

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

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MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2022

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 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
Michelle Passero

Doria Robinson
Glenda Humiston
Julia Jackson

David Mancera
Joy Sterling
Chris Valadez

Absent:

Rachelle Arizmendi
Frank Salazar

Jenet DeCosta
Patricia Stock

Eric Holst

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the September 7, 2022 Meeting will be considered at the November 1st Meeting.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The updated included an overview of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) Annual Meeting. At the meeting, the Secretary interviewed U.S. Food and Drug Administrator Robert M. Califf on issues related to the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and secured a second term as Chair to NASDA's Food Systems and Nutrition Committee. Other updates included announcements on USDA's Climate Smart Commodity awards for California (\$800M for California organizations) and ongoing pest detections.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Climate Change, Aridification and California

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the School of Environment and Sustainability at the University of Michigan and a Nobel Prize recipient on climate change impacts to the Western United States and California.

Speaker:

- Jonathan Overpeck, University of Michigan

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

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

- Robert Sisson, PestScope

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:
Voluntary Agreements – Northern California Water Association**

(This agenda item was moved based on speaker availability.)

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the Northern California Water Association concerning healthy rivers and landscapes.

Speaker:

- David Guy, Northern California Water Association

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(7) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:
California’s Water Supply Strategy, Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future**

(This agenda item was moved based on speaker availability.)

The Board heard a presentation from CDFA’s Special Advisor on Climate, Water and Drought focusing on California’s Water Supply Strategy.

Speaker:

- Kayla Ungar, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

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

- Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, Milk Producer
- Robert Gore, Gualco Group

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) PANEL DISCUSSION:
USDA Climate Smart Commodity Awards**

The Board held a panel discussion with recipients of the USDA’s Climate Smart Commodity awards to hear an overview of the planned projects.

Speakers included:

- Denise Mullinax, California Dairy Research Foundation
- Alicia Rockwell & Dr. Dan Snoke, Blue Diamond Growers
- Steve Brazeel, Elevated Foods
- Kristofer Covey, The Soil Inventory Project

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

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

- Keshau Boddula, Member of the Public

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: California Ag Vision

The Board heard an update on the California Ag Vision.

Speaker:

- Teresa Siles – Nuffer, Smith, Tucker

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

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

- Keshau Boddula, Member of the Public

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

(11) BOARD DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS:

No further Board Discussion.

(12) PUBLIC COMMENT

One individual provided public comment for items not on the agenda.

The Board heard public comment from the following individual:

- Roger Wasson, Farm to Table Talk

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

(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at approximately 2:15p.m.