



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
STANDARDIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STDZ)
March 28, 2013 Meeting Minutes
Coalinga, CA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Crivelli
Garrett Patricio
Louis Pandol
Mark Perez, Chairman
Ruben Arroyo

INTERESTED PARTIES

Dennis Bray, Alameda County
Fred Rinder, Fresno County
Rich Ordonez, Monterey County
Ron Bray, Riverside County
Sara Frauenheim, CGTFL
Scott Cornett, Tulare County
Scott Hudson, San Joaquin County
Scotti Walker, Fresno County
Shayla Neufeld, Monterey County
Steve Schweizer, Kings County

CDFA

Steve Patton
Stacey Hughes
Sarah Cardoni

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dennis Johnston, Vice-Chair
Eric Lauritzen
John Eliot, Jr.

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

The Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Mark Perez, Chairperson. Roll was called, introductions were made, and a quorum was established.

ITEM 2: COMMITTEE VACANCIES AND TERMS

Ms. Sarah Cardoni provided an overview of Committee vacancies and member appointment terms. Member vacancies include: one fresh fruit member; one other fresh fruit member; three fresh vegetable members; and two other vegetable members. Members who will be up for reappointment on September 1, 2013, are Mr. John Eliot, Jr., Mr. Louis Pandol, and Mr. Chris Crivelli. Members who will term out on August 31, 2013, are Mr. Mark Perez and Mr. Dennis Johnston.

Ms. Stacey Hughes expressed the need for industry and counties to identify future members to participate in this committee.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 25, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Louis Pandol motioned to approve the October 25, 2012 Meeting Minutes as amended. Mr. Garrett Patricio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4: SHORT-TERM RESERVE REDUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Ms. Hughes provided the Short-Term Reserve Reduction Subcommittee update. The subcommittee was formed to come up with a plan to expend funds in order to get the reserve to an appropriate level. Discussions identified the need for additional state

personnel, enhanced county training, and increased county funding. Proposed were contracting with Cooperative Agricultural Support Services Authority (CASS) to execute tasks to include county training, web-based training for counties, and enhanced application and invoice requirements for county cooperative agreements.

ITEM 5: FY 2013/14 COUNTY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS APPROVAL

Ms. Hughes provided an overview of the proposed FY 2013/14 County Cooperative Agreements. Most existing county cooperative agreement proposals were increased to their highest level of funds expended in the previous three years. Yolo County's cooperative agreement was reduced for the reason that their current enforcement efforts did not reflect their previous cooperative agreement. Another significant change being proposed is the increase of Riverside County's cooperative agreement to cover costs of a dedicated full-time staff person for standardization work. Furthermore, Riverside County's cooperative agreement in the future may be increased to accommodate two full-time staff for port inspections and training activities. Lastly, there are two new county agreements. Placer County requested a cooperative agreement to sustain their current enforcement program geared toward mobile fruit vendors and farm stands. Los Angeles County requested an agreement to expand their current standardization program to include clerical staff to assist in utilizing the administrative civil penalty program.

MOTION: Mr. Patricio moved to recommend the CDFA Secretary approve the FY 2013/14 Proposed County Cooperative Agreements as submitted. Mr. Crivelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6: FY 2013/14 BUDGET APPROVAL

Ms. Hughes provided an overview of the FY 2013/14 Proposed Budget. Included in the proposed budget is the project assigned to CASS, as well as funds dedicated to the new database.

MOTION: Mr. Pandol moved to recommend the CDFA Secretary approve the FY 2013/14 Proposed Budget as submitted. Mr. Patricio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 7: PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES

Mr. Patton provided an update of proposed regulation changes that affect the standardization industry. The Department received a request for a standard container for melons other than cantaloupe, which is currently at the Office of Administrative Law and could be in place for this season. Moreover, the petition for the proposed amendment to California Code of Regulations Chapter 3 §1472.8. *Tomatoes Greenhouse Grown Defined* was denied for the reason that it was felt that the issue would be more appropriately addressed at the federal level.

ITEM 8: STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM SUNSET DATE

Mr. Patton discussed the Standardization Program sunset date. Food and Agricultural Code §42815 states the program will sunset January 1, 2015. Legislation will need to be introduced this fall or next spring in order to be in place by January 2015.

ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

ITEM 10: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 11: NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be held in late September or early October 2013. Agenda items will include the introduction of new members, county enforcement reports, and the election of officers.

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m. by Mr. Perez, Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:



Steve Patton, Branch Chief
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