

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
ANIMAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY SERVICES (AHFSS)
MEAT, POULTRY AND EGG SAFETY BRANCH (MPES)
SHELL EGG ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)
MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2013**

**Location: 1220 N Street, Room 133
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Wayne Winslow called the SEAC meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. and a quorum was established.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Mr. Tony Herrera.

Committee Members Present:

Wayne Winslow, Vice Chairman
Michael Gemperle
Steve Mahrt
Gary Foster
Milton O'Haire, CACASA Representative
Gary Caseri, Public Member
Don Brown, Alternate

Committee Members Absent:

Michael Sencer, Chairman
Richard Jenkins, Alternate
David Will

Interested Parties:

Neal Rye, Hidden Villa Ranch
Tim Pelican, Stanislaus County
Glenn Hickman, Hickman Eggs
Debbie Murdock, Pacific Egg and Poultry Association
Dave Cisneros, Moark LLC

CDFA:

Dr. Annette Jones

Dr. Doug Hepper
Tony Herrera
Paul SanGregorio
William Rohner
Rosie Martin

(3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 27, 2013**

Vice Chairman Winslow asked the committee to review the February 27, 2013 meeting minutes.

Vice Chairman Winslow asked that a motion be made to accept the minutes.

MOTION #1: Mr. Caseri made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Gemperle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(4) **WIREBASKET ENFORCEMENT**

Mr. Herrera introduced Mr. SanGregorio, Special Investigator with MPES, to the SEAC and discussed his involvement with the enforcement of wirebasket theft.

- Mr. SanGregorio informed the committee that a tip helped to recover over 240 of NuCal's wirebaskets from a residence in Modesto.
- A power point presentation was shown to the committee informing them of the theft prevention of Inedible Kitchen Grease (IKG).
- A picture of eggs being transported in the back of a non-refrigerated truck was shown to the committee.
- Mr. SanGregorio showed the committee an IKG theft reporting website that is utilized to report theft and fill out police reports. The IKG unit also has an 800 number people can call to report theft.

(5) **FISCAL YEAR 2013/14 BUDGET AND FUND CONDITION**

Mr. Herrera presented the 2013/14 Fund Condition Report and budget. The report shows a projected fund balance of \$539,211.00 for fiscal year 2013/14 if all projected expenditures and encumbrances are met at the current assessment rate of \$0.06 cents per a 30-dozen cases of eggs. A projected fund balance of \$645,286.00 would be achieved if the assessment was increased to \$0.10 per 30-dozen cases beginning with the reporting period of July 1, 2013. The 2013/14 proposed budget was presented at the amount of \$2,558,000 which included the addition of two auditor positions, one inspector and office support.

MOTION #2: A motion was made by Mr. Caseri to accept the budget as proposed. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #3: A motion was made by Mr. Foster to increase the egg assessment fee from \$0.06 to \$0.10 starting July 1, 2013. Mr. Caseri seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

(6) **PASTEURIZED EGG DEFINITION (DRAFT)**

Mr. Herrera presented draft language he has been working on with Ms. Murdock to define a pasteurized egg. After discussion the SEAC recommended language to include a processed-on and use-by date. Mr. Herrera will write up a draft including the new suggestions.

(7) **DEPARTMENT/DIVISION UPDATE**

Dr. Jones provided the members with a CDFA and AHFSS update. The following was discussed:

- The new Shell Egg Food Safety regulations have been approved by the Office of Administrative Law. A fact sheet has been developed and is being posted on the CDFA's website as well as being mailed out to all registrants affected, informing them of the changes.
- Increased Salmonella Enteritidis (SE) surveillance and the new requirement for vaccines will begin on July 1, 2013.

(8) **PROGRAM UPDATES**

Mr. Herrera provided the members with an ESQM update. The following was discussed:

- Mr. Herrera received a letter from the California Association of Food Banks regarding the possibility of short dated eggs being donated.
- The Compliance and Risk Based Inspection (CRBI) pilot program was discussed. Mr. Herrera provided a report to the committee on the successfulness of the program thus far.
- Mr. O'Haire informed the committee that Stanislaus County is in the process of developing a computer based program to assist the inspectors with the completeness and speed of submitting CRBI reports. Once it's been tested, it will be available for all counties to utilize.
- The CRBI was introduced to all of the contracted counties in the past few months through workshops. It was very well received, and the counties are eager to begin the new process of inspections.
- A Certificate of Movement is still being developed. Mr. Herrera will send out the current draft, and is accepting suggestions from the committee.

(9) **OTHER BUSINESS**

The committee discussed the Shell Egg Food Safety regulation compliance concerns that take effect July 1, 2015. Many suggestions were made about checking the facilities for compliance via audits, affidavit paperwork stating compliance, etcetera; and it was agreed upon to revisit the topic at a later meeting date.

The committee decided to meet more frequently. Every other month there will be a meeting held, and the other months there will be conference calls to discuss any issues and updates. The next meeting will be a conference call on June 13, 2013.

(10) **ADJOURN**

Vice Chairman Winslow asked for a motion to adjourn meeting.

MOTION #4: A motion was made by Mr. Foster to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Caseri seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosemerry Martin