

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

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MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2021
Video Conference Meeting

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on June 1, 2021 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
Helene Dillard
Martha Montoya
Eric Holst

Nancy Casady
Joy Sterling
Jeff Huckaby
Rachelle Arizmendi
Mike Gallo

Andrew Thulin
Donald Bransford
Crystal Hayling
Ashley Boren

Absent:

Christopher Valadez

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Nancy Casady moved to approve the minutes of the May 4th meeting. Board member Eric Holst seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (13-0) carried the motion. Board member Crystal Hayling was not present for the vote.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided an update to the Board. The update included a brief overview of sustainable agricultural investments proposed in Governor's May Revision; the Administration's continuing work on drought planning; and items contained within the President's proposed budget for USDA and FDA which was released at the end of May. The Secretary also mentioned emerging national pest concerns related to spotted lanternfly and the potential spread of the pest by trucking and rail lines from the East Coast.

The Secretary concluded remarks by mentioning the upcoming transition of CDFA's CalCannabis Division on July 1 to the Bureau of Cannabis Control as part of the State's consolidation of cannabis programs.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Water Update

The Board heard from a representative from the California Department of Water Resources concerning current water conditions.

Speaker:

- John Yarbrough, California Department of Water Resources

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (6) **PANEL DISCUSSION – California Drought Response – Agricultural Perspective**
The Board held a panel discussion with regional agricultural stakeholders on California’s drought response.

Speakers included:

- Devon Jones, Mendocino County Farm Bureau
- Joe Del Bosque, Del Bosque Farms
- Cannon Michael, Bowles Farming
- Chris Scheuring, California Farm Bureau Federation

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (7) **PANEL DISCUSSION – California Drought Response – Implementation**
The Board held a panel discussion with state officials concerning proposed investments in California’s drought response. Discussion items included assistance to local agencies implementing SGMA and funding for land repurposing to be initiated by the Department of Conservation.

Speakers included:

- Steven Springhorn, California Department of Water Resources
- Keali’i Bright, California Department of Conservation

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (8) **PANEL DISCUSSION – Sustainable Agriculture and the Governor’s May Revise**
The Board held a panel discussion with state officials concerning proposed investments in sustainable agriculture and broadband.

Speakers included:

- Scott Adams, California Department of Technology
- Jenny Lester Moffitt, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (9) **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Following the panel discussion, one individual provided public comment.

Speaker

- Michael Harris, California Black Agriculture

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

Public comments concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (10) **BOARD DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS**
No further discussion or recommendations occurred.

(11) PUBLIC COMMENT

Following the Board Discussion, the meeting was open to public comment for items not on the agenda. One individual provided public comment.

Speaker

- Michael Harris, California Black Agriculture

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

Public comments concluded without formal action by the Board.

(12) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at approximately 1:35 p.m.