

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)

Minutes

of the Meeting/Video Conferencing
of the Nursery Advisory Board (NAB)

Held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023

NURSERY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Members Present: David Cox, Michael Frantz, Bruce Jensen, Jay Jensen, Janet Silva Kister, Josh Puckett, Daniel Waterhouse

Members Absent: Phillip Johnson

OTHER ATTENDEES*

Travis Elder, Dustin Hooper, Nathan Johnson, Arima Kozina, Joshua Kress, Brenda Lanini, Jim Lawrence, Jamie Legg, Mark McLoughlin, Jasmine Minhas, Lorence Oki, Michael Paule, Jack Petersen, Claudia Vasquez, Terra Walber, Kristina Weber, Ed Williams, Chris Zanobini

*As self-reported in the Zoom application.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Janet Silva Kister, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and conducted roll call. A quorum was present for the Board.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Kister welcomed everyone and reviewed the topics of discussion.

UPDATE ON THE BOARD'S MOTION REGARDING FAC § 242

Arima Kozina, CDFA Deputy Secretary of Administration and Finance, provided a brief update regarding FAC § 242. Kozina indicated that the Nursery Services Program was paying 7.4% in indirect costs at this time. The Department was working on updating its policy pertaining to indirect costs.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Kister directed the Board to review the draft minutes prepared by the program staff for the May 16, 2023 meeting. A copy of the draft minutes had been distributed to the Board members and posted on the Department's website prior to the meetings. Kister opened the floor for any changes or corrections. The Board reviewed minutes from September 9, 2021, December 14, 2021, November 29, 2022 and December 29, 2022. For the November 29, 2022 minutes, a correction was requested to note the Board's concern that the Arizona shipping requirements were not brought to the Board sooner. For the December 29, 2022 minutes, a correction was requested to include Chris Zanobini on the Nominating Committee.

Board Motion

The Board approved the minutes from the September 9, 2021, December 14, 2021, November 29, 2022, and December 29, 2022, meetings with requested edits.

Motion: Michael Frantz
Second: Josh Puckett

Details of Board Vote

In Favor: David Cox, Michael Frantz, Bruce Jensen, Jay Jensen, Janet Silva Kister, Josh Puckett, Daniel Waterhouse

Against: None

Absent: Phillip Johnson

Abstain: None

ARIZONA SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Joshua Kress reviewed Arizona rule R3-4-203. Kress shared a draft Compliance Agreement for AZDA and CDFA Origin Inspection (Agreement No. 2023-03 – Nursery Stock) and asked the Board for feedback. Kress also discussed conducting training and outreach in coordination with AZDA.

NURSERY SERVICES PROGRAM UPDATE

Kristina Weber provided several updates regarding the Nursery Services Program. San Diego and Riverside Counties were moving forward with the Systems Approach to Nursery Certification (SANC) program. CDFA was facilitating discussions with National Plant Board and the county agricultural commissioners to resolve questions regarding implementation of SANC.

Nursery Services was working on an analysis to determine if program fees (licensing and registration and certification programs) were covering operational costs.

Nursery Services staff were reviewing and updating standard operating procedures to ensure services were provided in a timely manner.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD VACANCIES

The Nominating Committee reviewed Jessica Fernandez’s application for appointment to the Board and recommended her appointment.

Board Motion

The Board recommended approval of Jessica Fernandez as a voting member of the NAB.

Motion: Michael Frantz
Second: Daniel Waterhouse

Details of Board Vote

In Favor: Michael Frantz, Bruce Jensen, Jay Jensen, Janet Silva Kister, Daniel

Waterhouse
Against: David Cox, Josh Puckett
Absent: Phillip Johnson
Abstain: None

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Zanobini brought to the Board's attention that Assembly Bill (AB) 1573, which required that 75% of plants used in new non-residential landscapes be native to the area, had made it through Committee and was being held in a suspense file.

NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

The next Board meeting was set for November 2023. It will be held via Zoom video conferencing. Agenda items will be:

- AB 1573 update
- Update on FAC § 242 and indirect costs not exceeding 5%
- Nursery Program Budget and Fund Condition review
- Tropical Milkweed pest rating update
- Cotton Seed Bug update
- Light Brown Apple Moth deregulation update

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
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