

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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MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 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
Mike Gallo
Patricia Stock
Doria Robinson

David Mancera
Glenda Humiston
Eric Holst
Rachelle Arizmendi

Jenet DeCosta
Michelle Passero
Julia Jackson
Joy Sterling

Absent:

Frank Salazar

Chris Valadez

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Glenda Humiston moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022, meeting. Board member Mike Gallo seconded the motion and a vote of (8-0) carried the motion. Board members Rachelle Arizmendi, Jenet DeCosta, Eric Holst, Julia Jackson, and Joy Sterling were not present for the vote.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Undersecretary Birdsong provided a brief update to the Board. The report included discussion of CDFA's timeline for Farm Bill Recommendations, flood damage from recent winter storms and notice of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reorganization. Undersecretary Birdsong also updated the Board on national animal and plant health issues related to Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and spotted lanternfly (SLF).

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: CDFA Budget Update

The Board heard a presentation on the Governor's Proposed Budget for CDFA and other climate smart agriculture and working land programs.

Speaker:

- Arima Kozina, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The Presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: California Water Update

The Board heard a presentation from the California Department of Water Resources concerning current statewide water conditions and operations planning for the summer months.

Speaker:

- Karla Nemeth, California Department of Water Resources

The Presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) PANEL DISCUSSION: Temporary Permits (Groundwater Recharge/Storage)

The Board held a panel discussion with representatives from the State Water Resources Control Board and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on the temporary permits process related to groundwater recharge and storage.

Speakers included:

- Erik Ekdahl, State Water Resources Control Board
- Amanda Montgomery, State Water Resources Control Board
- Kevin Thomas, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

The Presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

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

- Brad Samuelson, Water Land Solutions.

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

(8) BREAK

(9) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: California Sustainable Pest Management Roadmap

The Board heard a presentation from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation on the California Sustainable Pest Management Roadmap.

Speaker:

- Julie Henderson, California Department of Pesticide Regulation

The Presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

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

- Doug Johnson, California Invasive Pest Council
- Hannah Tikalsky, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
- Joe Moreo, California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association.

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

(10) PANEL DISCUSSION: Sustainable Pest Management

The Board held a panel discussion with agricultural, community and environmental stakeholders on the Sustainable Pest Management Roadmap.

Speakers include:

- Taylor Roschen, Kahn, Soares and Conway
- Suguet Lopez, Líderes Campesinas
- Dan Kaiser, Environmental Defense Fund
- Margaret Lloyd, UC Small Farm Advisor

The Presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

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

- Doug Johnson, California Invasive Pest Council

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

(11) BOARD DISCUSSION/STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board discussed the following issues:

Committee Reports

- Regenerative Agriculture – General overview of current activities related to the Committee’s project to define regenerative agriculture. Notice that a Regenerative Committee meeting will be scheduled for February.
- Ag Vision – Committee Chair Jenet DeCosta provided an update. The Committee held a January 23 meeting to discuss current programs and Board messaging training will occur on March 7, 2023
- Water – Committee Chair Bryce Lundberg reported that the committee will have a February 17, 2023 meeting focusing on groundwater recharge.

The Board Discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(12) PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board heard public comment for items not on the agenda. One individual provided public comment:

- Robert Sisson, PestScope

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

(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at approximately 2:15pm