



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CFMAC)
September 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes
2400 Jefferson Street, Torrance, CA 90501**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joyce Chan
Marie-Alise de Marco
Fred Ellrott- Chair
Kurt Floren
Ronald Phillips
Diana Rodgers
Mark Anderson
Charles Barth
Clyde Steese

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carol Arnold
David Runsten

INTERESTED PARTIES

Shannon Lovelace-White, Agriculture
Institute of Marin
Ed Williams, L.A. County
Dinna Morris, San Diego County
Laura Avery, Santa Monica CFM
James Murez, Venice CFM
Karen Schott, Ventura CFM

CDFA

Steve Patton
Natalie Krout-Greenberg
Carla Sanchez
Marcee Yount
Danielle Chapman
Rene Mendoza
Geoff Burch
Laurel Rudolph

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Ms. Joyce Chan, Vice-Chair. Roll was called, and a quorum was established. Mr. Fred Ellrott took over as chair at 10:25 am.

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MARCH 8, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Chan asked for a motion to approve the March 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Ms. Diana Rodgers moved to approve the March 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. Kurt Floren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

ITEM 4: CDFA REPORTS

a. County Contracts

Ms. Marcee Yount discussed county contracts. For the 2016/17 Fiscal Year (FY), over \$745,000 has been allocated, and as of July 1, 2016, over \$400,000 has been invoiced from the counties.

b. Fund Condition

Ms. Danielle Chapman discussed the fund condition. As of July 31, 2016, the beginning fund balance for the 2016/17 FY was \$1,558,296. Total revenue was \$84,343, bringing the total available funds to \$1,642,639. Total expenditures were \$68,524, with an ending balance of \$1,574,115.

c. Enforcement Updates

Ms. Yount gave the enforcement update. The program recently hired three new investigators: Danielle Chapman, Northern District Supervisor; Rene Mendoza, Central District Supervisor; and Geoff Burch, Southern District Supervisor. So far this year, there have been 15 suspensions, 99 notices of proposed actions, and over \$80,000 imposed in fines.

d. Legislative / Regulatory Update

Ms. Yount gave the legislative update. The Department will soon start holding training sessions regarding the implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 2324.

Mr. Steve Patton mentioned some of the original language in AB 2324 attempted to eliminate the load lists. He asked the Committee to create a subcommittee to discuss the purpose, and effectiveness of the load lists, and to strategize ways to improve them.

Those who volunteered for the Load List Subcommittee are: Kurt Floren; Greta Dunlap; Karen Schott; Dinna Morris; and Fred Ellrott.

ITEM 5: SUNSET CLAUSE DISCUSSION

Mr. Patton discussed the Direct Marketing Program's Sunset Clause in the California Food and Agricultural Code (FAC). The Sunset Clause, Section 47026 in the FAC, governs the enforcement of the Direct Marketing Program, and will be repealed in January 2018. New legislation need to be introduced to the legislature to extend the clause to 2022.

Mr. Patton asked the committee for a motion to express their support of the extension of the Sunset Clause, which will enable the Direct Marketing Program to continue its enforcement work.

MOTION: Mr. Charles Barth moved to formally express the committee's support for the renewal of the Sunset Clause for another four years. Ms. Joyce Chan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

ITEM 6: FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT (FSMA) DISCUSSION

Mr. Patton discussed updates to FSMA. On October 31, 2015, FSMA's Produce Rule was released. The rule established standards for growing, harvesting, packing, and holding produce on domestic and foreign farms.

Small farms with sales between \$25,000 and \$250,000 will have four years from the effective date of the final rule to comply. Farms with sales between \$250,000 and \$500,000 will have three years to comply, and farms whose sales are above \$500,000 will have two years to comply. Those exempt from the rules, are farms whose yearly sales are under \$25,000. Other qualified exemptions will depend on value of sales and customer base.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has asked multiple State Departments to help implement the new rules. The FDA and CDFA will work together to implement the rules with the resources available.

ITEM 7: NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, location to be determined.

Agenda items will include: Budget approval, Legislative update, Farm to Fork Program update, Load List Subcommittee update, and the Database Subcommittee update.

ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m. by Mr. Ellrott, Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:



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