

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
SMALL SCALE PRODUCER ADVISORY **SUB-COMMITTEE**
ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Date: Friday, May 24, 2024

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

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AGENDA ITEMS *

Attendees:

Note Taker:

Background of Subcommittee:

- The purpose of the sub-committee is to adopt a more expansive view of what constitutes an emergency for small-scale producers that does not necessarily relate to wildfire, drought, or flood.
- Scope and deliverables of the subcommittee:
 - We all recognize there is a problem with definitions: When definitions are narrow in scope it creates situations where small-scale producers are not being served/ have access to programs, services, and resources.
- Deliverables:
 - Identify who the SSPAC need to make recommendations to within CDFA
 - Draft Example list of what constitutes an “emergency” for small-scale producers and what is needed to address challenges.

- Identify bills and legislation that are related to small-scale producers and provide a small-scale producer voice and recommendations.
- Identify appropriate amounts of funding for small-scale producers: not necessarily new funding but what is accessible and appropriately sized for small-scale producers.
- Develop a preemptive strategy and be prepared for future scenarios rather than reacting to situations/scenarios as they arise. Develop a preemptive strategy for funding that will serve small-scale producers best. Include potential impacts of climate change, global unrest on small-scale producers.
- (Josefina)
 - Should we make the purpose clearer and present it to the larger committee?
 - Should we define an emergency?
 - Any other deliverables?
 - [Timeline](#)
- I think we need to hear from stakeholders/voices within CDFA
 - Understand CDFA's historic treatment of small-scale producers in the context of emergency relief.
 - Identify any existing relief programs/actions that suit small scale producers (i.e., CUSP)
- Understand why/when these programs have been (un)successful so that we can develop/propose alternate solutions.