



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
AVOCADO INSPECTION COMMITTEE (AIC)
March 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Peter Changala, Grower – Chair
Marc Fallini, Handler Member
Will Carleton, Grower
Jim Donovan, Handler
Dana Thomas, Handler Member

CDFA REPRESENTATIVES

Steve Patton
Stacey Hughes
Marcee Yount

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gus Gunderson, Grower
Ohannes Karaoghlanian, Grower Alternate

INTERESTED PARTIES

Ross Wileman
Neil Witt
Tom Bellamore- CAC

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

The Committee was called to order at 12:16 p.m. by Mr. Peter Changala, Chairperson. Roll was called, a quorum was established, and introductions were made.

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

ITEM 3: COMMITTEE VACANCIES AND TERMS REPORT

Ms. Stacey Hughes gave the vacancies report. The committee currently has one handler alternate vacancy. Mr. Peter Changala, Mr. Jim Donovan and Mr. Will Carlton are up for reappointment in May, 2016.

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. September 28, 2015

Mr. Changala asked for a motion to approve the September 28, 2015 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Jim Donovan moved to approve the September 28, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Will Carlton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

b. December 3, 2015

Mr. Changala asked for a motion to approve the December 3, 2015 meeting minutes. It was brought the committees attention that on page two of the meeting minutes, the word determining was used instead of developing.

Mr. Changala asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes with the amendments.

MOTION: Mr. Will Carlton moved to approve the December 3, 2015, meeting minutes with amendments. Mr. Marc Fallini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED CDFA BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/17

Ms. Marcee Yount discussed the 2016/17 Fiscal Year (FY) proposed budget. The projected total expenses for the 2016/17 FY are \$186,969.

Mr. Changala asked for a motion to approve the 2016/17 FY Budget.

MOTION: Dana Thomas moved to approve the proposed 2016/17 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Jim Donovan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

ITEM 6: AVOCADO INSPECTION UPDATE

Mr. Sam Santander gave the Avocado Inspection Program update. From November 2015 through February 2016, there was 20,840,596 total pounds packed. During that time there was also 454 size count inspections, 2166 number of weight inspections, and 283 maturity tests.

ITEM 7: UPDATE FROM REGULATORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Dana Thomas discussed the regulatory subcommittee update. The subcommittee met, along with representatives from CDFA, and have come up with proposed changes to the current avocado regulations. These proposed changes are: the repeal of the avocado standard containers; amend maturity and sampling testing procedures; amend labeling requirements; amend market requirements with containers; repeal of avocado consumer type packaging; amend the requirement for net weight tolerance; and amend sampling size and procedures. These regulatory changes will be submitted to the Department for the Secretary's approval.

Mr. Changala asked for a motion to approve the proposed regulatory changes.

MOTION: Mr. Dana Thomas moved to recommend the proposed regulatory changes to the Department for the Secretary's approval. Mr. Jim Donovan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

ITEM 8: CDFA UPDATES

Mr. Steve Patton mentioned Rick Jensen's retirement this summer.

ITEM 9: NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be September 22, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., in Santa Paula, CA.

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. by Mr. Changala.

Respectfully submitted by:



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