

**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  
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**MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 25, 2011**

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**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at approximately 10:15 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	Arlan Van Leeuwen	Luawanna Hallstrom
Kerry Tucker	Kiran Black	Sean McNally
Ashley Boren	Adan Ortega, Jr.	Daniel Dooley
Ben Drake	Marvin Meyers	

**Absent:**

Donald Bransford	David Wehner
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**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 27, 2011**

Board member Ben Drake moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2011 meeting. Board member Dan Dooley seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Secretary Ross provided a departmental update to the Board and introduced Undersecretary Sandra Schubert and Deputy Secretary Jim Houston. The departmental update focused on the CDFA budget, process improvement within the agency, and an overview of the consortium process for the 2012 fiscal year.

**(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – CDFA Budget**

The Board heard from the California Department of Food and Agriculture on the budget savings alternatives developed through the consortium process as directed in the Governor's budget proposal.

Speakers included:

- Nate Dechoretz, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Robert L. Wynn, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Delta Plan Overview**

The Board heard from the Delta Stewardship Council concerning the Delta Plan and the current status of the project. The presentation covered the legislative authority of the Council, scope of the Delta Plan and overall objectives.

Speaker:

- Phil Isenberg, Delta Stewardship Council

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) **PANEL DISCUSSION– Delta Plan**

The Board heard from four representatives from state and federal government agencies that have a jurisdiction over water policy within California.

Speakers included:

- Charlie Hoppin, State Water Resources Control Board
- Federico Barajas, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Mike Machado, Delta Protection Commission
- Kamyar Guivetchi, California Department of Water Resources

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Managing California’s Water Supply**

The Board heard from a contributing author of the Public Policy Institute of California’s recent report of California’s water supply. The presentation included an overview of the report and key recommendations.

Speaker:

- Richard Howitt, University of California, Davis

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(9) **PANEL DISCUSSION – Managing California’s Water Supply**

The Board conducted a panel discussion with five participants who represent California’s agricultural water users.

Speakers included:

- Jason Peltier, Westlands Water District
- Melinda Terry, North Delta Water Agency
- Tim Quinn, Association of California Water Agencies
- Todd Manley, Northern California Water Association
- Stephen Ottemoeller, Friant Water Authority

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)**

The Board heard from the California Department of Food and Agriculture on plans to undertake a statewide pest prevention program. The objective of this project is to create a vehicle which provides a time-sensitive and efficient framework for evaluating potential environmental impacts of the various pest control programs implemented by CDFA and its partners.

Speaker:

- Michele Dias, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(11) OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board conducted the following business:

MOTION: Board member Marvin Meyers moved that the Board approve the staff draft of the Food Access Resolution developed as result of the April 27, 2011 meeting. Board member Adan Ortega seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

No further business was brought before the Board.

**(12) PUBLIC COMMENT**

Three individuals provided public comment.

Tom Kelly, Stop the Spray – East Bay, commented that the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) was very broad, poor in scope and very expensive. Alternatives are available to the proposed approach.

Lynn Elliott-Harding, Stop the Spray – East Bay, commented that an alternative to the PEIR could be an invasive species vision process. This alternative is being proposed because greater public comment would be allowed.

Jane Kelly, Stop the Spray- East Bay, commented that there is a need to protect California agriculture and that CDFG, without the PEIR process, would maintain the ability to take emergency action to treat invasive pests.

**(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

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