



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)  
AVOCADO INSPECTION COMMITTEE (AIC)  
Teleconference  
Meeting Minutes  
March 1, 2011**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rob Wedin, Chairman  
Reuben Hofshi  
Pete Changala  
Chris Varvel  
Will Carleton

**CDFA REPRESENTATIVES**

Donella Boreham

**Guests**

Mike Browne  
Gus Gunderson

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ralph Gonzales  
Phil Gilligan  
Ohannes Karaoghlanian

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL**

Mr. Rob Wedin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

**ITEM 2: APPROVAL OCTOBER 20, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Mr. Will Carleton moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Reuben Hofshi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

***A copy of the October 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes are attached as EXHIBIT A.***

**ITEM 3: RECOMMENDATION AND NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SEND TO THE CALIFORNIA AVOCADO COMMISSION BOARD.**

Mr. Rob Wedin (Handler) informed the committee that his term expires May 27, 2011 and having served four consecutive terms will not be eligible for another term. Mr. Phil Gilligan (Grower) and Mr. Ralph Gonzalez (Alternate Handler) terms expires May 27, 2011 and will not serve another term. Mr. Chris Varvel, (Handler) term expires May 27, 2011 and is eligible to serve another term.

Mr. Chris Varvel, Handler was nominated to fill the vacant handler member position.

**MOTION:** Mr. Reuben Hofshi moved to approve Chris Varvel as Handler member. Mr. Rob Wedin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rob Wedin stated that there is a handler position, grower position and alternate handler position now vacant. Mr. Wedin introduced the interested candidates, Mr. Mike

Browne, and Gus Gunderson. Mr. Wedin stated that Mr. Jim Donovan was interested but could not attend.

Mr. Mike Browne, was nominated to fill the vacant Handler member position.

**MOTION:** Mr. Pete Changala moved to approve Mr. Mike Browne as a Handler member. Mr. Will Carleton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gus Gunderson was nominated to fill the vacant Grower member position.

**MOTION:** Mr. Rob Wedin moved to approve Mr. Gus Gunderson to fill the vacant grower member position. Mr. Will Carleton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jim Donovan was nominated to fill the vacant Alternate Handler member position.

**MOTION:** Mr. Chris Varvel moved to approve Mr. Jim Donovan to fill the vacant alternate handler member position. Mr. Reuben Hofshi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The following were nominated for the two-year term 2011-2013 and to recommend the nominations to the California Avocado Commission (CAC) Board:

Chris Varvel, Handler  
Mike Browne, Handler  
Gus Gunderson, Grower  
Jim Donovan, Alternate Handler

**MOTION:** Mr. Pete Changala moved to approve the nominations for the two-year terms commencing on May 27, 2011 and to recommend nominations to the California Avocado Commission (CAC) Board and the CDFA Secretary. Mr. Will Carleton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 4: PROPOSED CDFA BUDGET 2011/2012**

Ms. Donella Boreham presented members with the proposed CDFA budget of \$175,750 for fiscal year (FY) 2011/12 beginning on July 1, 2011. This portion of the Avocado Inspection Program budget covers overhead at CDFA and remains on the CDFA fiscal year basis of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

**MOTION:** Mr. Pete Changala moved to approve the FY 2011/12 CDFA portion of the Avocado Inspection Program budget in the amount of \$175,750. Mr. Reuben Hofshi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

***A copy of the CDFA Budget is attached as EXHIBIT B.***

**ITEM 5: AVOCADO INSPECTION UPDATE**

Donella Boreham reviewed with the committee the AIP/CDFA budgets and inspection program.

**ITEM 6: NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**ITEM 7: NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting tentatively set for second week in June 2011.

**ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Chris Varvel moved to adjourn. Mr. Will Carleton seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Rob Wedin adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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