

**Seed Advisory Board
Conference Call
California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)**

**1220 N Street, Rm 344
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Monday March 19, 2019
10:00 AM**

Board Members

Joe Baglietto
Michael Campbell
Greg Cassel
Kelly Keithly
Kraig Kuykendall

John McShane
Greg Orsetti
Robert Simas
Doug Sumpter
William White

CDFA & Guests

Brenda Lanini
Craig Hanes

1. Roll Call and Opening Remarks

Greg Cassel called the meeting to order at 10:30 am

2. Discussion on Nominating Committee's Recommendation

John McShane summarized the Nominating Committee's discussion and recommendation from its March 4, 2019 meeting. The committee recommended Scott Emanuelli from Top Notch Seeds, Inc in Southern California. Top Notch Seeds is a labeler of agricultural and vegetable seeds. Emanuelli was the past president of the California Seed Association (CSA).

Greg Orsetti moved to recommend that Scott Emanuelli be appointed to the Seed Advisory Board (SAB) representing field seed from Southern California. Motion seconded by Bill White. Motion carried with the following votes.

Yes: Joe Baglietto, Greg Cassel, Kelly Keithly, Kraig Kuykendall, John McShane, Greg Orsetti, Robert Simas, Doug Sumpter, William White
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Michael Campbell

3. Discussion on Seed Biotechnology Center (SBC) Funding

Greg Cassel discussed the request from the SBC for an increase in funding. The request had been presented to members of the CSA. The feedback from CSA members was positive for a funding increase. The CSA board had passed a motion to request the SAB to: increase SBC funding, reevaluate the SAB's previous motion to allow the County Subvention Program to sunset, and consider the Seed Lab budget as a source of this increase in funding.

Cassel summarized the discussion and recommendation from the Business Needs Analysis (BNA) Committee from its March 4, 2019 meeting. The BNA committee recommended an increase in funding to \$250,000 per year for the SBC in the next contract.

Kelly Keithly moved to recommend funding the Seed Biotechnology Center in the amount of \$250,000 per year in the new contract starting with FY19/20. Joe Baglietto seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following votes.

Yes: Joe Baglietto, Michael Campbell, Greg Cassel, Kelly Keithly, Kraig Kuykendall, John McShane, Greg Orsetti, Robert Simas, Doug Sumpter, William White
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

4. Adjournment

White adjourned the meeting at 10:35 am

Respectfully submitted by:

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