

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

Location: California State Fair/Cal Expo
Cal Expo Racing Clubhouse
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MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 27, 2008

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at approximately 11:16 a.m. Al Montna, President of the State Board of Food and Agriculture presiding.
- (b) Welcoming remarks provided by Al Montna.
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll Call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director

Present:

Al Montna	Karen Ross	Arlan Van Leeuwen
Donald Valpredo	Ashley Boren	Kerry Tucker
Marvin Meyers	Luawanna Hallstrom	Adan Ortega, Jr.
Donald Bransford	David Wehner	Craig McNamara

Absent:

Thomas Deardorff II	Daniel Dooley
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(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 2, 2008

MOTION: Board member Ashley Boren moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Board member Karen Ross seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Secretary Kawamura provided a departmental update covering the following issues: State budget, Farm Bill, Light Brown Apple Moth, Asian citrus psyllid, Bovine TB, Native Pollinator tour and the Equine Working Group

(5) OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Equine Working Group

Executive Director Josh Eddy provided an update on the Equine Working Group and presented the recommended committee roster provided by CDFA.

MOTION: Executive Director Josh Eddy asked for a motion to seat the Equine Working Group as presented. Following brief discussion, Board member Don Bransford moved to approve. Donald Valpredo seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(b) Board Policy – Letters of Recommendation

Executive Director Josh Eddy presented a board policy recommendation for approval.

MOTION: Board member Karen Ross moved to approve the recommendation. Board member Marvin Meyers seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

It was requested that the Board Policy on Letters of Support for Grant Applications, approved on August 27, 2008, be amended to include:

“4. The overall benefit to California agriculture *and fulfilling California Ag Vision 2030*”

MOTION: Board member Ashley Boren moved to amend the Board Policy. Board member Karen Ross seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

- Rabbi David Wechsler-Azen and Steve Sullivan, Fresh Producers
Provided an overview of the Fresh Producers organization and its mission to increase access to high quality produce, provide incentives to motivate healthy eating, and improve well-being from everyone to school children to seniors.
- Ken Trott, Agriculture and Environment Stewardship, CDFA
Provided an update on the Delta Vision process and discussed comments submitted by Secretary Kawamura, CDFA. Board discussion followed.

ACTION: President Montna asked that a committee of Board members draft comments for submission to the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force for board approval.

ACTION: President Montna asked that a workshop on water be developed in the coming months for Board members. Executive Director Josh Eddy and Board member Marvin Meyers asked to coordinate workshop.

(7) AG VISION DISCUSSION

An update on the Ag Vision was provided by CDFA staff. Draft recommendations (short term) were provided to the board for discussion and comment.

(8) NEW BUSINESS

(a) Letter to the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force
Board committee presented draft letter for approval by the Board.

MOTION: Board member Donald Valpredo moved to approve the letter as drafted. Board member Donald Bransford seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(9) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Corny Gallagher, Board of Directors, California Exhibition and State Fair, thanked the Board for attending the California State Fair and for holding the meeting on the fairgrounds. Mr. Gallagher also offered some thoughts on the Ag Vision process.

(10) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Board member Marvin Meyers thanked Secretary Kawamura and President Montna for their support on the statewide drought declaration.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:18 p.m.