

**CDE Ag Education Unit Staff Meeting  
Sacramento, Calif.  
January 3 – 5, 2006**

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. at the Farm Bureau in Sacramento. In attendance was: Greg Beard, Chuck Parker, Jack Havens, Ken Harris, Bob Heuvel, Lloyd McCabe, Jeanette Sturzen, Jean Landeen, Stacey Hewitt and Mike Spiess. Joined by Don Borges

Agenda was reviewed.

Minutes were approved as emailed.

**Dept of Education Report – Bob Heuvel**

- Perkins Applications update given from all Region Supervisors. Concerns with application, sequence of courses and State Plan expressed.
- CDE personnel changes: Ron Fox, Bernie Norton retired.
- Kelly Johnson hired to replace Bonnie Olsen. Will start Feb. 1.
- CTE Framework, revision work is in progress.
- Money is okay. Concern on Fresno contract because of website.
- Suggested ways to reduce workload by decreasing Section FFA responsibilities .

**CATA Executive Director Report – Jim Aschwanden**

- Perkins approved with 1% across board cut, Tech Prep Demonstration cut completely.
- ROP Omnibus bill in pipeline.
- CATA Summer Conference – looking at restructuring conference to include more meaningful activities.

Lunch break – 12:45

**Tech Prep – Don Borges**

- Help me, help you
- RFA coming out soon for each industry sector
- Looking for suggestions, projects to fund.

**FFA Center – Jim Aschwanden**

- Break ground by March 1

**McCabe's Updates**

- UC Report

1. David Stearns – Head of BOARS – supports CTE
  2. Roman Stearns – back from leave
  3. November Board meeting – will not honor nor require CAHSEE
  4. Lawsuit over admissions turning down religious private school's biology courses
  5. Spent 1 ½ years self analysis of course approval process
  6. Ag. Science I was only statewide course approved
  7. Lloyd still working on Floriculture
  8. Handed out UC Approved CTE courses
- NCLB Update – when on the website, will release info to teachers. (Ag. Economics)
  - CAHSEE test questions distributed
  - 2005 Final Teacher Placement Report distributed
  - 2005 Roadshow Report
  - 2004-05 Final Professional Development Report

#### Agriscience CD

- Discussion of lack of knowledge of Agri-science CD and Record books by student teachers

#### Electronic Update - Mike Spiess

- Teacher In-service Survey by Luke Browning distributed.
- R2 Report distributed

Meeting adjourned 5:30 pm.  
Reconvened 9:10 a.m.

Joined by Cary Trexler, Roscoe Vaughn, Angie Miles, Bob Cummings, Bob Flores

Mike continued his report.

- Calaged Data
- Calaged website issues

#### 2006 State Finals Judging & Tabulations (Spiess)

- Distributed and demonstrated 2.0 version of tabulations program.
- Discussion of sub contest results that will receive awards.
- Meats contest may be moved to Fresno this year and possibly next year. (pending FSU approval.
- CPSLO State Staff assignments will be the same, except Lloyd will do COOP Quiz
- Two new contests being proposed. Ag Welding and Ag. Issues
- Ken Harris reviewed State Staff assignments at Fresno FD.

MSP that we set aside money from the state finals entries to buy two scanners.

Lunch Break

Break out groups

**Region & State FFA Budgets- Angie Barnes**

- Distributed probation list & Affiliation recap

**FFA Report – Charles Parker**

- Reviewed potential Distinguished Service and Honorary State Degree recipients
- Membership Update
- State FFA Leadership Conference – tentative schedule
- Constitutional Amendments

MSP that the State Executive committee takes a position of do not recommend for proposals number one and two on the list presented.

MSP that the State Executive that they support # 3, 4, 5, & 7.

MSF that the State Executive that they support #6.

**Ag Incentive Grant –**

MSP to reserve \$200,000 of AIG monies for Specialized Grants  
MSP to increase the R2 number by \$3 to a total of \$8.00  
MSP to increase the Part I Number of Teachers by \$500  
MSP to waive the 3year requirement for Specialized AIG for this year  
MSP to allow a waiver letter for these one time grant.

January 13, 2005 due date

**New Professionals Conference - Bob Cummings**

- Evaluation summary distributed

**Master Teacher/Student Teacher Conclave – Bob Cummings**

- Tentative Schedule distributed

**Teach Ag Campaign**

- Logo identity worksheet distributed – return to Bob Flores

**University Reports:**

- UC Davis – Trying to get a new major started in Ag Education. Their majors will also get a science credential. 4 PhD students. Stacy distributed Fall Update. Field Day coming up in March
- Fresno State – Looking for New Dean. Emphasis on research. Working on Midwinter finals, State FFA Conference, and Field Day. Enrollment numbers look to be up.
- CPSLO- Facilities are being moved - feedlot, feed mill, and slaughter house to put in housing. Ag. Communications major in the pipeline. Adding new director of Brock Center, Adding a tenure track position. June 17 will be Gail's retirement gathering. Looking to hire her replacement by May 1.
- Pomona – Receiving applications for Flint's replacement.
- Chico State – College of Ag enrollment up, University is down. Dean search ongoing

**Professional Advancement Workshop**

- Fleshed out time for workshop on preparing for career advancement. Consensus for Monday 1-3 PM at State FFA conference.

**Chevy Truck Fundraiser**

- 17,301 tickets sold

**Proficiency Award Finalist – Student in Military- Jeanette Sturzen**

- Looking for accommodation for those in military that can't attend the interview.

MSP that students in the military be allowed the opportunity to interview for proficiency awards via phone or other accommodation.

**Proficiency Awards**

- Discussion of Region winners not going on to the state.
- Rotation for State Staff going to National Proficiency scoring will be Jack Havens, Jeanette Sturzen, and Ken Harris

**Master Calendar**

- Send Region activities to Parker

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Jack Havens

Acting Secretary

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**Action Items**

**Bob Heuvel**

1. Increase Consultant staffing to match increased workload.
2. Work with Mike Spiess – change student roster pathways and course pathways on R2 data collection
3. Follow up on Parli Pro clocks
4. Email to RS information on CAERT products

**Chuck Parker**

1. Talk to Gail to drop CA numbers of dropped chapters so they are not on R2

**Jeanette Sturzen**

1. Identify Agri-science teacher(s) to apply for FFA Agri-science Teacher application
2. Up date "Other Courses" in the R2
3. Test the calaged email for valid email addresses.
4. Send list of qualified judges for Parli Pro to Charles Parker
5. Send Region calendars to Parker

**Lloyd McCabe**

1. Add to June State Staff agenda a review of AIG checklist.
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**Teacher Educators**

1. Mike Spiess – change student pathways and course pathways with Bob Heuvel's assistance