



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)  
STANDARDIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STDZ)  
February 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes  
1428 Abbott St., Salinas, CA 93901**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Derek Vaughn  
Ruben Arroyo  
Louis Pandol  
Tom Casas  
David Silva

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Garrett Patricio

**INTERESTED PARTIES**

Steve Schweizer, Kings County  
Ron Bray, Riverside County  
Delia Cioc, Riverside County  
Graham Hunting, Monterey  
County  
Jeremy Eide, San Mateo -  
Jeremy Wagner, San Mateo

**CDFA**

Steve Patton  
Stacey Hughes  
Andrea Todd  
Karrie Batchelor  
Laurel Rudolph

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL**

The Committee was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Mr. Louis Pandol, Chairperson. Roll was called, and a quorum was established.

**ITEM 2: COMMITTEE VACANCIES AND TERMS UPDATE**

Ms. Laurel Rudolph discussed the committee vacancies. The current vacancies include: one fresh fruit members from oranges, table grapes, and other citrus fruit; one other fresh fruit member; three fresh vegetable members from broccoli, tomatoes, and/or lettuce; two other fresh vegetable members; and one member from any other commodity.

**ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Mr. Derek Vaughn moved to approve the October 6, 2015, Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. David Silva seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

**ITEM 4: FY 2016/17 COUNTY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**

Ms. Stacey Hughes discussed the 2016/17 Fiscal Year (FY) County Agreements. There were no increases in funding for the cooperative agreements this year, with the exception of Sutter County who requested their agreement be reduced by \$10,000.

County representatives in attendance reported on current enforcement activities and their proposed 2016/17 FY cooperative agreement work plans. The total proposed for the 2016/17 FY County Cooperative agreements is \$1,030,331.

## **ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM BUDGET**

### a. FY 2015/16 Fund Condition

The 2015/16 FY, Fund Condition was discussed. The beginning fund balance was \$3,142,940. As of December 31, 2015, the total revenues \$1,091,946. The total expenditures were \$1,137,341, with an ending balance of \$3,097,546.

### b. FY 2016/17 Proposed Budget

The 2016/17 FY Proposed Budget was discussed. The total proposed program cost for the 2016/17 FY is \$2,382,400. With the total projected program budget of \$2,352,231.

The projected revenue for the 2016/17 FY is \$1,783,013.

**MOTION:** Mr. Derek Vaughn moved to pass the proposed 2016/17 Fiscal Year budget. Mr. Tom Casas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

## **ITEM 6: PROGRAM UPDATES**

Mr. Steve Patton discussed current program updates. Mr. Patton stated that because there has not been a citrus freeze in the last two years, the citrus reserve has built back up. He also mentioned that because citrus maturity occurred early in the season, testing stopped in mid-October.

The Avocado Inspection Committee is currently working with the California Avocado Commission and the California Avocado Development Organization on drafting regulatory changes related to standard container, irregular container, and labeling requirements that pertain to California avocados.

The California Certified Organic Farmers have sponsored a bill that pertains to the State Organic Program.

Certified Farmers' Market program has recently hired a Northern California inspector, and is currently still looking for individuals to fill the Central and Southern California positions.

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) regulations have been released. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have received funds for the program and want to first use those funds for education and outreach. The FDA will start working with the produce industry to develop models for training to make certain the industry is knowledgeable of the new rules. It is not yet clear which agency will be in charge of enforcement.

**ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business discussed

**ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting will be held in October 20, 2016, in Kern County.

**ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. by Mr. Louis Pandol, Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Stacey Hughes, Program Supervisor  
Standardization Program