Board of Directors Agenda

Monday, November 16, 2026 | 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17, 2026 | 1:00-5:00 p.m.
The Seabird Ocean Resort, Oceanside | Seagaze Salon B

VISION: Creating a healthier tomorrow through dairy.

PURPOSE: Dairy Council of California brings trusted nutrition education and strong partnerships together to nourish communities and strengthen dairy's future.

General Session Guest Speaker: Cong. Jim Costa (Seagaze Salon B) 1:00 p.m.

Monday, November 16, 2026

1.	Call to Order & Welcome and Introduction of New Board Members *Curt DeGroot, Chair*	2:00 p.m.
2.	Public Comments	2:10 p.m.
3.	Standards of Performance, Anti-Trust Statement & Approval of the June 17, 2026, Minutes – **Tab 1** ***(Motion to approve the Minutes)***	2:15 p.m.
4.	Icebreaker Activity	2:20 p.m.
5.	Dairy Council of California Updates – *Amy DeLisio, CEO*	2:40 p.m.
6.	FY 2025-2026 Successes & Annual Report *Shannan Young, Initiatives, Education & Engagement Officer* *Alex Vigil, Marketing, Communications & Digital Director*	3:00 p.m.
Milk Punch Break		***3:30 p.m.***
7.	FY 2026-2027 Success Plan Updates – **Tab 2** *Ashley Rosales, Nutrition & Industry Affairs Officer* *Renée Farias, Data & Impact Project Manager*	3:50 p.m.
8.	Strategic Dairy Industry Engagement *Ashley Rosales, Nutrition & Industry Affairs Officer* *Kendall House, Operations Director*	4:15 pm
9.	Advancing MDC: Modernization Efforts & Welcome SoCal Instructor *Shannan Young, Initiatives, Education & Engagement Officer* *Tara Bugos, Mobile Dairy Classroom Instructor*	4:35 p.m.

10. Additional Public Comments 4:55 p.m.

11. Adjourn 5:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception – 6:00 p.m. – The Shelter Club

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

1. Call to Order – *Curt DeGroot, Chair* 1:00 p.m.

2. Public Comments 1:05 p.m.

3. California Department of Food & Agriculture Report 1:10p.m.
Dennis Manderfield, Sr. Agricultural Economist

4. Financial Reports – *Matt Delgado, Operations Officer* 1:20 p.m.
- FY 2025-2026 Audit Report – **Tab 3**
- FY 2025-2026 Year-End Report – **Tab 4**
- FY 2026-2027 Report through September 30, 2026 – **Tab 5**
  (Motion to approve the FY 25-26 Audit and YE Financial Reports & YTD Financial Reports for FY 26-27)
- **CalPERS Retirement Contract Update** ***(Motion to approve the contract)***

5. Nominating Committee Update – *John Dolan, Committee Chair* 1:40 p.m.
(Motion to approve the elected Executive Committee members)
(Motion to approve the recommended nominees to CDFA to fill Handler and Producer vacancies to the DCC Board)

6. Equipping for Influence: Dairy Messaging Training 1:55 p.m.
Ashley Rosales, Nutrition & Industry Affairs Officer
Alex Vigil, Marketing, Communications & Digital Director

Break ***2:55 p.m.***

7. Dairy Panel Discussion: Joint Industry Leaders 3:15 p.m.
Amy DeLisio, CEO, Dairy Council of CA
Katie Davey, Executive Director, Dairy Institute of CA
Steve James, Executive Director, CA Milk Processor Board
Bob Carroll, CEO, CA Milk Advisory Board
Denise Mullinax, Executive Director, CA Dairy Research Foundation

8. Chair's Report – *Curt DeGroot, Chair* 4:30 p.m.

9. Additional Public Comments 4:40 p.m.

10. Board Meeting Evaluation Poll 4:50 p.m.

11. Adjourn 5:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception – 6:00 p.m. – Coastal Terrace

Next Board of Directors Meeting – March 18-19, 2027
Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport (Irvine)

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAIRY COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE

The Board's responsibilities will be fulfilled when the following are accomplished and appropriate feedback is given to the C.E.O

At its regularly scheduled fall meeting:

