

**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 AUGUST 2, 2022**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

**Present:**

David Mancera  
Frank Salazar  
Bryce Lundberg  
Don Cameron

Doria Robinson  
Chris Valadez  
Glenda Humiston

Eric Holst  
Rachelle Arizmendi  
Michelle Passero

**Absent:**

Joy Sterling  
Julia Jackson

Jenet DeCosta  
Mike Gallo

Patricia Stock

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board member Rachelle Arizmendi moved to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2022. Board member Patricia Stock seconded the motion and a vote of (9-0-1) carried the motion. Board member Michelle Passero abstained.

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

CDFA Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update included emergency response efforts related to current wild fires, the USDA Award of \$43M to California for the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA), and pest detection activities related to Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF) in the Sacramento region.

The Secretary also mentioned ongoing work to formalize CDFA's Small Farm and BIPOC ad hoc working groups, which was a recommendation of the Board, and is hoping to finalize prior to the end of the year. Other updates included recent PPIC reporting on dryland cropping, the regional meeting of the Western Agricultural State Departments of Agriculture (WASDA) and the upcoming Farm Bill Listening Sessions that CDFA will be conducting.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: CDFA Legislative Update**

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Executive Office focusing on the current legislative session and pending bills.

Speaker:

- Rachael O'Brien, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:  
Draft 2022 Scoping Plan Update – Natural and Working Lands**

A planned presentation on the Draft 2022 Scoping Plan Update- Natural and Working Lands did not occur. The Board continued with the Meeting Agenda.

**(7) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Biodiversity and Pathways to 30x30**

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the California Natural Resources Agency on the Natural Based Solutions Executive Order and the Pathways to 30x30 report.

Speaker:

- Jennifer Norris, California Natural Resources Agency

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

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

- Rommel Montenegro, Member of the Public
- Bruce Houdesheldt, Northern California Water Association (Online 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>

**(8) BREAK**

**(9) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Carbon Mapper & California Satellite Partnership**

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of Carbon Mapper, a company that locates, quantifies and tracks methane and CO2 point source emissions from air and space.

Speaker:

- Riley Duren, Carbon Mapper

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

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

**(10) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Farm Bill 2023 Overview**

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the California Farm Bureau Federation on the outlook for the 2023 Farm Bill.

Speaker:

- Sara Arsenault, California Farm Bureau Federation

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(11) BOARD DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board considered membership to the following Board Committees – Water, Ag Vision and Regenerative Agriculture. The following committee assignments were determined.

Water Committee

Bryce Lundberg	Mike Gallo	Glenda Humiston
Don Cameron	Chris Valadez	Eric Holst
Frank Salazar		

**ACTION:** Water Committee membership was moved by Board Member Glenda Humiston and seconded by David Mancera. A unanimous vote (10-0), approved the motion. Additional Board members may serve on the committee in an ad hoc capacity.

Ag Vision

Chris Valadez	Jenet DeCosta	Patricia Stock
Glenda Humiston	Rachelle Arizmendi	

**ACTION:** Ag Vision Committee membership was moved by Board Member Bryce Lundberg and seconded by Board Member Glenda Humiston. A unanimous vote (10-0), approved the motion. Additional Board members may serve on the committee in an ad hoc capacity.

Regenerative Agriculture

Doria Robinson	Joy Sterling	Jenet DeCosta
Michelle Passero	Patricia Stock	Julia Jackson

**ACTION:** Regenerative Agriculture Committee membership was moved by Board Member Rachelle Arizmendi and seconded by Board Member Eric Holst. A unanimous vote (10-0), approved the motion. Additional Board members may serve on the committee in an ad hoc capacity.

The Board also determined that Board Members David Mancera, Frank Salazar, Jenet DeCosta and Bryce Lundberg would serve as Farm to Family Liaisons for the Board.

The discussion concluded with no further action by the Board.

**(12) PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board heard public comment from the following individual:

- Michael Harris, Black Farmers in Agriculture

No further public comments were received. Public comments can be viewed at:

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**(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at approximately 1:45 p.m.