

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

Location: Iron Horse Vineyards
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MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2018

BOARD TOUR:

Prior to the Board meeting on February 1, 2018 the Board had a tour of impacted neighborhoods/farms in Sonoma County. The tour occurred from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and was facilitated by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and the Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner.

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 1st at approximately 12:35 p.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Don Cameron	Martha Montoya	Ben Drake
Ashley Boren	Joy Sterling	Crystal Hayling
Eric Holst	Rachelle Arizmendi	Andy Thulin
Bryce Lundberg		

Absent:

Nancy Casady	Donald Bransford	Helene Dillard
Mike Gallo		

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting minutes were not provided for approval - second day of a two-day meeting. Meeting minutes will be considered at the March 6th meeting.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

In lieu of a Departmental Update – Supervisor David Rabbitt (District 2), Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, welcomed the Board to Sonoma and provided introductory remarks.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

The Board heard a presentation from Sonoma County Tourism regarding public relations issues surrounding the October wildfires.

Speaker:

- Claudia Vecchio, Sonoma County Tourism

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) **PANEL DISCUSSION– Agricultural Perspectives (October Wildfires)**

The Board heard from four individuals representing the agricultural sector discussing the October wildfires and recovery efforts.

Speakers include:

- Tony Linegar, Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
- Karissa Kruse, Sonoma County Winegrowers
- Honore Comfort, Wine Business Institute
- Gladys Horiuchi, Wine Institute

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

One individual provided public comment. No written public comments were provided for the record.

- Kevin Cullinen, Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Public comment concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) **OTHER BUSINESS**

Board member Martha Montoya informed the Board on the upcoming film focusing on soil, food waste and other agricultural issues. The film, “The Need to GROW” is produced by Ryan Wirick and Rob Herring with Earth Conscious Films. Board member Montoya suggested that the Board include this item in an upcoming meeting.

No further business was discussed

(9) **CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at approximately 2:47 p.m.