

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 JULY 1, 2014

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

- (a) The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at approximately 10:10 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	Nancy Casady
Ashley Boren	Miles Reiter	Eric Holst
Ben Drake	Martha Montoya	Don Cameron
Joy Sterling	Daniel Dooley	Donald Bransford
Charles Boyer	Rodney Taylor	

Absent:

Mike Gallo

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 3, 2014

Board member Ben Drake moved to approve the minutes of the June 3rd meeting. Board member Bryce Lundberg seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

No Departmental Update was provided.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Cap-and-Trade Programs

The Board heard a presentation from the California Air Resources Board concerning the implementation of California's Emissions Trading Program.

Speaker:

- Chairman Mary D. Nichols, California Air Resources Board

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PANEL DISCUSSION – Carbon Markets

The Board heard two presentations from agricultural and environmental stakeholders concerning the continuing development of rice protocols for California's Emissions Trading Program.

Speakers included:

- Robert Parkhurst, Environmental Defense Fund
- Paul Buttner, California Rice Commission

The presentations concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (7) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – University of California’s Global Food Initiative**
The Board heard a presentation on a new initiative being implemented by the University of California system.

Speaker:

- President Janet Napolitano, University of California

The presentations concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) **BREAK**

(9) **PANEL DISCUSSION– Dairy Digesters**

The Board heard presentations from three organizations concerning the development of dairy digesters as bio-energy facilities.

Speakers included:

- Sandra Schubert, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Neil Black, California Bioenergy
- Megha Lakhchaura, California Public Utilities Commission

The presentations concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) **PANEL DISCUSSION– Other Environmental Markets**

The Board heard presentations from three organizations concerning the development of environmental markets for the agricultural sector.

Speakers included:

- Jeremy Sokulsky, Environmental Incentives, LLC
- Bobby Cochran, Willamette Partnership
- Valerie Minton, Sonoma County Resource Conservation District

The presentations concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) **OTHER BUSINESS**

Following the presentations and discussions concerning environmental markets, the Board took the following actions:

MOTION: Board member Ben Drake moved that the Board authorize President McNamara to write a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) concerning the implementation of SB 1122 as it relates to dairy digesters. Board member Joy Sterling seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

MOTION: Board member Eric Holst moved that staff develop a draft letter for consideration at the next Board meeting urging the California Air Resources Board to adopt the proposed Compliance Offset Protocol for Rice Cultivation Projects as part of the California’s Emissions Trading Program. Board member Joy Sterling 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.