

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

Location: California Department of Food and Agriculture
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MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2015

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

- (a) The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 3rd at approximately 10:00 a.m., Executive Director Joshua Eddy presiding.
- (b) Pledge of Allegiance.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Bryce Lundberg	Nancy Casady	Mike Gallo
Ashley Boren	Joy Sterling	Eric Holst
Rodney Taylor	Don Cameron	Ben Drake

Absent:

Miles Reiter	Craig McNamara	Martha Montoya
Donald Bransford		

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 6, 2015

Board member Ben Drake moved to approve the minutes of the January 6th meeting. Board member Nancy Casady seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Undersecretary Jim Houston provided a brief departmental update. The updated included an overview by CDFG staff on the recent avian influenza outbreak as well as a report on the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP). Undersecretary Houston also referenced governmental meetings with a visiting Australian delegation focusing on drought related issues.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Drought Operations

The Board was provided an overview on federal and state water operations and specifically actions being undertaken in the State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP) related to drought.

Speakers included:

- Mark Cowin, California Department of Water Resources
- David Murillo, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Fisheries Update

The Board was provided an overview on fisheries operations and status as a result of drought.

Speaker:

- Charlton Bonham, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – California Water Action Plan**

The Board was provided an overview by the California Natural Resources Agency on current progress and implementation on the California Water Action Plan.

Speaker:

- Janelle Beland, California Natural Resources Agency

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) **BREAK**

(9) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Water Storage**

The Board was provided an overview on the role and future actions of the California Water Commission in considering water storage projects as part of Proposition 1 (Water Bond) funding.

Speaker:

- David Orth, California Water Commission

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) **PANEL DISCUSSION – Water Storage Options**

The Board held a panel discussion with a variety of local water agencies and districts in relation to potential water storage projects that could be considered under Proposition 1 funding.

Speakers included:

- Ron Jacobsma, Friant Water Authority
- Jeffery Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority
- Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District
- Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic Water Storage District

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) **OTHER BUSINESS**

State Board Water Committee: Staff provided a DRAFT Board Recommendation, for consideration, establishing a Water Committee under the California State Board of Food and Agriculture to focus on a variety of water issues impacting the agricultural community. The Recommendation was discussed by the Board and the following action was taken.

MOTION: Board member Nancy Casady moved that the Board approve the Recommendation establishing the Water Committee. Board member Don Cameron seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

No further action was taken by the Board.

(12) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were provided.

(13) **CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m.