

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 JULY 28, 2010

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at approximately 10:05 a.m. Al Montna, President of the State Board of Food and Agriculture presiding.
- (b) Welcoming remarks provided by President Montna.
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Al Montna	Marvin Meyers	Luawanna Hallstrom
Michael Darnell	Kerry Tucker	Kiran Black
Ashley Boren	Adan Ortega, Jr.	Craig McNamara
Sean McNally	Ben Drake	Daniel Dooley

Absent:

Donald Bransford	Arlan Van Leeuwen	David Wehner
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(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 30, 2010

Board member Michael Darnell moved to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2010 meeting. Board member Adan Ortega seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary A.G. Kawamura provided a brief departmental update. Remarks focused on state budget delays. Secretary Kawamura also administered the Oath of Office for Board members Sean McNally and Ben Drake.

(5) STATE BOARD UPDATE

The Board heard updates from three of its subcommittees at the July 28, 2010 meeting:

Ag Vision

Board member Luawanna Hallstrom provided an update on the California Agricultural Vision 2030 project. Five specific recommendations were accepted by the Board in May and the Ag Vision Advisory Committee continues to refine recommended actions to the Board.

Farmers Feeding the Hungry

Board member Kerry Tucker provided an update on the Board's Farmers Feeding the Hungry Subcommittee. The subcommittee is currently working on two key projects to address food access and hunger. The first project is a State Board meeting that will address sustainable food systems and

the need to redefine sustainability in the context of increased world food demand and hunger. The State Board will dedicate its August 2010 meeting to this issue.

The second project is to double farm contributions to food banks by 2015. The Farmers Feeding the Hungry Subcommittee continues to work on this project and will present recommendations to the Board.

Water Subcommittee

Board member Adan Ortega provided an update on the Water Subcommittee. The subcommittee is working to develop an agenda for the September meeting focusing on maximizing California's water reliability under current regulatory and environmental conditions. The intent of the subcommittee is to develop a white paper on water management for the Board's approval and recommendation to the secretary and governor.

(6) PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD – Australia Drought Report

The Board heard from one speaker concerning the Australia's drought and water infrastructure. The report follows participation in an Australian Water Management and Sustainability Tour facilitated by the Australian Government.

Speaker:

- Secretary A.G. Kawamura, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The presentations concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD – State Water Plan

The Board heard from one speaker who provided an overview of the California State Water Plan as well as the process for updating the water plan in 2013.

Speaker:

- Kamyar Guivetchi, California Department of Water Resources.

MOTION: Board member Dan Dooley moved that the Board approve an appointment by the Board President, of a water subcommittee member, to serve on the State Water Plan Steering Committee. Board member Ashley Boren seconded the motion and a unanimous passed the motion.

(8) PANEL DISCUSSION – County Updates

The Board heard from three speakers regarding County Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers issues at the local level. Presentations included an overview of the programs and duties of the Agricultural Commissioner and Sealers.

Speakers included:

- Scott Hudson, San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner
- Patrick Griffin, Siskiyou County Agricultural Commissioner
- Bob Atkins, San Diego County Agricultural Commissioner

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(9) PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD – Climate Action Reserve

The Board heard from two speakers from the Climate Action Reserve concerning national offset programs within the carbon trading market. The panel was introduced by Undersecretary Cindy Tuck, California Environmental Protection Agency.

Speakers included:

- Gary Gero, Climate Action Reserve
- Kathryn Goldman, Climate Action Reserve

The presentations concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business was discussed by the Board.

(11) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

President Montna opened the meeting to public comments. One individual provided comments:

William Van Dam, CARES, introduced the association’s latest publication “Milestones in Sustainability” which highlights sustainability achievements of California dairy families – documenting environmental stewardship.

(12) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m.