

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

Location: CDFA Auditorium
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MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 31, 2007

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, October 31st, at approximately 9:00 a.m. Al Montna, President of the State Board of Food and Agriculture presiding.
- (b) Welcoming remarks provided by Al Montna.
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Helen Lopez, Executive Director. A quorum was not present.

Present:

Wayne Bidlack
Al Montna
Rick Standiford

Drue Brown
Adan Ortega

Luawanna Hallstrom
Karen Ross

Absent:

Ashley Boren
Craig McNamara
Ann Bacchetti-Silva

Donald Bransford
Marvin Meyers

Tom Deardorff
William Moncovich

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 19, 2007

MOTION: Approval of minutes was postponed until the November meeting of the State Board due to the fact a quorum was not present.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Southern CA Fires have caused significant damage to Agriculture. The agriculture industry needs to be more prepared for eventualities such as these.

(5) PRESENTATIONS BY GUEST SPEAKERS

Panel 1 – Trade & Brazil Trade Mission

- Robert Tse, California Department of Food and Agriculture

Panel 2 – Immigration & Labor

- Luawanna Hallstrom, Harry Singh & Sons

Panel 3 – Water & Drought

- Joe Grindstaff, CA Bay Delta Authority

Panel 4 – Trade & Brazil Trade Mission

- Steve Shaffer, California Department of Food & Agriculture
- Eric Stein, California Department of Food & Agriculture

Panel 5 – Light Brown Apple Moth

- A.G. Kawamura, California Department of Food & Agriculture
- Larry Bezark, California Department of Food & Agriculture

Panel 6 – Farm Bill

- Robert Tse, California Department of Food and Agriculture

(All presentations and statements provided by the speakers are available on request.)

ACTION: Secretary A.G. Kawamura recommended the Board issue a resolution to the County Fairs for a job well done in regards to the southern California fires and their emergency preparedness.

ACTION: Secretary A.G. Kawamura recommended the Board revisit the question of what is trade policy and how it should be incorporated into and addressed by the California Strategic Plan.

ACTION: Board President Al Montna requested the Board address the Development of a Working Group which will be assisted by CDFA staff to address the equine industry's engagement in agriculture and its issues during the November board meeting. Agriculture appreciates any help the equine industry can support with AgJobs.

ACTION: All requests made by presenters were noted by the Board and will be addressed at the appropriate time.

(6) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

(7) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:38 P.M.