

**Feed Inspection Advisory Board  
Technical Advisory Subcommittee (TASC)**

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)  
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**December 3, 2015  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**TASC Members**

Dr. Marit Arana, Chair  
Dr. Stephen Beam, Vice Chair  
Ms. Natalie Krout-Greenberg  
Dr. Robert Poppenga  
Mr. Tim Riordan  
Dr. Dennis Wilson

**CDFA Staff**

Ms. Jenna Areias  
Ms. Cathryn McCandless  
Mr. Mike Davidson  
Ms. Jennifer Goucher  
Ms. Samantha Moran

**INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Marit Arana called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Self-introductions were made, and a quorum was established.

**MOTION:** Dr. Dennis Wilson moved to approve the August 26, 2015 TASC meeting minutes. Dr. Stephen Beam seconded. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote of present board members.

**FEED AND LIVESTOCK DRUGS PROGRAM UPDATE**

Ms. Jenna Areias reported the Feed Program (Program) updates regarding Senate Bill (SB) 27. This bill affects the Feed program and the Animal Health Branch pertaining to Veterinary Feed Directives and livestock drugs being sold at a retail level. This bill was signed into law with no funding source. A budget change proposal was submitted by the Program to address funding. This bill will go into effect January 1, 2017.

Ms. Areias also updated the group on the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). The Program will be working with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on an informational listening session taking place January 14, 2016. The Program will give an

overview of its role in FSMA implementation in California. Outreach materials promoting the Safe Animal Feed and Education (SAFE) Informational Seminar on March 10, 2016 will be provided at this FDA Listening Session.

A seasonal inspector position is now open for Southern California.

### **UNDEFINED FEED INGREDIENTS ASSESSMENT PLANNING**

Ms. Cathryn McCandless discussed the documents included in Agenda Item 4. Discussion ensued regarding the Approval Process Flow Chart.

Dr. Wilson asked if an ingredient can have a provisional approval status, and if so does it expire. Dr. Wilson suggested incorporating language into the ingredient approval process packet to address feeds which are not yet on the market. Discussion ensued and Ms. Areias stated that there are no definitions in the regulations that state a provisional feed definition.

Ms. Natalie Krout-Greenberg suggested that a provisional status is used for research purposes only. She stated there is a need for the Program to write regulations for the TASC Undefined Feed Ingredient Process. Ms. Krout-Greenberg suggested an analyst would be needed to write the regulations and a scientist would be needed to be on staff to evaluate information on the novel feed ingredients presented to the Program.

Dr. Beam suggested incorporating a time frame into the Approval Process Flow Chart from the time of receiving an application to responding to the applicant confirming the application was received. Dr. Beam stated that the Program would also need to include an Applicant Appeal Process in these regulations. He stated the Program should determine which feeds should go before the TASC.

Discussion ensued on the approval process for undefined feed ingredients and the need for the program to hire additional employees to review applications for undefined feed ingredients.

Dr. Wilson referred his notes to Ms. McCandless for the Program to review his comments on the TASC Application Approval Process.

Mr. Michael Davidson began a discussion on the use of pistachio shell in the feed industry. Current samples will need to be sent to the lab for microscopy to better determine how the ingredient will affect the livestock industry.

Ms. McCandless put forth that per the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, outside resources or non-members can only be consulted with one TASC member present. The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act has been distributed electronically to all of the TASC members.

**FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Krout-Greenberg stated she would like to discuss the pistachio shell recommendation from the Program to the Secretary. She also stated that at the next TASC meeting the final edits to the TASC Approval Process document should be discussed.

Dr. Arana stated she would like to discuss the staggering of term limits for the TASC members.

Dr. Robert Poppenga stated he would like to discuss the post-approval surveillance process for undefined feed ingredients.

Mr. Davidson stated he would like to discuss drafting regulations for the approval process of undefined feed ingredients, including denying the ingredient approval. He would also like to discuss how a firm should inform the TASC of any change in manufacturing processes of the undefined ingredient.

Dr. Arana requested the agenda for the next TASC meeting be sent 30 days prior to the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be announced, but will be held prior to the Feed Inspection Advisory Board meeting on March 9, 2016. A poll will be sent to the members to establish a meeting time.

Dr. Arana, Chair, called the meeting to an end at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By



Jenna Areias, Feed Program Supervisor  
Feed, Fertilizer, and Livestock Drugs

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Date

