

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

Location: CA Department of Food and Agriculture
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MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 2011

Item
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(1) CALL TO ORDER

- (a) The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, November 16, 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	Ben Drake	Luawanna Hallstrom
Kerry Tucker	David Wehner	Donald Bransford
Kiran Black	Ashley Boren	Daniel Dooley
Adan Ortega, Jr.	Marvin Meyers	

Absent:

Arlan Van Leeuwen	Sean McNally
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(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 26, 2011

Board member Don Bransford moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2011 meeting. Board member Ashley Boren seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Ross provided a brief departmental update to the Board. The updated focused on the departmental budget process and Secretary Ross informed the board that a departmental report was provided to the Governor's Office detailing FY2012 budget savings. If the report is accepted, the budget savings will results in some program eliminations and fee increases.

(5) OPENING REMARKS – Forum on Extreme Climate Risks and California's Future

Secretary Ross and Craig McNamara provided brief opening remarks for the 'Forum on Extreme Climate Risks and California's Future - Agricultural and the Food System'. The forum is the first in a series of events focusing on climate and California's future that will lead up to the Governor's Conference on December 15th in San Francisco.

Mr. Wade Crowfoot, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, also provided opening remarks that helped to frame California's commitment to climate change preparedness.

- (6) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Climate Change and U.S. Agriculture**
The Board heard from a representative from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service who detailed some of the climate impacts within the agricultural sector.

Speaker:

- Lucinda Roth, State Climate Change Specialist
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (7) **PANEL DISCUSSION – Extreme Events and Climate Change in California**
The Board heard from three representatives who provided an update to the Board on the gradual impacts of climate change on agricultural landscapes, ecosystems and water supply.

Speakers included:

- Dr. Louise Jackson, University of California, Davis
- Dr. Glen M. MacDonald, UCLA Institute on Environment and Sustainability
- Kamyar Guivetchi, California Department of Water Resources

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (8) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Economic Impacts of Climate Change**
The Board heard from a representative of the University of California on the potential economic impacts to the agricultural sector as a result of climate related environmental changes.

Speaker:

- Dr. Daniel Sumner, Agricultural Issues Center
University of California

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

- (9) **PANEL DISCUSSION – How California Can Respond to Climate Change**
The Board heard from four representatives from environmental organizations, government agencies and agricultural associations concerning resources and potential actions to address climate change.

Speakers included:

- Justin Malan, California Climate and Agriculture Network
- Kurt Malchow, Cal-Adapt
- Courtney Albrecht, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Dave Puglia, Western Growers

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) PANEL DISCUSSION – Local/State Extreme Event Planning

The Board heard from three representatives who addressed statewide and local planning related to climate change and extreme events.

Speakers included:

- Ken Worman, California Emergency Management Agency
- John Rowden, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Tammy Seale, PMC

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) OTHER BUSINESS

The Board conducted the following business:

Board member Adan Ortega presented a draft letter, approved by the Water Subcommittee, addressing the issue of water transfers and exchanges. The draft letter from the Board requests a meeting with the Secretary John Laird, California Natural Resources Agency; Chairman Charles Hoppin, State Water Resources Control Board; and Director Mark Cowin, California Department of Water Resources to discuss water policy as it relates to water transfers and exchanges.

MOTION: Board member Adan Ortega moved that Board approve the draft letter, approved by the Water Subcommittee, addressing water transfers and exchanges. Board member Don Bransford seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

No further business was brought before the Board

(12) PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were provided.

(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00p.m.