

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
BIPOC PRODUCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF February 19, 2025

AGENDA ITEMS *

Item No.

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Committee Member introductions
- CDFA Staff Introductions
- CDFA Departmental Updates (wildfire response, Farm to Community Food Hubs)

II. Call to Order- Committee Chair Hung K. Doan

III. Action Item

- Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2024, meeting

IV. Discussion Items

- Small-Scale Producer Advisory Committee Updates- Justin Miller, Chair
- SGC Land Equity Task Force updates- Qi Zhou, LETF Liaison
- USDA Southwest Regional Food Business Center Update- Tracy Celio, Program Manager
- CA State Budget Updates
- Resources for farm workers and Ag employers- Thea Rittenhouse, Farm Equity Advisor
- **Potential Action Item: Formation of a sub-committee** to develop an accountability process for organizations administering block grant funds. Sub-committee outcomes might include recommendations to standardize program processes and qualifications of applicants. Committee may choose to elect subcommittee members
- CDFA Climate Resiliency Strategy- Virginia Jameson, CDFA Deputy Secretary for Climate and Working Lands
- CDFA Produce Safety Program Updates Presentation: Geetika Joshi, Program Manager
- CA Climate Bond (Proposition 4) New CDFA Initiatives/ Programs- Thea Rittenhouse, CDFA Farm Equity Advisor
 - Program Timeline and Discussion of Program Development to best serve and prioritize tribal producers & tribal governments

V. Topics for Future Agenda Items

- CalFire- Fire prevention/management

VI. In-person meeting planning/discussion

VII. Public Comments

- Time will be afforded for members of the public to provide comments on any agenda item or other issues relevant to the committee's work

VIII. Adjournment

* Order of Agenda Items subject to change