

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

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

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**MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

Item  
No.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at approximately 10:10 a.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

**Present:**

Don Cameron	Joy Sterling	Bryce Lundberg
Nancy Casady	Martha Montoya	Ashley Boren
Frank Muller	Donald Bransford	Mike Gallo
Eric Holst	Rachelle Arizmendi	Helene Dillard
Jeff Huckaby		

**Absent:**

Crystal Hayling	Andy Thulin
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**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board member Ashley Boren moved to approve the minutes of the July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> Board meetings. Board member Rachelle Arizmendi seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote (12-0). Board member Mike Gallo was not present for the vote which took place following the break at 1:00 p.m.

**(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update included a recap of the recent visit by USTR Ambassador Gregg Doud as well as information on the recently announced USDA Trade Mitigation Programs. Other updates included a status report on the Virulent Newcastle Disease outbreak in backyard poultry in Southern California and ongoing pest activities related to oriental fruit fly and other pests. Secretary Ross also addressed the commitment by leadership in the Legislature to address safe and affordable drinking water in the next legislative session.

**(5) CALIFORNIA WATER UPDATE**

The Board heard a presentation from DWR Director Karla Nemeth on issues related to voluntary settlements, WaterFix, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

Speaker:

- Karla Nemeth, California Department of Water Resources

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – California Bay Delta**

The Board heard from a representative from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission on the Lower San Joaquin River Water Quality Control Plan.

Speaker:

- Michael Carlin, San Francisco Public Utilities District

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(7) PANEL DISCUSSION – Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update**

The Board heard from three local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies on the implementation progress related to SGMA.

Speakers included:

- Jeff Cattaneo, San Benito County Water District
- Ann Dubay, Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- Peter Brown, Indian Wells Groundwater Authority

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(8) BREAK**

**(9) UPDATE ON WATER INITIATIVES**

The Board heard from representatives of the California Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board on initiatives to assist with groundwater recharge.

Speakers included:

- Erik Ekdahl, State Water Resources Control Board
- Kamyar Guivetchi, California Department of Water Resources

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

**(10) BOARD DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board discussed the following Action Item:

- STAFF DRAFT letter: Comments on Proposed Revision to the Bay Delta Plan.

After Board discussion and review the following action was taken:

**MOTION:** Board member Bryce Lundberg moved to authorize President Don Cameron to finalize a board letter on this issue to the Governor. Board member Frank Muller seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote (11-0). Board members Martha Montoya and Mike Gallo were not present for the vote.

**(11) OTHER BUSINESS:**

Board member Eric Holst provided an update on AB2421 the Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program. EDF was supportive of this effort which provides grants for restoration or enhancement of habitat.

No further 'Other Business' was discussed.

**(12) PUBLIC COMMENT**

One individual provided comment:

- Michael Harris, Black Agriculture

Comments can be seen at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/LiveMediaStream.html>

No further public comments were provided

**(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at approximately 3:00 p.m.