

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 MAY 3, 2022

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at approximately 10:10 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Don Cameron	David Mancera	Doria Robinson
Rachelle Arizmendi	Joy Sterling	Jenet DeCosta
Bryce Lundberg	Eric Holst	Glenda Humiston
Mike Gallo	Frank Salazar	Julia Jackson

Absent:

Chris Valadez	Michelle Passero	Patricia Stock
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(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Joy Sterling moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022 and April 5, 2022 meetings. Board member David Mancera seconded the motion and an unanimous vote (11-0) carried the motion. Board member Doria Robinson was not present for the vote.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update focused on a general overview of CDFA's Divisions and Programs: Animal Health and Food Safety Services; Marketing Services/Fairs & Expositions; Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services; Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention; Measurement Standards; Inspection Services Division; Office of Grant Administration; Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation; and the Pierce's Disease Control Program.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Drinking Water Update/Drought

The Board heard a presentation from a representative from the State Water Resources Control Board on the status of drinking water systems in relation to the drought.

Speaker:

- Deputy Director Darrin Polhemus, State Water Resources Control Board

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

Public Comment:

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

- Robert Gore, Gualco Group, Inc.

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: Labor and Workforce

The Board heard a presentation from a representative from the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency concerning workforce development in the agricultural sector.

Speaker:

- Secretary Natalie Palugyai, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

Public Comment:

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

- Hannah Tikalsky, CA Association of Resource Conservation Districts (Written Comment)
- Bryan Little, California Farm Bureau Federation

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

(7) PANEL DISCUSSION: Labor and Community Impacts - Drought

The Board held a panel discussion with representatives of California agricultural firms, labor contractor associations and community based organizations on the impact of the drought.

Speakers included:

- Aaron Giampietro, The Morning Star Company
- Nigel Bocanegra, California Farm Labor Contractor Association
- Marco Lizarraga, La Cooperativa Campesina de California

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) BREAK

(9) PANEL DISCUSSION: CDFA Technical Assistance Programs (Overview & Funding)

The Board held a panel discussion with CDFA staff on technical assistance programs available through the department.

Speakers included:

- Arima Kozina, CDFA Executive Office
- Thea Rittenhouse, CDFA Farm Equity Advisor
- Lina Nguyen, CDFA Inspection Services Division

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Labor and Workforce

The Board heard a presentation from CDFA Staff on the Farm to School Roadmap for Success.

Speaker:

- Nicholas Anicich, CDFA Office of Farm to Fork

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

Public Comment:

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

- Amy Myrdal Miller, Farmer's Daughter Consulting (Written Comment)

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

(11) PUBLIC COMMENT

Following the discussion, the Board heard public comment (items not on the agenda) from the following individuals:

- Michael Harris, Black Agriculture

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

(12) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

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