

**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  
August 28, 2013**

**Location: Double Tree Hotel, Big Bear Room  
222 North Vineyard Avenue  
Ontario, CA 91764**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Michael Sencer called the SEAC meeting to order at 2:18 p.m. and a quorum was established.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Tony Herrera, Program Supervisor.

**Committee Members Present:**

Michael Sencer, Chairman  
Wayne Winslow, Vice Chairman  
Steve Mahrt, Petaluma Farms  
Gary Foster, Farm Fresh Packaging LLC – Wasco  
Michael Gemperle, Gemperle Family Farms  
Milton O’Haire, CACASA Representative  
Gary Caseri, Public Member  
Don Brown, Alternate  
Richard Jenkins, Alternate

**Committee Members Absent:**

David Will, Chino Valley Ranchers

**Interested Parties:**

Neal Rye, Hidden Villa Ranch  
Debbie Murdock, Pacific Egg and Poultry Association  
Tom Friend, Chino Valley Ranchers  
Glenn Hickman, Hickman Eggs  
Arnie Riebli, Sunrise Farms

**CDFA:**

Dr. Annette Jones, Director  
Tony Herrera, Program Supervisor  
Dr. Ken Takeshita, Southern District Supervisor (North Area)  
Bill Rohner, Southern District Supervisor (South Area)

Rosie Martin, Account Clerk II

(3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 25, 2013**

Chairman Sencer asked the committee to review the July 25, 2013 meeting minutes.

Chairman Sencer asked motion to be made to accept the minutes as submitted.

**Motion #1:** A motion was made by Steve Mahrt to accept the minutes. Gary Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

(4) **ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES SUB COMMITTEE REPORT**

Gary Caseri informed the committee that the subcommittee met and discussed the Administrative Penalties matrix, but more time is needed to decide on the violations, violation amounts, as well as, verbiage. After some discussion, the subcommittee decided to meet again in 60 days to work on a new draft. Any committee members that had suggestions about the matrix were told to email their suggestions to the subcommittee members.

**Motion #2:** A motion was made by Gary Foster to revisit the Administrative Penalties draft at the next SEAC meeting. Mike Gemperle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(5) **SHELL EGG FOOD SAFETY MANUAL**

Ken Takeshita provided the members with a draft of the Shell Egg Food Safety Manual he developed. The following suggestions were made:

- Mail out affidavits to registered egg handlers, beginning with out of state companies, confirming participation in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 1350 procedures.
- Add CCR 1350 language to all annual renewal forms, as well as, Certificate of Movement forms.

(6) **LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION TO RENDERERS**

Don Brown provided the members with a proposed solution on the composting of poultry carcasses and its effects to the industry, with regards to time and cost. After some discussion by the committee and reviewing the handout provided by Mr. Brown, it was decided the committee will revisit this item at the next SEAC meeting.

(7) **PROGRAM UPDATES**

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

Mr. Herrera informed the committee there were some problems getting CDFA's Legal Office to accept the Certificate of Movement (COM) regulation. Legal wants the COM to clearly state that an in state process exists to track in trust shipments of eggs for disease outbreaks. More analysis is needed. The following suggestions were made in order to have the regulation accepted:

- Shipping eggs in state or out of the state would require a COM, for tracking and traceability purposes, whether coming in or going out of the state
- Require a, produced in compliance with the CA Shell Egg Food Safety (SEFS) Regulation, statement on all shipping documents and containers
- Include the above statement on annual registration forms.
- Add the statement to all invoices used by companies selling to other companies, not including retail and directly to consumers
- Have out of state companies shipping eggs into the state sign affidavits confirming they are in compliance with the SEFS regulations

Additionally, Mr. Herrera informed the committee that CDFA's Legal Office is also reviewing the annual registration regulation.

(8) **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next SEAC meeting will be held on October 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gateway Oaks location.

(9) **ADJOURN**

Chairman Sencer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion #3:** A Motion was made by Gary Foster to adjourn the meeting. Steve Mahrt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Rosemerry Martin