

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
ENVIRONMENTAL FARMING ACT SCIENCE ADVISORY PANEL (EFA SAP)**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**May 14, 2015**

**10 am to 4 pm**

**Auditorium**

**1220 N Street**

**California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)**

**Sacramento, CA 95814**

**916-654-0433**

**WEBINAR INFORMATION**

**Webinar ID - 128-713-699**

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Don Cameron, Member and Chair

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Mike Tollstrup, Member

Jeff Dlott, PhD, Member

Luana Kiger, MSc, Subject Matter Expert

Doug Parker, PhD, Subject Matter Expert

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| 1. Introductions (10 minutes)  | Don Cameron                       |
| 2. Welcome address – Secretary Ross  |                                   |
| 3. Updates (10 minutes)  | CDFA                              |
| • Minutes from previous meetings   |                                   |
| • State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP)                         |                                   |
| 4. Soil Health   | Don Cameron                       |
| i. State Healthy Soils Initiative (20 minutes)                                   | CDFA                              |
| ii. Introduction to Soil Organic Matter and Soil Health (30 minutes)             | Dr. Dennis Chessman, USDA<br>NRCS |
| iii. Strategies to increase soil organic matter in California soils (20 minutes) | Dr. Jeff Mitchell, UC Davis       |
| iv. Questions and Discussion (30 minutes)  | Don Cameron                       |
| v. Working lunch (panel members and speakers only)                               | Don Cameron                       |
| vi. Panel Discussion (20 minutes each including questions)                       |                                   |
| - CalRecycle   | Howard Levenson                   |
| - CVRWQCB  | Adam Laputz                       |
| - Department of Conservation   | David Thesell                     |
| vii. Public Comment and Discussion (2 hours)                                     | Don Cameron                       |
| • Can we set soil organic matter goals?  |                                   |
| • What are good strategies to build soil organic matter?                         |                                   |
| • What are the scientific gaps?  |                                   |
| 5. Next meeting and location   | Don Cameron                       |

Amrith Gunasekara, PhD, CDFA Liaison to the Science Panel

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