



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
AVOCADO INSPECTION COMMITTEE (AIC)
Teleconference
Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rob Wedin, Chairman
Ohannes Karaoghlanian, Vice Chairman
Reuben Hofshi, Handler
Chris Varvel, Handler
Pete Changala, Grower
Ralph Gonzalez, Alternate Handler
Will Carleton, Alternate Grower

CDFA REPRESENTATIVES

Donella Boreham

MEMBERS ABSENT

Phil Gilligan, Grower

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

Mr. Rob Wedin called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

ITEM 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Rob Wedin requested nominations to elect a Chairman. Mr. Pete Changala nominated Mr. Rob Wedin for Chairman.

MOTION: Mr. Varvel moved to approve the nomination of Mr. Wedin as Chairman. Mr. Carleton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rob Wedin requested nominations to elect Vice Chairman. Mr. Hofshi nominated Mr. Ohannes Karaoghlanian and Mr. Will Carleton nominated Chris Varvel for Vice Chairman.

The committee voted. Mr. Ohannes Karaoghlanian received four votes from the Avocado Inspection Committee (AIC) members and Mr. Chris Varvel received one vote.

MOTION: Mr. Hofshi moved to approve the nomination of Mr. Karaoghlanian as Vice Chairman. Mr. Chris Varvel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL March 3, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Karaoghlanian moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Changala seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the March 3, 2010 Meeting Minutes are attached as EXHIBIT A.

ITEM 4: AVOCADO INSPECTION UPDATE

Ms. Donella Boreham updated the committee that the avocado season is very busy and is now seeing around 55 to 65 million pounds per month. Avocado Inspection program (AIP) is inspecting avocados at the point of packing to ensure compliance with maturity, quality, size/count, weights and marking requirements.

ITEM 5: NEW BUSINESS

The committee discussed Quality Assurance, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and third party certifiers. This issue will be discussed again at the next California Avocado Commission (CAC) board meeting on June 17, 2010.

ITEM 6: NEXT MEETING

There will be a meeting on August 11, 2010 if needed. The next scheduled meeting will be on October 20, 2010 meeting at South Coast Field Station.

ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Karaoghlanian moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Varvel seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wedin adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donella Boreham, Program Supervisor
Avocado Inspection Program
Inspection and Compliance
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