

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

Location: California Department of Food and Agriculture
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MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2016

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 5th at approximately 10:10 a.m., Executive Director Joshua Eddy presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Helene Dillard	Martha Montoya	Joy Sterling
Don Cameron	Ben Drake	Nancy Casady
Donald Bransford	Bryce Lundberg	Mike Gallo
Eric Holst	Mary Holz-Clause	Ashley Boren

Absent:

Miles Reiter	Craig McNamara
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(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 1, 2015

Board member Bryce Lundberg moved to approve the minutes of the December 1st meeting. Board member Don Bransford seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (10-0) carried the motion. Board members Martha Montoya and Eric Holst were not present for the vote.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update include an overview of the Climate Smart Agricultural Policy Mission to the Netherlands held in early December; new detections of Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) in the Central Valley; and certification of CA GROWN floats at the Rose Parade. In addition, Secretary Ross mentioned other animal and plant health issues related to avian influenza outreach/monitoring and recommendations on the Japanese beetle program from the ad hoc science advisory panel convened by the CDFA's Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services.

The updated concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD –Blueprint for a Carbon-Free America

The Board heard a presentation from the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment on recent research and policy recommendations concerning a renewable energy future.

Speaker:

- Mark Jacobson, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment (via Skype)

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board

(6) PANEL DISCUSSION – Climate Change

The Board heard from various representatives of state agencies concerning policies and programs related to climate change. Topics included climate smart agriculture, the Under2MOU, and the Scoping Plan Update (2030 GHG Reduction Target).

Speakers included:

- Ken Alex, Governor's Office of Planning and Research
- Floyd Vergara, California Air Resources Board
- Jenny Lester Moffitt, California Department of Food and Agriculture

The panel discussion concluded without formal action by the Board

(7) BREAK

(8) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – University of California

The Board heard a presentation from the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of California. The presentation covered current initiatives and future priorities of the vice president of UC ANR.

Speaker:

- Glenda Humiston, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board

(9) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – UC Gill Tract Farm

The Board heard a presentation for student representatives concerning issues related to the property adjacent to the Gill Tract Community Farm.

Speakers included:

- Andrew Baskin, student representative
- Kaitlin Oki, student representative
- Katherine Perkins, student representative

Following the presentation and open discussion (with comments by Glenda Humiston) the Board took the following action.

BOARD MOTION: Board member Don Bransford moved that the Board authorize the Chair to send a letter of general principles encouraging ongoing collaboration and engagement on the issue to Chancellor Dirks. Board member Martha Montoya seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (8-0) carried the motion. Board members Martha Montoya, Don Cameron, Don Bransford, Bryce Lundberg, Ashley Boren, Helene Dillard, Eric Holst and Joy Sterling were present for the vote.

No further formal action on the issue was taken by the Board.

(10) PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

(11) OTHER BUSINESS

Board member Joy Sterling mentioned the recent appointment of Assemblymember Bill Dodd as Chair of the Agriculture Committee. Ms. Sterling requested a congratulatory letter from the Board.

BOARD MOTION: Board member Joy Sterling moved that Board authorize the Chair to send a congratulatory letter to Assemblymember Dodd on his recent appointment. Board member Martha Montoya seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (8-0) carried the motion. Board members Martha Montoya, Don Cameron, Don Bransford, Bryce Lundberg, Ashley Boren, Helene Dillard, Eric Holst and Joy Sterling were present for the vote.

(12) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately noon.