



BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: **MARCH 28, 2024** ITEM: **9D**

SUBJECT: **Review of Amendments to Board Governance Policy 3.03 (Board Member Code of Conduct) and 3.06 (Board Member Orientation and Training) to Reflect Changes to CA Food & Agriculture Code Regarding Mandatory Training and Vote on Whether or Not to Approve**

DATE: March 22, 2024

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Action Item

BACKGROUND

AB 623 amended California Food & Agriculture Code by adding that Board Directors shall not officially be seated on the Board or participate in a Board meeting until they had completed any mandatory forms and training, as required by State law and as determined by the department. The amended code also requires that seated Board members complete all mandatory training within 90 days of expiration and are subject to removal if they do not comply with these requirements.

Board Governance Policy 3.03 (Board Member Code of Conduct) and Policy 3.06 (Board Member Orientation and Training) both include Board member training language which should be amended to reflect the new code as follows:

California Food & Agriculture Code Section 3956 requires that newly appointed Board Members may not start serving until all required training is completed. In addition, seated Directors must complete all mandatory training within 90 days of expiration and are subject to removal if they do not comply with these requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff and Governance Committee recommend approving the amendment to Board Governance Policies 3.03 (Board Member Code of Conduct) and 3.06 (Board Member Orientation and Training) to reflect changes to California Food & Agriculture Code Section 3956.