a school visit/tour with First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom to the Mt. Diablo Unified School District in Contra Costa County. The visit highlighted the work of CDFA's Office of Farm to Fork and school nutrition programs. Other updates included CDFA's End of Year Report (publication pending); the upcoming AgTechX Ed Summit in Imperial Valley with Western Growers; and a progress report on the Administration's Water Resilience Portfolio.

The Secretary concluded remarks by recognizing the recent appointment of Virginia Jameson as CDFA's Deputy Secretary for Climate and Working Lands.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Ag Vision

The Board heard a presentation on the current status of the California Ag Vision and planned next steps.

Speaker:

- Teresa Siles – Nuffer, Smith, Tucker

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) BOARD DISCUSSION/STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board held a discussion on strategic planning for the 2022 Calendar Year.

Discussion Items included:

- Future Board Agenda Items
- Board Committees
- Farmer Participation in Research
- Partnerships/Engagement

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

Public Comment

Following the panel discussion, the Board heard public comment from one individual:

- Michael Harris, California Black Agriculture

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

(7) PUBLIC COMMENT

Following the Board discussion, the following individual provided public comments.

Speaker included:

- Michael Harris, California Black Agriculture

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

Public comments concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at approximately Noon.