

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

Location: CA Department of Food and Agriculture
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MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 30, 2011

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at approximately 10:00 a.m. Craig McNamara, President of the State Board of Food and Agriculture 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	Donald Bransford	Luawanna Hallstrom
Kiran Black	Sean McNally	David Wehner
Ashley Boren	Adan Ortega, Jr.	Daniel Dooley
Ben Drake	Arlan Van Leeuwen	

Absent:

Marvin Meyers	Kerry Tucker
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(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 23, 2011

Board member Adan Ortega moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2011 meeting. Board member Dan Dooley seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Ross provided a departmental update to the Board. The update focused on the CDFA budget. In addition, Secretary Ross introduced Dr. Annette Whiteford, State Veterinarian, who provided an update on the situation in Japan related to food safety.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – California Water Policy

The Board heard from Secretary John Laird, California Natural Resources Agency on statewide water policy.

Speaker:

- The Honorable John Laird, California Natural Resources Agency

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Ag Vision

The Board heard from several speakers concerning the California Ag Vision. The presentation covered current activities and actions by the Ag Vision Advisory Committee’s workgroups on the strategies outline with “California Agricultural Vision: Strategies for Sustainability” report.

Speakers included:

- Ralph Grossi, American Farmland Trust
- Sue Sigler, California Association of Food Banks
- Eric Holst, Environmental Defense Fund
- Luawanna Hallstrom, California State Board of Food and Agriculture
- Tim Johnson, California Rice Commission

Following the presentation on the Ag Vision, the following action occurred:

MOTION: Board member Luawanna Hallstrom moved that a draft a letter be developed, for Board approval, to the Brown Administration concerning immigration reform. Board member Kiran Black seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(7) PANEL DISCUSSION – Climate Change (Policy)

The Board heard four speakers concerning AB 32 and policy opportunities and impacts as it relates to the agricultural sector.

Speakers included:

- Andrew Altevoigt, California Environmental Protection Agency
- Cynthia Cory, California Farm Bureau Federation
- Emily Rooney, Agricultural Council of California
- Jeannie Merrill, California Climate & Agriculture Network

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) PANEL DISCUSSION – Climate Change (Science)

The Board heard from four speakers concerning the potential for agricultural offsets and associated research.

Speakers included:

- Will Horwath, University of California, Davis
- Katie Goldman, Climate Action Reserve
- Eric Holst, Environmental Defense Fund
- Paul Buttner, California Rice Commission.

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(9) OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed two items of business:

Water Subcommittee Report:

Board member Dan Dooley provided a brief overview of the water subcommittee discussion concerning the ‘Second Draft of the Delta Plan’ released by the Delta Stewardship Council.

Board Correspondence:

Two items of correspondence were considered by the Board – a letter to Secretary Ross concerning the Korea – U.S. Free Trade Agreement (KORUS) and a letter to the Secretary Ross on AB 6 and AB 152.

MOTION: Board member Kiran Black moved that the Board approve the letter to the Secretary Ross concerning the KORUS Free Trade Agreement. Board member Dan Dooley seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

MOTION: Board member Don Bransford moved that the Board approve the draft letter to Secretary Ross on AB 6 and AB 152. Board member Ben Drake seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carries the motion.

(10) PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided.

(11) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.