



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)  
AVOCADO INSPECTION COMMITTEE (AIC)  
Teleconference  
Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2010**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rob Wedin, Chairman  
Chris Varvel  
Reuben Hofshi  
Will Carleton  
Ralph Gonzalez

**CDFA REPRESENTATIVE**

Donella Boreham

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Phil Gilligan  
Pete Changala  
Ohannes Karaoghlanian

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL**

Mr. Rob Wedin, Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. with a quorum present.

**ITEM 2: APPROVAL JUNE 2, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Mr. Will Carleton moved to approve the June 2, 2010 meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Chris Varvel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 3: AVOCADO INSPECTION UPDATE**

Ms. Donella Boreham informed the committee that the inspection program to date has completed 6,448 size/count tests, with 33 noncompliances issued; 52,969 weight tests with 283 noncompliances issued; and 649 maturity tests with 61 noncompliances issued.

Ms. Boreham reported that Mexican avocado tests are averaging approximately 24% dry matter and Chilean avocado tests are averaging approximately 25% dry matter.

Ms. Boreham stated that election of members will be in late February 2011 or early March 2011. Ms. Boreham reviewed the eligibility of appointments, the application that needs to be completed, and the terms of the Avocado Inspection Committee (AIC) members.

**ITEM 4: PROPOSED FEE DECREASE FOR 2010/2011**

Ms. Boreham presented members with a proposed fee decrease to 15 cents per hundredweight for the crop year 2010/2011. This is based on an estimated 275 million pound crop year.

**MOTION:** Mr. Reuben Hofshi moved to approve the certification fee of 15 cents per hundredweight for the crop year 2010/2011. Mr. Varvel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 5: PROPOSED AVOCADO INSPECTION PROGRAM BUDGET 2010/2011**

Ms. Boreham presented members with the proposed budget of \$539,033 for the Avocado Inspection Program's (AIP) 2010/2011 crop year beginning November 1, 2010. The proposed budget is based on a fee of 15 cents per hundredweight. The total budget for the year (including the CDFA budget of \$176,750 approved March 3, 2010) will be \$715,783.

**MOTION:** Mr. Varvel moved to approve the 2010/11 AIP budget of \$539,033. Mr. Will Carleton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 6: NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Hofshi provided the committee with an update stating that the California Avocado Commission is working on a Good Agricultural Practices manual.

**ITEM 7: NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be in late February or early March 2011.

**ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Varvel moved to adjourn. Mr. Hofshi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wedin adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donella Boreham, Program Supervisor  
Avocado Inspection Program  
Inspection and Compliance  
Inspection Services