

**MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

**Location:** CDFA Auditorium  
1220 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, September 19th, 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 present.

**Present:**

Ashley Boren	Wayne Bidlack	Drue Brown
Tom Deardorff	Luawanna Hallstrom	Craig McNamara
William Moncovich	Al Montna	Karen Ross
Ann Bacchetti-Silva		

**Absent:**

Donald Bransford	Marvin Meyers	Adan Ortega
Rick Standiford		

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 29, 2007**

**MOTION: Board Member Craig McNamara moved to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Wayne Bidlack and a unanimous vote carried the motion.**

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

A.G. Kawamura provided an update on the Farm Bill.

**(5) OTHER BUSINESS**

Opening remarks on what agriculture can be were provided by Secretary A.G Kawamura.

**PRESENTATIONS BY GUEST SPEAKERS**

Secretary Mike Chrisman from the CA Resources Agency, and Carol Whiteside, President of the Great Valley Center opened the meeting with Presentations on Land Base & Water to Support Agriculture, and the challenges of creating a common vision.

### **Panel 1 – Framing the Issues – Current Trends**

- Dr. Dan Sumner, Ag Issues Center and Giannini Foundation
- Sharon McNerney, Executive Vice President, Nuffer,Smith and Tucker
- Corny Gallagher, Agribusiness Executive, Bank of America
- Dr. Tom Tomich, Agricultural Sustainability Institute UC

### **Panel 2 – Perspectives on the Future of Agriculture**

- Lynn Carpenter, Deputy Director of Marketing, CA Travel & Tourism Commission
- Paul Wenger, Vice Chair, CA Farm Bureau Federation

### **Panel 3 – Perspectives Continued**

- Jonathon Kaplan, Sustainable Ag Director, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Randall Lange, Chairman of the Board, CA Ag Leadership Foundation
- Nita Vail, Executive Director, CA Rangeland Trust
- Richard Waycott, President, Almond Board of California
- Ed Burton, State Conservationist, USDA URCS

### **Panel 4 – Moving Forward – Establishing a Process that Works**

- Ed Thompson, Director, American Farmland Trust

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

**ACTION: Al Montna has requested Board member Karen Ross take the lead and work with staff to coordinate a meeting comprised of board members, agriculture leaders, and CDFA staff. Karen Ross will determine the date of the meeting when she is ready.**

**ACTION: Al Montna recommends an outline for the Strategic Ag Plan be developed under Karen’s leadership and provide it to the board in early January or February 2008. The board will schedule the next Strategic Ag Plan meeting in January or February 2008.**

**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 3:30 P.M.