

**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
October 16, 2013**

**Location: California Department of Food and Agriculture
1220 N Street, Room 133
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Michael Sencer called the SEAC meeting to order at 10:18 a.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, Southern California Egg Cooperative
Michael Gemperle, Gemperle Family Farms
David Will, Chino Valley Ranchers
Milton O'Haire, CACASA Representative
Gary Caseri, Public Member
Richard Jenkins, Alternate

Committee Members Absent:

Don Brown, Alternate

Interested Parties:

Neal Rye, Hidden Villa Ranch
Debbie Murdock, Pacific Egg and Poultry Association
Glenn Hickman, Hickman Eggs
Tim Pelican, Stanislaus County
Robert Schuler, Hickman Eggs

CDFA:

Dr. Annette Jones, Director
Dr. Doug Hepper, Branch Chief
Tony Herrera, Program Supervisor
Dr. Ken Takeshita, Southern District Supervisor (North Area)

John Ramos, Central District Supervisor
Jenna Celigija, Northern/Coastal District Supervisor
Rosie Martin, Account Clerk II

(3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 28, 2013**

Chairman Sencer asked the committee to review the August 28, 2013 meeting minutes.

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

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

(4) **ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES UPDATE**

Milton O’Haire gave the committee an update on the administrative penalties matrix and the changes the subcommittee made. After reviewing with the committee, it was agreed that Food and Agricultural Codes (FAC) 27635, 27636, and 27637 be removed from the matrix, as well as, altering the quantity of noncompliances on FAC 27644(b2) for minor, moderate and serious offences. The committee decided to continue the amendments to the matrix and address the restricted eggs issue at the next meeting.

Motion #2: A motion was made by Gary Foster to accept the matrix as amended. Wayne Winslow seconded. The motion passed with a 4 - 2 vote.

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

Dr. Ken Takeshita provided the members with an updated draft of the Shell Egg Food Safety Manual he and the SEFS subcommittee developed. The following was discussed:

- He and Dr. Dan Rolfe would provide inspection presentations and training to an internal group to help in conducting inspections, as well as perform mock inspections.
- Provide outreach to companies with 3,000 birds or more.
- SEFS inspections would be conducted by the Animal Health Branch as well as the Egg Safety and Quality Management (ESQM) Program.
- Paper audits would be performed the first year and a minimum of one physical audit performed beginning in January 2014.
- SEFS inspections/audits would be paid for by industry as part of the collected mill fee assessments.

- A possible webinar would be provided to help with SEFS training.
- Compliant companies would be inspected every three years.
- An overview on minor, moderate, and serious violations was presented.
- A penalty matrix will be developed and submitted to the committee for review and approval.
- Out-of-state inspections/audits may be performed by contracted companies.

(6) **ORIGIN AND DESTINATION TOLERANCES**

Gary Foster briefed the committee on the inspections being made and the origin and destination tolerances noted in the inspections. After discussion by the committee, it was determined a standard would not be agreed upon today. The issue would require a regulation change and will be revisited.

(7) **PROGRAM UPDATES**

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

- CDFA's Legal Office has advised that ESQM has no authority to require any type of affidavits from companies.
- A suggestion was made to add the affidavit language to regulations as well as certificate of movement and other future documents we may require.
- Some committee member's terms would be expiring shortly and if they wish to continue serving they need to submit resumes.
- A subcommittee comprised of Wayne Winslow, Mike Sencer and David Will was created to research carton requirement that will include the SEFS compliant statement.

Motion #3: A motion was made by Gary Foster to explore adding transit documents, affidavits, and any other future required reports into regulations. Wayne Winslow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(8) **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next SEAC meeting will be held on November 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gateway Oaks location.

(9) **ADJOURN**

Chairman Sencer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion #4: A Motion was made by Steve Mahrt to adjourn the meeting. David Will seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosemerry Martin