

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

**Location:** CA Department of Food and Agriculture  
1220 N Street - Main Auditorium  
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**MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

- (a) The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Craig McNamara presiding.
- (b) Welcoming remarks provided by President McNamara
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

**Present:**

Craig McNamara	Bryce Lundberg	Charles Boyer
Ashley Boren	Mike Gallo	Eric Holst
Daniel Dooley	Nancy Casady	Rodney Taylor
Ben Drake		

**Absent:**

Miles Reiter	Donald Bransford	Luawanna Hallstrom
Joy Sterling		

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 7, 2014**

Board member Ben Drake moved to approve the minutes of the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Board member Nancy Casady seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Undersecretary Sandra Schubert provided a departmental update. Undersecretary Schubert reported on the actions of the Governor’s Drought Task Force and on Governor Brown’s Drought State of Emergency Declaration. Undersecretary Schubert further commented on CDFA’s coordination with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in regards to drought resources for farmers, ranchers and farm workers.

**(5) PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD – Farm Bill Update (via teleconference)**

The Board heard a presentation by a representative from the Office of Congressman Jim Costa. Congressman Costa serves on the House Committee on Agriculture and was a conferee on the 2013 Farm Bill Conference Committee.

Speaker:

- Donald Grady, Office of Congressman Jim Costa (CA-16)

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(6) PANEL DISCUSSION –Farm Bill**

The Board heard presentations from state government representations and agricultural association concerning provisions within the proposed Farm Bill.

Speakers included:

- Sandra Schubert, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Rachel Kaldor, Dairy Institute of California
- Linda Patterson, California Department of Social Services
- Maria Hernandez, California Department of Social Services

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(7) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – California Food Policy Council**

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the California Food Policy Council concerning the organization and legislative efforts.

Speaker:

- Michael Dimock, Roots of Change

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(8) BREAK**

**(9) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Immigration Update (via teleconference)**

The Board heard a presentation from the Agricultural Coalition for Immigration Reform regarding current federal legislative status and future prospects concerning immigration reform.

Speaker:

- Craig Regelbrugge, Agricultural Coalition for Immigration Reform

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(10) PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD – Immigration**

The Board heard presentations from agricultural stakeholder concerning various issues related to immigration.

Speakers included:

- Diane Charlton, Rural Economics of Americas Program, UC Davis
- Cornelius (Corny) Gallagher, Farm Foundation
- Joseph McIntyre, Workforce Housing and Transportation Project, Ag Innovations Network

The presentations concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(11) OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed

**(12) PUBLIC COMMENT**

One individual provided public comment:

Joseph McIntyre Ag Innovations Network, discussed the release of Ag Innovations' recent report "Regulating for Agricultural and Public Outcome." The report summarizes perspectives of stakeholders to constructively address regulatory challenges in the short and long term.

No further public comments were provided.

**(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.