

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

**Location:** Institute of Forest Genetics (USDA Forest Service)  
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**MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 31, 2018**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at approximately 9:05 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

**Present:**

Don Cameron	Joy Sterling	Jeff Huckaby
Nancy Casady	Ashley Boren	Andy Thulin
Frank Muller	Rachelle Arizmendi	

**Absent:**

Eric Holst	Helene Dillard	Bryce Lundberg
Crystal Hayling	Donald Bransford	Martha Montoya
Mike Gallo		

**(3) BOARD WELCOMING**

Patricia Manley, program manager for U.S. Forest Service's Institute of Forest Genetics, provided welcoming remarks to the Board.

**(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board member Nancy Casady moved to approve the minutes of the June 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Board member Joy Sterling seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote (7-0-1). Board member Rachelle Arizmendi abstained.

**(5) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update included a report on agricultural pests and diseases. Oriental fruit fly was detected in the Sacramento area – surveillance and trapping is ongoing. Huanglongbing detections are still occurring in residential neighborhoods in southern California – almost 600 infected trees have been found since the disease was first detected. Other updates included personnel changes at CDFA. Stephen Brown, acting division director for the Plant Health Division has retired. Nick Condos who had been serving as the acting director for the Citrus Program is returning to Plant Health as division director. Victoria Hornbaker is the new acting director for the Citrus Program. Other updates included the California Food Expo, the USDA announcement of \$12 billion in trade relief programs, and the upcoming Global Climate Action Summit.

**(6) PANEL DISCUSSION– Forest Health Management**

The Board heard presentations from state officials regarding initiatives and programs addressing forest health and the challenges related to drought, pests and climate change.

Speakers included:

- Russ Henly, California Natural Resources Agency
- Helge Eng, Cal Fire
- Jim Branham, Sierra Nevada Conservancy

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(7) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Forest Ecosystem**

The Board heard from a representative from the University of California, Davis regarding management challenges for a successful healthy forest ecosystem.

Speaker:

- Malcolm North, University of California, Davis.

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(8) BOARD DISCUSSION/BOARD BUSINESS**

The Board delayed action on the following ‘Action Item’ until the next meeting on August 1, 2018.

- **ACTION ITEM** - Staff Draft Letters (Rural Broadband)

No further formal action by the Board occurred.

**(9) PUBLIC COMMENT**

Two individuals provided comment:

- Amy Champ, resident of Amador County, mentioned the need for leadership and cooperation on both sides of the aisle to get resources and funding to communities impacted by fire and to assist in fire prevention.
- Dale Pierce, El Dorado County RCD, discussed the fiscal and administrative challenges local agencies have in implementing state/federal programs as it relates to forest management. The lack of advance payment for work, significantly impacts the ability of local agencies to subcontract service agreements.

No further public comments were provided

**(10) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at approximately 11:25 a.m.

**(11) BOARD TOUR (11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)**

Following the meeting, the Board took a tour of the following sites:

- Sly Park Recreation Area (Forest Restoration Projects)
  - Mark Egbert, El Dorado County and Georgetown Divide RCD
  - Dan Corcoran, El Dorado Irrigation District
- Placerville Nursery/U.S. Forest Service
  - Gary Cline, U.S. Forest Service
- Nielsen Ranch (Ranching on Public/Private Lands)
  - Tim Nielsen