

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
SMALL SCALE PRODUCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

AGENDA ITEMS *

Item

No.

(1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

(2) ROLL CALL

(3) CALL TO ORDER- Committee Chair Justin Miller

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

- Legislative Office- Rachael O'Brien, CDFA Deputy Secretary for Legislative Affairs
- CDFA Budget Update- Arima Kozina, Deputy Secretary of Administration & Finance
- Farm to Community Food Hubs Grant Program- Christina Harrington, Grant Admin & Outreach Specialist, Office of Farm to Fork
- Farm Equity Program- Thea Rittenhouse, Farm Equity Advisor

(5) ACTION ITEM

- Approval of May 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes

(6) DISCUSSION ITEMS

- BIPOC Advisory Committee & Block-Grant Processes Accountability Subcommittee Updates- BIPOC Advisory Chair Hung K Doan
- SGC Agricultural Land Equity Taskforce Update- Thea Rittenhouse
- SSPAC Subcommittee Update- Sub. Chair Josefina Lara Chavez

(7) DEFINING SMALL-SCALE FARMS PANEL PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

- Small-Scale Farms Panel Presentation
 - Ruth Dahlquist-Willard, Interim Director, UC Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program (UC SAREP)
 - Shermain Hardesty, Professor of Cooperative Extension-Emerita Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of California, Davis
 - John Stephens, Deputy Regional Director, USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA NASS)
- Committee Discussion on Small-Scale Farms

(8) TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(9) NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING: Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 1PM-4PM

(10) PUBLIC COMMENTS

(11) ADJOURNMENT

* The order of the agenda Items is subject to change