

**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 JUNE 7, 2022**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 7, 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  
Joy Sterling  
Bryce Lundberg  
Mike Gallo

Michelle Passero  
Jenet DeCosta  
Glenda Humiston  
Julia Jackson

Doria Robinson  
Chris Valadez  
Patricia Stock

**Absent:**

David Mancera  
Frank Salazar

Rachelle Arizmendi

Eric Holst

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board member Joy Sterling moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2022. Board member Mike Gallo seconded the motion and a vote of (9-0-1) carried the motion. Board member Chris Valadez was not present for the vote and Board member Michelle Passero abstained.

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update include an overview of drought issues in Imperial County with the Colorado River, the Farm-to-School Advisory Committee meeting at the Governor's Mansion, and the Nature Based Solution tour in Sonoma County. The Secretary also reported on visits to the San Francisco Wholesale Produce Market and Sun World's Center for Innovation. In closing, the Secretary mentioned the recent launch of a pilot program between the California Milk Advisory Board, Feeding America and the California Association of Food Banks to provide dairy foods at sites serving families in need throughout the state.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Drought Update/May Revise**

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the California Natural Resources Agency on current drought conditions and May Revise proposals.

Speaker:

- Deputy Secretary Nancy Vogel, California Natural Resources Agency

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board and without public comment.

**(6) PANEL DISCUSSION:**

**Proposition 1 & Sacramento and San Joaquin Delta Updates**

The Board held a panel discussion with representatives from the California Water Commission and the State Water Resources Control Board focusing on Proposition 1 – Water Storage Investment Program and Delta updates.

Speakers included:

- Executive Director Joe Yun, California Water Commission
- Delta Watermaster Michael George, State Water Resources Control Board.

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board and without public comment.

**(7) PANEL DISCUSSION: Sacramento Valley Drought Impacts**

The Board held a panel discussion with representatives from California's agricultural sector concerning drought impacts within the Sacramento Valley.

Speakers included:

- Tim Johnson, California Rice Commission
- Frank Muller, California Tomato Growers Association

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

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

- Anastacia Allen, Colusa County – Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer.

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

**(8) BREAK**

**(9) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Drought and California Agriculture**

The Board heard a presentation from the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) focusing on the drought and California agriculture.

Speaker:

- Ellen Hanak, Public Policy Institute of California

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board and without public comment.

**(10) PANEL DISCUSSION: Tree Nut Sector – Market/Supply Updates**

The Board held a panel discussion with representatives from the tree nut sector focusing on the current market situation for tree nuts. Issues included drought, supply chain and price pressures.

Speakers included:

- Bill Carriere, Carriere Family Farms and California Walnut Commission
- Richard Matoian, American Pistachio Growers
- Richard Waycott, Almond Board of California

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board and without public comment.

**(11) PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comments were provided.

- (12) **CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**  
The meeting concluded at approximately 3:10 p.m.