

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

**Location:** GoToWebinar Meeting

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**MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2020**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at approximately 10:05 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

**Present:**

Don Cameron

Mike Gallo

Martha Montoya

Ashley Boren

Bryce Lundberg

Rachelle Arizmendi

Crystal Hayling

Helene Dillard

Christopher Valadez

Donald Bransford

Andrew Thulin

Jeff Huckaby

Nancy Casady

Eric Holst

**Absent:**

Joy Sterling

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 5, 2020**

Board member Nancy Casady moved to approve the minutes of the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Board member Bryce Lundberg seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (14-0) carried the motion. Board member Eric Holst was not present for the vote.

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The updated include an overview of CDFA's revised budget as contained within the Governor's May Revision. The Secretary also discussed recently collaboration with CAGROWN focusing on open letters to consumers and retailers to support California's farmers and ranchers during this current pandemic. Additional updates include the eradication of virulent Newcastle Disease in California, recent CDFA retirements of division directors – Jeff Cesca (Marketing) and Roger Spencer (Pierce's Disease), and collaboration with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services in the distribution of masks to the farm community.

**(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Water Update**

The Board heard a presentation from Secretary Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Agency concerning a variety of current statewide water issues.

Speaker:

- Secretary Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Agency.

The discussion concluded without formal action from the Board.

**(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Federal Assistance Update (Agriculture)**

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) on the current USDA federal assistance programs related to COVID-19.

Speaker:

- Max Moncaster, NASDA

The discussion concluded without formal action from the Board.

**(7) PANEL DISCUSSION – Update on USDA COVID-19 Programs**

The Board heard from representatives of the agricultural sector on the implementation and facilitation of USDA COVID-19 Programs.

Speakers included:

- Thomas E. Stenzel, United Fresh Produce Association
- Anja Raudabaugh, Western United Dairies
- Paul Towers, Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)
- Sara Neagu-Reed, California Farm Bureau Federation

The discussion concluded without formal action from the Board.

**(8) BOARD DISCUSSION**

- STAFF DRAFT: California Congressional Delegation
- STAFF DRAFT (Water Committee): Letter to the Governor on Water Issues.

The Board discussed two STAFF DRAFT letters and took the following actions:

STAFF DRAFT Letter to the Governor on Water Issues

The Board considered a STAFF DRAFT Letter, approved by the Board's Water Committee, addressing agricultural perspectives on current water issues and requesting further action by the Administration. The Board discussed several changes to the letter and directed Staff to make revisions. The Board also directed the Water Committee to review and approve changes on behalf of the Board.

ACTION: Board member Bryce Lundberg moved to direct Staff to make revision to the letter, based on Board feedback, and to have the letter reviewed and approved by the Board's Water Committee. Water Committee approval would constitute Board approval. Board member Andy Thulin seconded the motion and a vote of (12-1-0) carried the motion. Board member Helene Dillard was not present for the vote and Board member Eric Holst abstained.

STAFF DRAFT: California Congressional Delegation

The Board considered a STAFF DRAFT Letter to California's Congressional Delegation addressing federal support for broadband and water infrastructure. The letter further addressed the importance of Farming for the Support of States Act and the Food Supply Protection Act.

ACTION: Board member Don Bransford moved to approve the Staff Draft Letter to the California Congressional Delegation. Board member Rachelle Arizmendi seconded the motion and the motion passed with a (13-0) vote. Board member Helene Dillard was not present for the vote.

- (9) OTHER BUSINESS**  
No issues discussed.
- (10) PUBLIC COMMENT**  
No public comment was provided.
- (11) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**  
The meeting concluded at approximately 12:20 p.m.