

**MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**  
(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

**Location:** CA Department of Food and Agriculture  
1220 'N' Street – Main Auditorium  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 27, 2011**

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**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at approximately 10:10 a.m. Craig McNamara, President of the State Board of Food and Agriculture presiding.
- (b) Welcoming remarks provided by President McNamara.
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

**Present:**

Craig McNamara	Donald Bransford	Arlan Van Leeuwen
Kerry Tucker	Kiran Black	Sean McNally
Ashley Boren	Adan Ortega, Jr.	Daniel Dooley
Ben Drake	Marvin Meyers	

**Absent:**

Luawanna Hallstrom	David Wehner
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**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 30, 2011**

Board member Dan Dooley moved to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2011 meeting. Board member Ashley Boren seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Secretary Ross provided a departmental update to the Board. The update focused on the CDFA budget and process moving forward.

**(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Food Access**

The Board heard from the California Health and Human Services Agency on food access and health care delivery systems. The presentation covered issues of access (CalFresh), linkage between prevention and food assistance, and the need to untangle the burden of bureaucratic delivery.

Speaker:

- The Honorable Diana Dooley, California Health and Human Services Agency

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Food Security**

The Board heard from the California Association of Food Banks concerning the state of food security in California. The presentation covered collected data on food insecurity from a variety of sources (government and non-profit).

Speaker:

- Sue Sigler, California Association of Food Banks

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(7) PANEL DISCUSSION– Food Insecurity**

The Board heard from three representatives of the Cordova Community Food Locker who have had direct experience in assisting individuals at local food banks.

Speakers included:

- Marie Perdigone, Cordova Community Food Bank
- Shirley Irwin, Cordova Community Food Bank
- Cindy Wright, Cordova Community Food Bank

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(8) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Swamp Meets**

The Board heard from the Denio’s Roseville Farmers Market & Swap Meet concerning food access programs. The presentation included a discussion on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and authorized vendors.

Speaker:

- Debbie Foster, Denio’s Roseville Farmers Market & Swap Meet

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(9) PANEL DISCUSSION – Farm Participation**

The Board heard from two speakers concerning the role of farms in expanding food access within communities.

Speakers included:

- Paul Muller, Full Belly Farm
- Shawn Harrison, Soil Born Farms

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(10) PANEL DISCUSSION – Food Access Legislation**

The Board heard from three speakers providing an update on the various food assistance bills pending before the California Legislature.

Speakers included:

- Jessica Bartholow, Western Center for Law and Poverty
- Alexis Fernandez, California Food Policy Advocates
- Eric Manke, California Association of Food Banks

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(11) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Farm Bill**

The Board heard from the Wholesome Wave Foundation concerning food access and federal farm bill initiatives.

Speaker:

- Gus Schumacher, Wholesome Wave

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(12) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Grocers/Retailers**

The Board heard from the California Grocers Association concerning programs and initiatives by the industry to address food access.

Speaker:

- Kara Bush, California Grocers Association

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(13) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Consumer Choice**

The Board heard from the Western Center on Law and Poverty concerning consumer choice. The presentation included discussions on food deserts, per calorie cost as related to food choice, and how food access is vital to addressing long term health concerns.

Speaker:

- Jessica Bartholow, Western Center on Law and Poverty

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(14) OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board conducted the following business:

MOTION: Board member Kerry Tucker moved that the Board direct staff to develop a resolution on food access principles to be considered for approval at the next meeting of the board. Board member Dan Dooley seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

MOTION: Board member Dan Dooley moved that the Board convene a meeting of key stakeholders on food access issues to coordinate on the development of 2012 Farm Bill recommendations. Board member Kerry Tucker seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

The Board also heard from the Water Subcommittee concerning the Delta Plan process.

MOTION: Water Subcommittee Chair Marvin Meyers moved that the Board approval a draft letter prepared by the subcommittee commenting on the Third Staff Draft of the Delta Plan. Board member Don Bransford seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

MOTION: Water Subcommittee Chair Marvin Meyers moved that Board member Adan Ortega be authorized to provide public comment at the Delta Stewardship Council meeting on May 26-27, 2011. Board member Don Bransford seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

No further business was brought before the Board.

**(15) PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were provided.

**(16) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.