



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)  
STANDARDIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STDZ)  
October 25, 2011 Meeting Minutes  
Coalinga, CA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dennis Johnston, Chair  
Mark Perez, Vice Chair  
Christopher Crivelli  
S. Garrett Patricio  
Ruben Arroyo  
John Eliot, Jr.  
Louis Pandol

**INTERESTED PARTIES**

Scotti Walker, Fresno County  
Dennis Bray, Alameda County  
Steve Schweizer, Kings County  
Rich Ordonez, Monterey County  
Shayla Neufeld, Monterey County  
Helena Roberts, Monterey County  
Scott Hudson, San Joaquin County  
Tom Reed, San Joaquin County  
Ronald Pummer, San Mateo County  
Tim Pelican, Stanislaus County

**CDFA**

Steve Patton  
Susan Shelton  
Sarah Cardoni  
Stacey Hughes  
Andrew Valero  
Mario Cortez

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Eric Lauritzen  
Kerry Whitson

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL**

The Committee was called to order at 9:57 a.m. by Mr. Dennis Johnston, Chairperson. Roll was called, introductions were made, and a quorum was established.

**ITEM 2: COMMITTEE VACANCIES AND TERMS**

Ms. Sarah Cardoni provided the Committee Vacancy and Terms Report. Member vacancies include one fresh fruit member, three fresh vegetable members, and two other vegetable members. Members who will be up for reappointment on September 1, 2012, are Mr. Garrett Patricio, Mr. Ruben Arroyo, and Mr. Eric Lauritzen.

**ITEM 3: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**MOTION:** Mr. Johnston nominated Mr. Mark Perez as chairperson. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Mr. Perez nominated Mr. Johnston as vice chairperson. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MARCH 15, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Mr. Johnston motioned and Mr. Patricio seconded to approve the March 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ITEM 5: STATE REPORTS**

### A. Budget Update

Mr. Steve Patton provided the Budget Update Report. He gave an overview of the Standardization Program fiscal year (FY) 2010/11 Fund Condition Report. He stated that total program resources are at a healthy level.

### B. Regulation Update

Mr. Patton provided the Regulation Update Report. He stated that CDFA had two regulation changes proposed this year. The first regulation change repealed the starch-iodine standard for Granny Smith Apples. He stated that the industry was one hundred percent in favor of the regulation change, CDFA had no issues with the proposal, and the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) subsequently approved it. The second regulation proposal was to change the table on maturity standard to the California Standard, which is a maturity standard exclusively for navels. CDFA received the proposal in April and it is currently under OAL review.

### C. Audit Update

Mr. Patton stated that the Audit Update Report would be provided during the next meeting.

### D. Enforcement Update

Mr. Patton provided the Enforcement Update Report. He gave an overview of the Standardization Program FY 2010/11 Non-Compliance Final Report. Non-compliances on 68 various commodities were as follows: non-compliances issued increased by 10.8%; number of containers increased by 3.7%; number of bins decreased by 34.0%; and disposal orders increased by 47.1%.

### E. Report 8/Contract Invoicing

Mr. Patton provided the Report 8/Contract Invoicing Report. He stated that CDFA no longer utilizes the Report 8 for the collection of data and asked if counties would like to discontinue the use of the report. Counties agreed that the Report 8 is being utilized for data collection purposes at the county level and that they would like to continue the use of the report.

## **ITEM 6: UTILIZATION OF STANDARDIZATION FUNDING**

Mr. Patton asked the Committee to form a subcommittee tasked with examining the utilization of Standardization Program funding. He stated that the subcommittee should have both county agricultural commissioner (CAC) and industry representation. CAC members will be Mr. Arroyo, Mr. Scott Hudson, and Mr. Rich Ordonez. Industry members will be Mr. Christopher Crivelli, Mr. John Eliot, Jr., and Mr. Kerry Whitson.

**ITEM 7: COUNTY ENFORCEMENT REPORTS**

Standardization county contract reports for the FY 2010/11 were given by San Joaquin Valley, Alameda, Kern, Riverside, San Bernardino, Monterey, Stanislaus, Kings, Fresno, and San Mateo counties.

**ITEM 8: CITRUS ASSESMENT CHANGE**

Mr. Patton discussed the citrus assessment change. He stated that the California Citrus Advisory Committee (CCAC) decreased their assessments for the reason that the Citrus Program freeze reserve was at an adequate level. In addition, the CCAC split their assessments for each commodity based on services delivered.

**ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business discussed.

**ITEM 10: NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at Harris Ranch Inn on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

**ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. by Mr. Perez, Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Susan Shelton, Supervising Special Investigator  
Inspection and Compliance Branch  
Inspection Services