

**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
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

California Department of Food and Agriculture
2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 101
Sacramento, CA 95833

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mr. David Will, Chair, called the SEAC meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and a quorum was established.

Roll call was taken by Mr. Tony Herrera, Egg Quality Manager, Egg Safety and Quality Management (ESQM).

Committee Members Present:

David Will, Chair
Michael Gemperle, Gemperle Family Farms
Steve Mahrt, Petaluma Farms
Wayne Winslow, NuCal Foods
Kaliko Orian, Kaliko Farms
Andrew Demler, Demler Brothers
Glenn Hickman, Hickman Family Farms
Michael Sencer, Hidden Villa Ranch
Dr. Richard Breitmeyer, public member
Richard Jenkins, alternate
Frank Hilliker, alternate
Simone Hardy, California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association
representative (By phone)

Interested Parties:

Debbie Murdock

CDEA:

Tony Herrera
Dr. Annette Jones
William Rohner
Michelle Dingley

Paula Batarseh
Jenna Celigija
Laura Barlow

(2) **DISCUSSION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 3021 AND PROPOSITION 12**

Assembly Bill (AB) 3021 is currently in suspense. This meeting's discussion will focus on Proposition 12.

The scope of Proposition 12 is beyond this committee. It will impact ESQM and SEAC, but it extends beyond egg concerns. SEAC will not be responsible for implementing or enforcing the proposition, assuming it passes.

The committee's discussion included the following topics:

- The regulations for Proposition 12 are to be finalized by September 1, 2019. There is concern that the regulations will not be finished on time.
- The California Department of Public Health and CDFA will jointly write regulations for the implementation of Proposition 12. It is possible that CDFA will be the lead agency for all regulations for Proposition 12.
- Political changes may impact Proposition 12. After the election, there will likely be a new Secretary of CDFA.
- This proposition will be paid for by the general fund. A recession would likely mean large cuts to enforcement.
- According to the language in Proposition 12, sales undertaken at locations inspected under the Federal Egg Products Inspection Act are excluded. Are all eggs subject to these inspections exempt from this proposition? Processing facilities would also fall into that category.
- Pasteurized eggs are not exempt under Proposition 12.
- Proposition 12 references certifications of compliance. Documents of movement might be used. These could be electronic. Another option is to use a list of approved sources.
- SEAC discussed possible definitions of terms, such as "commercial sale". The definition would affect what transactions are subject to Proposition 12. SEAC discussed what constitutes an egg product according to Proposition 12.
- California Code of Regulations (CCR) 1350 could be revised to match the standards put forth in Proposition 12.

(3) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

(4) **ADJOURN**

Chair Will asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion #1: Mr. Sencer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Orian seconded. Mr. Gemperle, Mr. Mahrt, Mr. Demler, Mr. Winslow, Mr. Hickman, and Dr. Breitmeyer agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Michelle Dingley