

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

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MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2016

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, June 1st at approximately 9:00 a.m., President Craig McNamara presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Martha Montoya
Don Cameron
Bryce Lundberg
Eric Holst

Joy Sterling
Ben Drake
Ashley Boren
Mike Gallo

Craig McNamara
Nancy Casady

Absent:

Miles Reiter
Mary Holz-Clause

Donald Bransford

Helene Dillard

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 31, 2016

Postponed to the July 5th Meeting.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

No departmental update was provided.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Food Waste

Tristram Stuart, international author and advocate on global food waste issues, provided an overview to the Board on key issues surrounding global food waste and opportunities for public action.

Speaker:

- Tristram Stuart, Author (via Skype)

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – ReFED

The Board heard from a representative from MissionPoint Partners on the ReFED Report – a roadmap to reduce U.S. food waste by 20 percent. According to the authors, the report was developed to identify the most cost-effective solutions to cut food waste at scale, to define research priorities and to spur multi-stakeholder action.

Speaker:

- Sarah Vared, MissionPoint Partners

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board

(7) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Food Waste Solutions**

Following the presentation on the ReFED report, the Board heard from a representative from Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) on the food waste solutions.

Speaker:

- JoAnne BerkenKamp, NRDC (via Skype)

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board

(8) **BOARD DISCUSSION – Food Waste**

Continuing the meeting's focus on food waste, the Board held a group discussion with agricultural producers, distributors, and non-profit organizations on the issue:

Speakers included:

- Joe Pezzini, Ocean Mist
- Tim York, Markon
- Lynn Figone, Ag Against Hunger
- Ron Clark, Imperfect

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board

(9) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Food Waste Roundtable**

Following the discussion, the Board heard from a representative from the Gualco Group, Inc. concerning multi-stakeholders efforts to address food waste.

Speaker

- Robert J. Gore, The Gualco Group, Inc.

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board

(10) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Six individuals provided public comment:

Sue Kramer, member of the public, commented on the need to understand the amount of methane being produced by food waste. Ms. Kramer also encouraged food composting at schools to help address the issue.

Caroline Chow, Alameda County Community Food Bank, publically thanked Ag Against Hunger, the California Association of Food Banks and Ocean Mist for the great support in addressing food hunger. 1 in 5 individuals is impacted by food insecurity in Alameda County and through these programs more than 34 million pounds of food was distributed.

Cole Smith, UC Extension, commented on strategies to address household composting and the importance of the practice in addressing food waste.

Matthew Chavez, Food Rescue Santa Clara, commented on the need to develop strategic partnerships to address food waste and food insecurity.

Mark Linder, Agralogsics, expressed his appreciation for the Board in addressing the issue of food waste and bringing forward key issues at the national level.

Brianna McGuire, Foodfully, commented on the Foodfully and the opportunity to address food waste at the household level through an innovative phone application.

No further public comments were provided.

(11) BOARD DISCUSSION/OTHER BUSINESS

President Craig McNamara briefed the Board on issues related to AB 2757 – Agricultural Workers: Wages, Hours and Working Condition. Given the importance of the bill to all stakeholders, President McNamara recommended that it should be discussed at the next meeting of the Board. The Board provided concurrence and the issue is tentatively scheduled to be discussed at the Board's July 5th meeting.

(12) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 p.m.