

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

**Location:** California Department of Food and Agriculture  
1220 N Street, Main Auditorium  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2022**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, December 6, 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  
Patricia Stock  
Doria Robinson

David Mancera  
Glenda Humiston  
Chris Valadez  
Rachelle Arizmendi  
Joy Sterling

Jenet DeCosta  
Michelle Passero  
Eric Holst  
Frank Salazar

**Absent:**

Julia Jackson

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board member Joy Sterling moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2022, minutes. Board member Mike Gallo seconded the motion and a vote of (12-0) carried the motion. Board members Rachelle Arizmendi and Patricia Stock were not present for the vote.

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The report included discussion of activities surrounding Healthy Soils Week (Dec 5-9) which included a 'Building Belowground Biodiversity' webinar on World Soils Day as well as local tours and other engagement events with agricultural and environmental stakeholders.

The Secretary also reported on CDFA's participation at COP 27 in Egypt, the upcoming release of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) review of food safety programs, as well as the final meeting of the multi-stakeholder Sustainable Pest Management Working Group.

The Secretary finished the update with the announcement and welcoming of the new manager for CDFA's Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation (OEFI) – Ms. Tawny Mata.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(5) BOARD DISCUSSION/STRATEGIC PLANNING**

The Board discussed the following issues:

Committee Reports

- Regenerative Agriculture – Committee Chair Doria Robinson provided a presentation to the Board covering the workplan of the Regenerative Agriculture Committee and current steps being undertaken to conduct a public process for stakeholder input.
- Ag Vision – Committee Chair Jenet DeCosta provided a presentation to the Board covering the workplan of the Ag Vision Committee and public roll-out of the Ag Vision.

The Committee Reports concluded without formal action by the Board.

2023 Agenda Topics

The following topics were provided as input from Board members as potential agenda topics/issues for future Board meetings.

Topics included:

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| • Small Farm Issues (Animal Processing) | • Technical Assistance (CSA)               | • Expanding Climate Action                        |
| • Biofuels (Forest/Ag Waste)            | • Methane (Programs and Progress)          | • Ag Tech Updates (Electric Tractors/Solar)       |
| • Food Security                         | • Cooperative Extension                    | • Drought/Water                                   |
| • UC Vision 2040                        | • Carbon Capture                           | • California Scoping Plan                         |
| • CA Regional Economic Perspective      | • “Food is Medicine”/Produce Medical Boxes | • Tribal Nations (Food Security/Food Sovereignty) |
| • Farmer Assistance Programs/Nutrition  | • Local Food Systems/ Farm to School       | • Trade/Global Representation                     |
| • Broadband                             | • CERF/CA Forward                          | • F3 Initiative                                   |
| • Workforce Development (High Road)     |  |   |

The Agenda Discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

Ag Vision/Ag Conference

Executive Director Josh Eddy provided a brief update on Ag Vision/Ag Conference planning. – CDFA still working to finalize plans.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

Board Training

Executive Director Josh Eddy updated the Board on training requirements related to Board appointments, including ‘Ethics Training’ and ‘Maintaining a Respectful Workplace.’

The Board Discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(6) PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

**(7) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at approximately Noon.