

**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
December 12, 2013 – Telephone Conference**

**Location: 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive
Sacramento, CA 95833**

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Wayne Winslow called the SEAC meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and a quorum was established.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Mr. Tony Herrera, Program Supervisor.

Committee Members Present:

Wayne Winslow, Vice Chairman
David Will, Chino Valley Ranchers
Gary Foster, So Cal Egg Coop
Milton O’Haire, CACASA Representative
Don Brown, Alternate
Gary Caseri, Public Member

Committee Members Absent:

Richard Jenkins, Alternate

Interested Parties:

Tim Pelican, Stanislaus County
Debbie Murdock, Pacific Egg and Poultry Association
Steve Mahrt, Petaluma Farms
Michael Gemperle, Gemperle Family Farms

CDFA:

Dr. Doug Hepper, Branch Chief
Tony Herrera, Program Supervisor
Jenna Celigija, Northern/Coastal District Supervisor
John Ramos, Central District Supervisor
Dr. Ken Takeshita, Southern District Supervisor (North Area)
Rosie Martin, Account Clerk II

(3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 14, 2013**

The November 2013 minutes will be reviewed at the January 2014 meeting.

(4) **SHELL EGG FOOD SAFETY (SEFS) MANUAL AND TRAINING UPDATE**

Dr. Ken Takeshita gave an update of the SEFS manual and training. The follow was discussed:

- Official SEFS inspections/audits are to begin in January 2014.
- One audit per month, per inspector is expected. There will be a total of eight inspectors conducting the audits.
- Paper audits, as well as, physical inspections will be performed.
- Dr. Takeshita will be traveling to the Michigan Winter Poultry Seminar, as well as, the Midwest Poultry Show to provide outreach and training to the out of state industry members.
- If a company has multiple sites, only one site will be visited for inspection on an annual basis.

(5) **SPECIALTY TERM SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

David Will gave an update on the specialty term sub-committee meeting. The sub-committee will work on further defining the terms. Currently, the sub-committee would like to use USDA's definitions for "free range" and "cage free". The term "pasture raised" still needs to be defined. All three definitions will be further discussed at the next SEAC meeting.

(6) **PROGRAM UPDATES**

Mr. Herrera gave an update on ESQM. The following was discussed:

- Office of Administrative Law (OAL) returned the annual registration regulation, stating the term "penalty" used in the verbiage needs to be changed to "late", as the program does not have the authority to penalize companies.
- CDFA's Legal Office approved ESQM's right to require legal documents, such as affidavits, harvest, and shipping documents from companies similar to CDFA's Organics and Inedible Kitchen Grease programs.

- After conducting interviews for the current auditor position, a qualified candidate, currently working at the Employment Development Department, will most likely be offered the job.
- Reappointment packets for Michael Sencer, Michael Gemperle, and Steve Mahrt are in the Executive Office for approval.
- Two additional SEAC member seats will be available in January 2014.
- Any companies conducting additional swabbing and vaccinating beginning on July 1, 2013 can use the “SEFS Compliant” statement on their cartons.

(7) **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next SEAC meeting will be held on Friday January 17, 2014 at the CDFA Gateway Oaks Drive location. It will begin at 9:30 a.m.

(8) **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m. No motion was made.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosemerry Martin