

**MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**  
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**Location:** Video Conference  
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**MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2020**  
**Video Conference Meeting**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10:00 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

**Present:**

Don Cameron  
Bryce Lundberg  
Ashley Boren  
Martha Montoya  
Jeff Huckaby

Nancy Casady  
Joy Sterling  
Helene Dillard  
Eric Holst

Andrew Thulin  
Donald Bransford  
Christopher Valadez  
Crystal Hayling

**Absent:**

Mike Gallo

Rachelle Arizmendi

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board member Nancy Casady moved to approve the minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Board member Don Bransford seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (11-0) carried the motion. Board members Bryce Lundberg and Martha Montoya were not present for the vote.

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update included a report on the Western Association of State Departments of Agriculture (WASDA) meeting that CDFA hosted which focused on COVID-19 impacts to the food supply. The WASDA meeting also included a discussion related to equity in the development of resilient regional food systems. The Secretary also discussed the Governor's announcement of \$52 million to support Central Valley communities in addressing the pandemic, including the development of a Housing for the Harvest Program which will provide isolation spaces for farmworkers exposed to COVID-19. The update concluded with announcement that the state's Water Resilience Portfolio report has been finalized and that work on recommendations will be forthcoming.

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(5) PANEL DISCUSSION– Agriculture Responding to COVID-19**

The Board held a panel discussion with representatives from California's agricultural sector. The discussion focused on the actions individual farming operations are taking during the pandemic to protect workers and consumers.

Speakers included:

- Alexandra Allen, Main Street Produce, Inc.
- Amelia Ceja, Ceja Vineyards
- Bruce Rominger, Rominger Brother Farms
- Joe Del Bosque, Del Bosque Farms

- Milton O’Haire, Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(6) PANEL DISCUSSION– Update on Food Assistance**

The Board held a panel discussion on food assistance programs with organizations that manage, facilitate and participate in program delivery at the state/federal level.

Speakers included:

- Steve Linkhart, California Association of Food Banks
- Brian Kaiser, California Department of Social Services
- Steve Brazeel, SunTerra Produce

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(7) BOARD DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS**

No formal action was taken by the Board on items contained within the agenda.

**(8) PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were provided.

**(9) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at approximately 12:55 p.m.