

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)

Minutes

of the Meeting

of the Seed Advisory Board (SAB)

Held on Thursday, May 9, 2024

SEED ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Members Present: Mike Campbell, Greg Cassel, Emily Clay, Justin Davis, Scott Emanuelli, Tom Hearne, Douglas Iten, Kraig Kuykendall*, Greg Orsetti, Bill White

Members Absent: None

*Unable to participate in a voting capacity

OTHER ATTENDEES*

Riad Baalbaki, Cheryl Bloomquist, Kelley Clark, Jillian Hagenston, Phyllis Himmel, Adam Holmes, Nicole Hostert, Imtiyaz Khanday, Umesh Kodira, Emi Kuroiwa, Brenda Lanini, Alex Lysak, Jasmine Minhas, Erica Pearson, Marcie Skelton, Kevin Stoffel, Connie Weiner, Hana Yokoyama-Hatch

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Greg Cassel, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02am and Nicole Hostert conducted roll call. A quorum was present for the Board.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Cassel welcomed everyone and announced that he was stepping down as board chair after the meeting. He then reviewed the topics of discussion.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Cassel directed the Board to review the draft minutes prepared by the program staff for the May 10 and November 2, 2023 meetings. A copy of the draft minutes had been distributed to the Board members and posted on the Department's website prior to the meetings. Cassel opened the floor for any changes or corrections. The Board reviewed minutes, and no changes or corrections were made.

Meeting Minutes from the May 10,2023, and November 2,2023 meetings were presented for acceptance.

Board Motion #1

The Board accepted the May 10, 2023, and November 2, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Greg Orsetti

Second: Justin Davis

In Favor: Mike Campbell, Greg Cassel, Emily Clay, Justin Davis, Scott Emanuelli,
Tom Hearne, Douglas Iten, Greg Orsetti, Bill White

Against: None

Absent: Kraig Kuykendall*

Abstain: None

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BOARD MEMBER VACANCY DISCUSSION

The Nominating Committee discussed their review of the open board seats and recommended the reappointment of Kraig Kuykendall and the appointment of Susan DiTomaso to the open public member position.

Board Motion #2

The Board recommended appointment of Kraig Kuykendall to the Seed Advisory Board.

Motion: Tom Hearne

Second: Emily Clay

In Favor: Mike Campbell, Greg Cassel, Emily Clay, Justin Davis, Scott Emanuelli,
Tom Hearne, Douglas Iten, Greg Orsetti, Bill White

Against: None

Absent: Kraig Kuykendall*

Abstain: None

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Board Motion #3

The Board recommended appointment of Susan DiTomaso to the Seed Advisory Board.

Motion: Michael Campbell

Second: Tom Hearne

In Favor: Mike Campbell, Greg Cassel, Emily Clay, Justin Davis, Scott Emanuelli,
Tom Hearne, Douglas Iten, Greg Orsetti, Bill White

Against: None

Absent: Kraig Kuykendall*

Abstain: None

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CDFA SEED LABORATORY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Dr. Riad Baalbaki presented the CDFA Seed Laboratory report for fiscal year (FY) 2023/2024. He provided a brief overview of the different laboratory functions, and

the estimated time allocated to different activities in the lab. In his report, Dr. Baalbaki discussed regulatory and service testing, seed identification, changes to the Seed Testing rules, and investigations and trainings the seed lab had conducted.

Board Motion #4

The Board accepts the CDFA Seed Laboratory activities update

Motion: Tom Hearne
Second: William White

In Favor: Mike Campbell, Greg Cassel, Emily Clay, Justin Davis, Scott Emanuelli,
Tom Hearne, Douglas Iten, Greg Orsetti, Bill White
Against: None
Absent: Kraig Kuykendall*
Abstain: None

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UC DAVIS SEED BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER REPORT

Dr. Imtiyaz Khanday and Dr. Kelley Clark presented the UC Davis Seed Biotechnology Center (SBC) report. Dr. Khanday reported on the recent Plant Breeders Academies, Seed Business 101, and upcoming SBC courses. He reported that they hired a new small grains breeder, Xiaofei Zhang, and a new Plant Sciences Chair, Daniel Potter, and noted the retirements of current Plant Sciences Chair, Gail Taylor, and Dean of Plant Sciences, Helene Dillard. Dr. Clark reported on the Collaboration for Plant Pathogen Strain Identification (CPPSI), including updates on available CPPSI materials. She also gave a brief update on the Bradford Endowed Chair, which had reached the initial funding goal of \$2 M.

Board Motion #5

The Board accepted the report from the UC Davis Seed Biotechnology Center.

Motion: William White
Second: Emily Clay

In Favor: Mike Campbell, Greg Cassel, Emily Clay, Justin Davis, Scott Emanuelli,
Tom Hearne, Douglas Iten, Greg Orsetti, Bill White
Against: None
Absent: Kraig Kuykendall*
Abstain: None

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UC DAVIS SEED INDUSTRY STUDY UPDATE

Greg Cassel reported that members of both the Seed Services Program and the Board have reached out to Dr. Sumner and Dr. Matthews for an update with no response. The Seed Services Program will continue to attempt to contact them.

SEED SERVICES PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Nicole Hostert updated the Board on the Seed Services Program activities and financial updates. Hostert also gave a brief overview of registered firms, the Seed Subvention Program, and the Seed Law Enhancement Program.

PROPOSAL TO ALIGN WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS FOR NOXIOUS WEEDS IN VEGETABLE SEED

Hostert proposed adjusting state regulations to require a noxious weed test for vegetable seed containers of one pound or more. This change would bring the state into alignment with the current federal regulations.

Board Motion #6

The Board recommends amending California Code of Regulations, Title 3, Section XXXX.X to require testing for noxious weeds in vegetable seed containers of one pound or more to align with federal regulations.

Motion: Greg Orsetti

Second: Emily Clay

In Favor: Mike Campbell, Greg Cassel, Emily Clay, Justin Davis, Scott Emanuelli,
Tom Hearne, Douglas Iten, Greg Orsetti, Bill White

Against: None

Absent: Kraig Kuykendall*

Abstain: None

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ASSESSMENT REVENUE UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Hostert provided a brief overview to the Board on the year-to-date budget and projections for FY 2024/2025.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

The Board proposed the following agenda items for the next board meeting:

- IP updates
- Assessment/revenue trends
- Updates on treated seed labeling requirements

The next regularly scheduled Seed Advisory Board meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 6, 2024 at 9:00am at the Seed Biotechnology Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Cassel adjourned the meeting at 11:58pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Nicole Hostert, Senior Environmental Scientist

Seed Services Program

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