

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

Location: World Ag Expo/International Agri-Center
4450 S. Laspina Street – Heritage Complex
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MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Item
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(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 16th at approximately 10:30 a.m., President Craig McNamara presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Don Cameron
Mike Gallo

Nancy Casady
Martha Montoya

Craig McNamara
Joy Sterling

Absent:

Helene Dillard
Mary Holz-Clause
Eric Holst

Ashley Boren
Donald Bransford

Bryce Lundberg
Ben Drake

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 6th

Informational meeting, a quorum was not present.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

No departmental update was provided.

(5) BOARD DISCUSSION – Ag Vision

Informational meeting, a quorum was not present.

Board members participated in a discussion on the California Ag Vision focusing on updating the strategies and priorities originally developed in December 2010.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Zero Net Energy Farms

Informational meeting, a quorum was not present.

Board members heard a presentation on the concept of Zero Net Energy Farm and discussion of a pilot project being conducted in Five Points, CA.

Speakers included:

- Russ Teall, Biodico
- John Diener, Red Rock Ranch

(7) BREAK

- (8) **FARM BILL LISTENING SESSION:**
Informational meeting, a quorum was not present.

In coordination with CDFA, Board members participated in a Listening Session on the 2018 Farm Bill.

Speakers included:

- Richard Matoian, American Pistachio Growers
- Jack Lavers, Lavers Ranch/California Cattlemen's Association
- Nikiko Masumoto, Masumoto Family Farm
- Peter Goodell, University of California (IPM)
- Melissa Poole, Wonderful Company
- Todd Snider, Personal Ag Management
- Anja Raudabaugh, Western United Dairywomen
- Lynne McBride, California Dairy Campaign
- Josh Rolph, California Farm Bureau Federation
- Jensen Vang, Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission
- Alyssa Houtby, California Citrus Mutual
- Larry Stoneburner, Member of the Public

- (9) **OTHER BUSINESS**
Informational meeting, a quorum was not present.

No other business was discussed.

- (10) **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Informational meeting, a quorum was not present.

No public comments were provided.

- (11) **CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**
Informational meeting, a quorum was not present.

The informational meeting was concluded at approximately 2:50 p.m.