

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (Department)
FEED INSPECTION ADVISORY BOARD (FIAB) TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**April 28, 2020
10:00 – 11:00 AM**

MINUTES

MEMBERS

Dan Rice
Jeremy Banducci
Jon Handly
Marit Arana, Chair
Paul Parreira, Vice Chair
Shay Rambur
Tim Riordan

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Meeker
Michael Koewler

CDFA STAFF

Amadou Ba
Angelia Johnson
Barzin Moradi
Brittnie Sabalbro
Carla Sanchez
Jenna Leal
Maryam Khosravifard
Mike Davidson
Rachelle Kennedy
Samantha Moran-Defty

INTERESTED PARTIES

Kate Horstmann

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Marit Arana, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Self-introductions were made, and a quorum was established. David Meeker and Michael Koewler were absent.

BOARD APPLICANTS AND APPOINTMENTS

Chair Arana stated board terms are expiring for Dan Rice, Michael Koewler, and Tim Riordan announcing Riordan will not be returning to the board and honored Riordan's service. Jenna Leal gave appreciation for, and recognized on behalf of the Feed program and board, Riordan's wealth of knowledge serving the feed industry, enthusiasm, inquisitiveness, dedication and support brought by Riordan over the years.

Riordan stated that it has been a pleasure working with the Department to serve and protect the Livestock industry in California.

Leal announced three upcoming board vacancies for two board positions and one public member position. The Feed program received four applications: Dan Rice, Dori Dumont, Jed Asmus, and Michael Koewler. Leal gave an overview of each applicant's years of involvement in the industry, certifications, and relevant experience reporting that Jed Asmus is the only applicant who applied for the public member position.

Chair Arana asked if an out-of-state applicant could serve on the board. Dr. Amadou Ba clarified the provisions of the law on precluding licensee from becoming a board

member. He added that the Fertilizer Inspection Advisory Board has currently a member representing a company based in Marysville, Ohio.

Leal asked the board for three board recommendations to the secretary. Jeremy Banducci recommended the board reinstate two board members Rice and Koewler and select Asmus or Dumont to fill the third position. Banducci asked for board discussion to consider the importance of having an applicant with a similar background to public member role or an applicant with similar experience in the regulatory aspect.

Leal stated that if the board would like to reinstate Rice and Koewler for the board positions, Dumont would not be considered as she did not apply for the public member position.

MOTION: Jeremy Banducci moved to approve board recommendations to the secretary Dan Rice, Jed Asmus, and Michael Koewler; Paul Parreira seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a vote by all board members present of 7 - 0.

Leal gave brief updates on the Feed program announcing that the Department created a Corona Virus (COVID-19) resource page located on the Department's website. The Feed program has focused on food safety related inspections and on farm sampling; product label and online compliance for feed products containing cannabis, cannabidiol, and hemp; and decision trees and complaint forms to guide employees in handling complaints related to almond hull, label compliance, and food and feed safety. The Feed program has been utilizing OneDrive, a file sharing application; meeting weekly via Zoom; and cleaning the database by identifying an individual at a firm which is key for due process issues for administrative penalties matrix. The Feed program has also been revising the inspection manual and working with the Department's Produce Safety Program, Milk and Dairy Food Inspection Program, and Animal Health and Food Safety Services Division on the standard operating procedures post COVID-19 inspections. A stop work order was put in place at the end of March for the Food and Drug Administration contract; however, the Feed program will continue an inventory cleanup for the remainder of the contract year. Leal stated per the recommendations at the last FIAB meeting, Leal continues to work with the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) and the Department's Center for Analytical Chemistry lab on proposals for the FIAB Strategic Plan Workgroup (SPWG) and board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Leal asked the board for additional agenda items for the next meeting aside from the SPWG recommendations and program updates. Mike Davidson announced recent

cattle deaths with suspicion of botulism. The Feed program obtained samples concluding that there were no pesticides or adulteration detected.

NEXT MEETING

Leal proposed that the next SPWG and FIAB meeting be held on the third week of May via Zoom or WebEx to continue with UC ANR and CAC presentations. Chair Arana stated that a SPWG meeting date be held prior to the FIAB meeting. Leal asked the board for their availability and confirmed the next SPWG meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and the next FIAB meeting will be on Thursday, May 21, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Jon Handy announced his transition from Foster Farms to J.D. Heiskell stating that it will be at the board's discretion to decide whether he remain or leave the board since there is already another representative from J.D. Heiskell. Leal stated that having two members serve from the same company would not be in the best interest of the feed industry. Leal advised that Foster Farms submit an individual's name for consideration to be appointed to fill the remainder of Handy's board term service until April 30, 2022. The Feed program will work with Foster Farms to ensure required documentation is submitted for the next FIAB meeting.

Chair Arana extended thanks to Handy for his time and service on the board. Handy acknowledged and stated that he will submit a resignation letter to the Feed program.

MOTION: Shay Rambur moved to adjourn the meeting; Dan Rice seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a vote by all board members present of 7 - 0.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. by Chair Arana.

Respectfully Submitted By

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JENNA LEAL

4/28/2020
Date

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