

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

Location: Zoom Webinar

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MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2024

Present: Carmen Carrasco
Anna Nakamura Knight
Josefina Lara Chavez – Subcommittee Chair

Absent: Patrick Mitchell

Item No.

1. SSPAC Sub-Committee Chair Josefina Lara Chavez calls meeting to order at 1:07 pm
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the October 29, 2024 meeting
 - Josefina Lara Chavez makes motion to approve minutes, seconded by Ana Nakamura Knight. Minutes approved.
3. Review SSPAC Sub-Committee definition edits
4. Discuss suggested uses for the definition
 - Review of SSPAC Sub-Committee's emergency definitions (#12, #14) - final edits to bookmarked line items were reviewed. Committee Member Mitchell will review #15 and refine the Subcommittee's treatment of land access/leases.
 - Review of SSPAC Sub-Committee's recommendations regarding the potential policy uses of the "emergency" definition - following a 5-month effort, the SSPAC Sub-Committee is preparing to present a working definition to the SSPAC. To identify the potential applications of this definition, the Sub-Committee reviewed a series of policy uses for the work that has been accomplished. While there is some overlap with the definitional work and

some constraints on the proposed applications, the suggested policy uses will be brought to the full committee for its feedback and will help guide future work around drafting recommendations.

- Speakers - While an FSA representative was unavailable to join the 11/12 Sub-Committee meeting, the Sub-Committee maintains its interest in hearing from an FSA officer with expertise on the Non-Insured Assistance Program and other TA services.
- Workflow - The SSPAC Sub-Committee will be submitting its draft definition to the SSPAC at its upcoming 12/5 meeting. The current SSPAC sub-committee members will meet again in December to update the Sub-Committee's definition with the SSPAC's feedback and circulate a final version via email. At the 12/5 meeting, SSPAC members will be invited to rotate onto the committee as it enters its second "recommendations" phase. The purpose of this cycling in/out is to honor the effort committed by existing Sub-Committee members, and to allow for a diversity of perspectives and expertise in guiding the Sub-Committee's ongoing work.

5. Public Comments

- No public comments were received

6. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM