SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY PANEL (SAP) ON RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

November 12, 2026
9:00am-5:00pm

CDFA Auditorium, 1st Floor
1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA

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Time*	Topic	Presenter	Action Level
9:00am	Roll Call and Introduction of 2027 Onboarding Members	Acting Chair Cameron	Informational
9:10am	Approval of May 2026 Meeting Minutes	Acting Chair Cameron	Decisional
9:15am	Approval of Changes to Bylaws	Acting Chair Cameron	Decisional
9:45am	Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability Update	Dr. Tawny Mata and Carolyn Cook, CDFA	Informational
10:10 am	Ad Hoc Committee on Expanding Pathways to Compensate Producers for Climate-Smart Agriculture Adoption Update	Rori Cowan, Sierra View Solutions	Informational
10:30am	Break		

10:45 am	Grower Guidance on Cover Cropping Project Report Out	Kristen Murphy, Sustainable Conservation Sara Light, UCCE Tanya Gemperle**, UC Davis Britne Clifton**, Valley Eco Kosana Suvokarev, UC Davis Hope Zabronsky**, UCANR	Informational
11:45 am	Lunch Break		
1:00	California Agricultural Compost Strategy Update	Dr. Kristal Jones**, JG Research and Evaluation	Informational
1:45 pm	Advisement on Healthy Soils Program Research Grant Solicitation Updates	Dr. Michael Wolff, CDFA	Decisional
2:15pm	Break		
2:30pm	Advisement on CDFA Biodiversity Vision Statement	Deputy Secretary Virginia Jameson, CDFA Patricial Bohls, CDFA Reyn Akiona, Valley Eco Todd Manley, Northern California Water Association Xerónimo Castañeda, Audobon	Decisional
4:30pm	General Public Comment	Acting Chair Cameron	N/A
5:00pm	Adjourn		

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EFA SAP MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

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Shanna Atherton-Bauer, California Department of Conservation, Member

Dr. Jeana Cadby, Western Growers Association, Member

Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Member

Leonard Diggs, Pie Ranch, Member

Dr. Jeff Dlott, Landscan, Member and Chair

Jon Gustafson, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA, Non-Voting Member

Breanna Owens, Cobblestone Ranch, Member

Dr. Erik Porse, California Institute for Water Resources, UC ANR, Non-Voting Member

Judith Redmond, Full Belly Farm, Member

Brianna St. Pierre, State Water Resources Control Board, CalEPA, Member

Erin Uchida, CalEPA, Member

Dr. Jonathan Wachter, California Natural Resources Agency, Member, *Absent*

Dr. Jamie Whiteford**, Venture County Resource Conservation District, Member

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If you have questions about this meeting, reach out to Dr. Tawny Mata (tawny.mata@cdfa.ca.gov)

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*All timing is approximate. Agenda items may start earlier or later.

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