

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

Location: Agricultural Heritage Center
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Tulare, California

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MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 2, 2008

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at approximately 10:00 a.m. Al Montna, President of the State Board of Food and Agriculture presiding.
- (b) Welcoming remarks provided by Al Montna.
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance.

(2) ROLL CALL

Board members provided self introduction in lieu of roll call.

Present:

Al Montna	Karen Ross	Ann Bacchetti-Silva
Donald Valpredo	Thomas Deardorff II	Ashley Boren
Daniel Dooley	Marvin Meyers	

Absent:

Luawanna Hallstrom	Kerry Tucker	Donald Bransford
Adan Ortega, Jr.	David Wehner	Craig McNamara

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 28, 2008

MOTION: Board member Karen Ross moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Board member Ann Silva seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(4) OPENING REMARKS BY BOARD PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

Secretary Kawamura provided opening remarks for the Agricultural Vision Listening Session and acknowledged special guests in the audience. David Kehoe, Shasta County Supervisor, was introduced and provided welcoming remarks.

President Montna also provided introductory remarks and encouraged participation by the agricultural community.

(5) PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION ON THE CALIFORNIA AG VISION

The California State Board of Food and Agriculture hosted a public listening session to help develop a vision for a more productive, competitive and innovative agricultural sector by 2030. Individuals providing public comments were asked to respond to the following four questions:

- ⇒ What is your vision for California agriculture by 2030?
- ⇒ What will be the biggest challenge in achieving that vision?
- ⇒ In 2030, how has public perception of agriculture changed?
- ⇒ What is a “must have” in an Ag Vision for California?

A total of 45 individuals provided remarks at the board meeting. A transcript of the meeting is available online at www.cdfa.ca.gov/agvision.

Public comments were provided by the following individuals:

- Richard Matoian, Western Pistachio Association
- Sandy Beals, Food Link, Tulare County
- Mike Darnell, American Farmland Trust
- Diana Westmoreland-Pedrozo, Merced County Farm Bureau
- Barry Bedwell, California Grape and Tree Fruit League
- Jean Okuye, Valley Land Alliance
- Shirley Batchman, California Citrus Mutual
- Ted Batkin, California Citrus Research Board
- Ed Needham, Tulare County Farm Bureau
- Jennifer Hernandez, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
- Jesus Quevedo, Vecinos Unidos
- Kathy Kellison, Partners for Sustainable Pollination
- Alicia Rios, California Centers for International Trade Development
- Patricia Stever, Tulare County Farm Bureau
- Amy Heers, Future Farmers of America
- Mikaela Serafin, Future Farmers of America
- Brin Hanna, Ag Biomass Council
- Teresa DeAnda, Californian's for Pesticide Reform
- Jeff Rasmussen, Western Farm Service
- Argelia Flores, Poder Popular
- Holly King, Great Valley Center
- Laurie Schwaller
- Carol Chandler, Chandler Farms
- Ralph Mendes, Foothill High School
- Jim Sullins, UC Cooperative Extension, Tulare County
- John Harris, Harris Ranch
- Karri Hammerstrom, California Women for Agriculture
- Chuck Tarbell, Tulare County Cattlemen's Association
- Manuela Gonzales, Dolores Huerta Foundation
- Paola Fernandez, Dolores Huerta Foundation
- Maria Hernandez, Dolores Huerta Foundation
- Eva Ramirez, Dolores Huerta Foundation
- Enfrocina Ordaz, Dolores Huerta Foundation
- Jose Lara, Dolores Huerta Foundation
- Maria Yepez, Dolores Huerta Foundation
- Timoteo Prado, Poder Popular Dolores Huerta Foundation
- Francis Macias, Dolores Huerta Foundation
- John Miller, Bakersfield College
- Glenn Anderson
- Larry Dutto, College of the Sequoias
- Mark Hess
- Edie Jessup, Fresno Metro Ministry
- Silas Shower, California Rural Legal Assistance
- Lupe Martinez, Censure on Race Poverty and the Environment
- Harry Peck

(6) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:18 p.m.