

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

Location: CA Department of Food and Agriculture
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MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 27, 2010

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at approximately 10:07 a.m. Al Montna, President of the State Board of Food and Agriculture presiding.
- (b) Welcoming remarks provided by President Montna.
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Al Montna	Arlan Van Leeuwen	Craig McNamara
Luawanna Hallstrom	David Wehner	Daniel Dooley
Kerry Tucker	Adan Ortega, Jr.	Thomas Deardorff II
Marvin Meyers	Michael Darnell	Ashley Boren

Absent:

Donald Bransford

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 18, 2009 and December 16, 2009

Board member Dan Dooley moved to approve the minutes of the November and December meeting. Board member Craig McNamara seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary A.G. Kawamura provided a departmental update. Topics included: National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) meeting; United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP15) in Copenhagen; and the G'Day USA, Australia – USA Water Sustainability and Management Forum in Los Angeles. Board members Dan Dooley and Adan Ortega also reported on the G'Day USA event.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Ag Vision

The Board heard from American Farmland Trust (AFT) concerning the status of the California Ag Vision process. AFT reported that more than 20 proposals had been developed and work is being completed to narrow down the number of proposals and prepare a recommendation to the board.

Speaker:

- Edward Thompson, Jr., American Farmland Trust

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Local Impacts

The Board heard Westlands Water District concerning California’s drought and the potential impact to the region

Speaker:

- Sarah Woolf, Westlands Water District

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – California Drought

The Board heard from two speakers concerning California’s drought and the challenges the state faces in the coming year.

Speakers included:

- Director Lester Snow, California Department of Water Resources
- Wendy H. Martin, California Department of Water Resources

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) REPORT TO THE BOARD – Board Resolution, October 28, 2009

Secretary Kawamura provided a report to the Board concerning the Board Resolution of October 28, 2009. The report provided details on two information requests by the State Board concerning proof of water deliveries and water delivery schedules.

The report concluded without formal action by the Board.

(9) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Local Impacts

The Board heard from two speakers regarding local impacts of the drought on Central Valley communities.

Speakers:

- Martin McIntyre, San Luis Water District
- Scott Hudson, California Agricultural Commissioners & Sealers Association

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Interim Federal Action Plan

The Board heard from one speaker, representing the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Mid Pacific Region, on the Interim Federal Action Plan – specifically on the 2Gates project and Intertie.

Speaker:

- Michelle Denning, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Mid Pacific Region.

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD – 2010 Water Bank

The Board heard from the Northern California Water Association concerning the 2009 Water Bank and the plans for the current year in regards to water transfers.

Speakers included:

- Donn Zea, Northern California Water Association

- Todd Manley, Northern California Water Association

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(12) OTHER BUSINESS

The Board addressed two items of business:

- Approval of congressional letter regarding Board resolution of October 18, 2009. Board member Dan Dooley moved to approve the congressional letter regarding the drought. Board member Dave Wehner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.
- Approval of letter to the California Community Colleges concerning international trade services. Board member Marvin Meyers moved to approve the letter on the issue. Board member Luawanna Hallstrom seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(13) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cornelius Gallagher, California Bankers Association, provided comments on the long term impact of not pumping water from the Delta.

(14) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.