

**CALIFORNIA AVOCADO COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2008**

A meeting of the California Avocado Commission (CAC) Board was held on Thursday, February 14, 2008 via teleconference from the Commission office in Irvine, California, with the following people present:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rick Shade, Chairman
Carol Steed, Vice-Chair
Ken Roth, Treasurer
Tom Pecht, Secretary
Laura Eggering (*partial until 10:15 a.m.*)
Reuben Hofshi (*partial until 11:15 a.m.*)
Ohannes Karaoghlanian
Scott McIntyre
Bradley Miles
Don Reeder
Ken Roth
 Susan Randolph,
 Public Member
Noel Stehly (*Alt. Markle*)
Reed Webb (*Alt. Eggering*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gene Carbone
Will Carleton
Tom Markle
Ross Wileman

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Chris Ambuul
John Lamb
Ed McFadden
Earl Rutz
Noel Stehly
Reed Webb (*partial until 10:15 a.m.*)

ALTERNATES ABSENT

Ernie Arana
Andrew Bailard
Scott Bauwens
John Conti
John Lindstrom
Bob Lucy
George McManigle
Alva Snider

OFFICIALLY PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Mark Affleck
Tom Bellamore
Laurie Hill
Val Weaver

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rick Shade called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present. He then called for a closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

There was a closed session at 10:05 a.m. to discuss threatened litigation. At 11:30 a.m. the closed session ended and the board meeting reconvened.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

It was noted that the Board of Directors made two motions during closed session. Chairman Shade reported that settlement with APEAM was not reached, and that the Board decided to advance new language for inclusion in the 2007 Farm Bill.

ADJOURN MEETING

Chairman Shade adjourned the Board meeting at 11:35 a.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Hill, CAC Staff

I certify that the above is a true statement of the Minutes of February 14, 2008 approved by the CAC Board of Directors on March 20, 2008.

Tom Pecht, CAC Board Secretary