

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

Date: Thursday, August 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

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**MEETING OF AUGUST 29, 2024
AGENDA ITEMS ***

Item No.

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Committee Member introductions
- CDFA Staff Introductions
- Departmental Updates

II. Call to Order: Committee Chair Justin Miller

III. Action Item

- Approval of Minutes- May 23, 2024

IV. Discussion Items

- BIPOC Producer Advisory Committee Update
- Overview of Final Governor's Budget- Arima Kozina, Deputy Secretary for Admin & Finance
- SSPAC's Priorities Survey Results- Thea Rittenhouse
- Presentation from Department of Water Resources (DWR) Underrepresented Communities, California Tribes, and Small Farmers Groundwater Technical Assistance (URCTA) Program, with a focus on the Eligibility Criteria for Small Farmers under the URCTA Program
- Definition of a small-scale farm/ranch operation for California in alignment with the establishment and charge of the SSPAC as outlined in letter from State Board (attached)
 - **Action Item:** Possible formation of a sub-committee to begin identifying next steps and timeline for establishing a definition for California.
- CDFA CUSP Grant Program: Expansion of Relief Grants to include "Disaster Relief"- Input on Program Priorities and Disaster Scenarios facing CA Small-scale Producers
- USDA Southwest Regional Food Business Center- Feedback on guidelines for Better Business Grant Program
- Topics for Future Agenda Items

V. SSPAC Subcommittee Updates

- Subcommittee Chair Josefina Lara Chavez

VI. Informational Item

- Joint annual meeting with BIPOC Producer Advisory Committee and CDFA State Board

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. Adjourn

* Order of Agenda Items subject to change