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MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

**Monday, April 11, 2022, at 5:00 PM
Remote meeting via web conference**

As authorized by California Government Code Section 54953(e) and the Mayor's 45th Supplement to her February 25, 2020, emergency proclamation, this meeting will be held remotely without providing a physical location. Members of the Commission on the Environment's Policy Committee will participate and vote by video. Members of the public may observe the meeting and provide public comment online.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Commissioners Mike Sullivan (Chair), Elmy Bermejo, and Johanna Wald.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public comment will be taken before the Committee takes action on any item or before or during any discussion item.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

The meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee was convened at 5:03 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Elmy Bermejo and Johanna Wald.

Excused: Chair Sullivan.

2. Director's Update. Speaker: Tyrone Jue, Acting Director (Discussion)

Acting Director Jue said he is focused on keeping the Department's programs headed in the right direction and said he looks forward to discussing recent events at a full Commission meeting.

Commissioners Bermejo and Wald thanked Acting Director Jue for his comments.

Public Comment: David Pilpel expressed support for Acting Director Jue and said the Department must build on the progress made under Director Raphael's leadership while taking action to address recent concerns.

3. **Approval of minutes of the March 14, 2022, Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting.** (Explanatory Document: March 14, 2022, Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wald and a second by Commissioner Bermejo, the draft minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Bermejo and Wald; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Sullivan)

4. **General Public Comment.** Members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

There was no public comment.

5. **Update on Antibiotic Use Ordinance.** Sponsor: Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer; Speakers: Jen Jackson, Toxics Reduction and Healthy Ecosystems Program Manager, Tim James, Director of Local Government Relations at the California Grocers Association, Dr. Dan Thomson, Chair of the Department of Animal Science at Iowa State University, and Dr. Timothy Kurt, Scientific Program Director at the Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (Discussion)

Charles Sheehan provided context on the Antibiotic Use Ordinance.

Jen Jackson presented on antibiotic use in animals, the ordinance's requirements for grocers, and barriers to securing data from pork and beef producers.

Tim James presented on the grocery industry's efforts to comply with the Antibiotic Use Ordinance. Tim said that no infrastructure for compliance existed at the time the ordinance was adopted, adding that collaboration between grocers and food industry partners have brought the industry closer to full compliance. Tim stressed that near-term reporting waivers will lead to better outcomes down the road.

Dr. Dan Thomson presented on improvements in antibiotic stewardship within the beef and pork industries. Dr. Thomson said the lack of integration within these industries has made it difficult to track antibiotic data. Dr. Thomson noted that while large beef and pork operations can trace antibiotic data, smaller producers do not have the same resources. Dr. Thomson said it will take additional time to develop robust traceability and monitoring systems.

Dr. Timothy Kurt discussed the role of public-private partnerships in supporting research to develop and accelerate traceability infrastructure within the beef and pork industries. Dr. Kurt described research by FFAR's working groups to develop standards for data collection and reporting.

Commissioner Wald said she was glad to hear presenters acknowledge the need for transparency. Commissioner Wald stressed the need to operationalize tracking systems and keep consumers informed. Commissioner Wald asked Tim when he expects a widespread traceability system to be in place. Commissioner Wald also asked Drs. Thomson and Kurt why it has taken so long for data to be made available.

Tim said his focus has been on fostering collaboration between partners, but deferred to technical experts on the timeline for an industry-wide traceability system.

Dr. Kurt said the lack of consensus and ambiguity around the ownership of data make the pathway toward full compliance unclear.

Dr. Thomson said producers want to make data available, but said complex logistical challenges mean it will take several years before a nationwide traceability system is operational.

Commissioner Bermejo acknowledged the challenge facing producers of different sizes.

Public Comment: Lena Brook noted that a growing number of consumers are concerned about antibiotic-resistant bacteria in meat and said the beef and pork industry must radically increase transparency. Lena said a clear path toward full compliance is needed.

Avi Kar said a blanket waiver is not a responsible option, noting that a limited waiver should be granted in cases where it is genuinely difficult to provide data. Avi agreed that a concrete plan for implementation is required.

Andrew deCoriolis said illicit antibiotic use in the cattle industry, including the presence of antibiotic residue in meats advertised as organic, underscores the need for strong transparency mechanisms.

Dr. David Wallinga described antibiotic use and overuse as major drivers of antibiotic resistance. Dr. Wallinga said the European Union's surveillance system shows that a robust reporting system can be developed over a reasonable period.

Commissioner Bermejo noted that the Committee is not holding a vote on this matter today.

6. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Speaker: Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer (Discussion)

Charles Sheehan discussed upcoming meetings and potential future topics.

There was no public comment.

7. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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