



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)  
AVOCADO INSPECTION COMMITTEE (AIC)  
Teleconference  
Meeting Minutes  
June 23, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rob Wedin, Chairman  
Reuben Hofshi, Handler  
Chris Varvel, Handler  
Mark Wollam, Grower  
Phil Gilligan, Grower  
Ohannes Karaoghlanian, Alternate Grower  
Ralph Gonzalez, Alternate Handler

**CDFA REPRESENTATIVES**

Donella Boreham

**GUESTS**

Carlos Vasquez  
Scott Scarbrough

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bob Bednar, Grower

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL**

Ms. Donella Boreham called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

**ITEM 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Ms. Boreham requested nominations to elect a Chairman. Mr. Phil Gilligan nominated Mr. Rob Wedin for Chairman.

**MOTION:** Mr. Gilligan moved to approve the nomination of Mr. Wedin as Chairman. Mr. Reuben Hofshi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rob Wedin requested nominations to elect Vice Chairman. Mr. Hofshi nominated Mr. Mark Wollam for Vice Chairman.

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

**ITEM 3: APPROVAL March 11, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

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

***A copy of the March 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes are attached as EXHIBIT A.***

**ITEM 4: AVOCADO INSPECTION UPDATE**

**Assembly Bill 905**

Ms. Boreham updated the committee on AB 905. Section 45031 of the Food and Ag Code has been amended to read "Every person who is in possession of over 40 25 pounds of

avocados that are produced in this state shall possess a record of proof of ownership of avocados.”

### **Lamb Hass Spot Check Research**

Ms. Boreham updated the committee on progress of the research project. The project will end July 3, 2009. The objective is to compare Lamb Hass dry matter percentage to maturity release dates for Lamb Hass. We have ten growers participating and have been selecting five fruit per size and test every two weeks. We are testing each size until two weeks after that size is released. Fruit is being picked from trees at least five years old and picked from the same side of tree.

### **Maturity Testing of Foreign Fruit**

Ms. Boreham discussed the maturity testing of Mexican and Chilean avocados and explained that spot checks will be conducted at cold storage facilities, terminal markets, packinghouses, distributors, and brokers.

### **ITEM 5: OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

### **ITEM 6: NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be scheduled in September 2009.

### **ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Chris Varvel moved to adjourn. Mr. Karaoghlanian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wedin adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donella Boreham, Program Supervisor  
Avocado Inspection Program  
Inspection and Compliance  
Inspection Services