

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)

Minutes of the Meeting/Video Conferencing
of the Industrial Hemp Advisory Board (IHAB)

Held on Thursday, January 4, 2024

1220 N Street Auditorium

Sacramento, CA 95814

INDUSTRIAL HEMP ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Members Present: Thomas Amaro, Emma Aronson, Kari Arnold, Michael Fisher, Diwan Munger, Jack Norton, Ryan Peterson, Michael Rhodd, Andrew Smith, Lucas Wilson, Edgar Winters

Members Absent: None

OTHER ATTENDEES*

Andrea, Peter Ansel, Becky, Kortney Chrisman, Joanna Cedar, Amy Chang, Jose Chang, Justin Eve, Gurmin Gill, Mario Gutierrez, J.R. Thiara Harsey, Julie Henvit, Lisa Herbert, Camthao Ho, U. Johnson, Cory Lewis, Jasmine Minhas, Cerise Montanio, SueAnn Neal, Loc Phan, Anne R, Wayne Richman, Josh Schneider, Shirley, Antonio Venegas, Monica Winters, David Wirta

*As self-reported in the Zoom application or sign-in sheet

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Jack Norton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 09:03 a.m. and conducted roll call. A quorum was present for the Board.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Norton welcomed everyone and reviewed the topics of discussion listed on the agenda.

BUDGET AND FEES TASK FORCE UPDATE

Thomas Amaro led a discussion on the Industrial Hemp Program budget. Amaro reviewed the "Budget and Fees task force update" attachment, and the Board discussed the Program's budget history from the previous five years. Amaro also presented his recommendation for the Board to compare the current CDFA Industrial Hemp Program to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) hemp program.

The Board discussed options to increase program revenue, and the task force planned to meet with Program staff and report back at the next meeting.

The Board made no motions related to this agenda item.

THIS IS WHAT HEMP IS TASK FORCE UPDATE

Michael Rhodd stated there had been no progress made at the time for this task force.

The Board made no motions related to this agenda item.

PERFORMANCE-BASED SAMPLING TASK FORCE UPDATE

Norton led a discussion on performance-based sampling (PBS). Norton reviewed the options for PBS utilizing the “Performance Based Sampling – Discussion” attachment.

The Board discussed incorporating the following concepts into the PBS proposed language:

- Accommodating variety development plans
- Development of a “grower in good standing” option
- Borrowing language from other state plans to use in California’s PBS regulations

The Board made no motions related to this agenda item.

NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

Norton solicited the Board and Public for suggested agenda items for the next meeting. The items below were suggested:

- Discussion of remediation (CDFA staff presentation)
- Presentation of varietal information (CDFA staff)
- PBS task force update
- Budget and fees task force update
- What is hemp task force update

Program staff planned to poll board members for potential meeting dates in March, and would schedule the next meeting based on the members’ availability.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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