

GROUP PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

The Managerial Leadership and Communication class of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, provided presentations on the California Ag Vision 2030.

Speakers included: (Introduction by Dr. Scott Vernon)

- Delorean St. Clair
- Annalisa Clarke
- Jessica Harris
- James Hastings
- Wenonah O'Rourke
- Megan Judge
- Jane Rockhold
- Oscar Merlin-Madrigal
- Andrew Pulford
- Anne Robison

SECOND PANEL

The second panel focused comments on strategic plans for agriculture. The panel consisted of non-profit charitable foundations.

Speakers included:

- Susan Clark, Columbia Foundation
- Ralph Grossi, American Farmland Trust
- Walter Reid, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation
- August Schumacher, Jr., W.K. Kellogg Foundation

PUBLIC COMMENT FOLLOWING PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Two members of the public provided comments:

Steve Shaffer, commented that the Ag Vision needed to include an element of risk – short term issues should be set aside and focus on long term. The Ag Vision should also include performance metrics.

Michael Harris, Food and Farm Policy Initiative, commented that the Ag Vision is missing the representation of African American farmers – encourages outreach to broad based constituents.

(5) AG VISION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Ag Vision Subcommittee will meet to review public comments and report back to the board at its January 21, 2009 meeting.

(6) OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Equine Advisory Task Force – Executive Director Josh Eddy reported on the November 10, 2008 meeting of Equine Advisory Task Force.

(b) Delta Vision Committee Report and Water Issues – Board member Adan Ortega provided an update on the committee's work and on public comments provided to the Delta Vision Committee. In addition, Board member Marvin Meyers updated the board on possible water delivery limitations as a result of the California Department of Fish and Game's emergency regulation (Section 749.3, Title 14, CCR). Board member Marvin Meyers requested a resolution or letter on issue.

MOTION: President Al Montna moved to entertain a motion to allow the board's Delta Vision Committee to develop a letter regarding water delivery limitations as a result of the emergency regulation. Board member Marvin Meyers made the motion with a second by Board member Donald Bransford. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

(6) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No Comments from the Public

(7) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.