1. Evaluate previous fiscal year's program results and expenditures against goals and budget

2. Review current financial statement against budget and act on Executive Committee's recommendation

3. Receive report on independent audit and evaluation from Executive Committee

4. Review actions taken by the Executive Committee

5. Review other recommendations brought forth by the Executive Committee and/or C.E.O. and take appropriate action

6. Receive Nominating Committee's recommendations and elect officers of the Board and Executive Committee.

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Directors
Dairy Council of California
June 17, 2026
Dairy Council of CA Office & Zoom, Sacramento, CA

PRESENT:

Curt DeGroot (Chair)
Michael Oosten (Vice Chair)
Chuck Ahlem
Preston Fernandes
Luis Gutierrez
Stacy Heaton
Maureen Lemos
Justin Leyendekker
John Melo
Mike Newell (in person)
Patrick Schallberger
Brad Scott
Hem Shah
Richard Shehadey
Leaine Souza
Arlene VanderEyk
Melanie Youkhana

ABSENT: Domenic Carinalli, Jr., John Dolan, Steve Maddox, John VanderPoel, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Matt Delgado, Dairy Council of California
Amy DeLisio, Dairy Council of California
Dennis Manderfield, California Department of Food and Agriculture
Alyssa McClelland, Dairy Council of California
Rachel Otter, Dairy Council of California
Trina Robertson, Dairy Council of California
Ashley Rosales, Dairy Council of California
Sandra Torres, Dairy Council of California
Efrain Valenzuela, Dairy Council of California
Alex Vigil, Dairy Council of California
Shannan Young, Dairy Council of California

Call to Order

Chair Curt DeGroot called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Standards of Performance, Anti-Trust Statement & Approval of March 19-20, 2026, Full Board Minutes

Chair DeGroot asked the board members to review the Standards of Performance and the Anti-Trust Statement for the regularly scheduled spring meeting plus the March 19-20, 2026, full board minutes for approval.

IT WAS MOVED BY MIKE NEWELL AND SECONDED BY PATRICK SCHALLBERGER TO APPROVE THE FULL BOARD MINUTES FROM MARCH 19-20, 2026. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. AYES: CURT DEGROOT, JUSTIN LEYENDEKKER, STACY HEATON, MAUREEN LEMOS, MIKE NEWELL, BRAD SCOTT, PATRICK SCHALLBERGER, HEM SHAH, MELANIE YOUKHANA. NAYS: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: DOMENIC CARINALLI, JR., JOHN DOLAN, JOHN VANDERPOEL, JR., STEVE MADDOX, MICHAEL OOSTEN, CHUCK AHLEM, LEAINE SOUZA, LUIS GUTIERREZ, ARLENE VANDEREYK, PRESTON FERNANDES, RICHARD SHEHADEY, JOHN MELO (BOARD MOTION 2026-06-17 BD#1).

Public Comments: None

CEO Report

Ms. Amy DeLisio, CEO, highlighted a rapidly evolving nutrition and policy environment, with expanded opportunities for dairy through the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act and upcoming federal program changes, alongside increasing regulatory scrutiny—particularly around ultra-processed foods, which could impact products like yogurt and whey. California and federal policy activity remains active, though some restrictions (e.g., SNAP limits on sugary foods) have stalled. Dairy Council of CA continues to strengthen its position through industry engagement, partnerships and community initiatives, while preparing for anticipated changes to school meals, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and other nutrition programs. Overall, the update emphasized balancing growth opportunities with emerging regulatory risks and the importance of ongoing advocacy and strategic readiness.

FY 2025-2026 Success Plan Update

Ms. Sandra Torres, Evaluation and Impact Manager, highlighted a strong organizational performance through Trimester 3, with Dairy Council of CA achieving 26 of 31 Key Results and exceeding or completing goals across Advocacy and Collaboration while Education and Thriving Organization remain on track. Key accomplishments included reaching nearly 350,000 people through the Mobile Dairy Classroom (MDC), distributing more than 355,000 nutrition resources, growing YouTube engagement by 248%, training over 4,200 professionals and securing four endorsements—double the annual goal. Independent evaluation of the Dairy Ag Explorers program demonstrated measurable gains in student knowledge, attitudes toward dairy and teacher confidence, providing evidence of program effectiveness and future scalability. Partner feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with more than 90% affirming the value of Dairy Council of CA resources and many indicating a greater willingness to advocate for dairy in their professional roles. Internally, the organization also exceeded operational goals through process improvements and strong staff engagement, reinforcing a year characterized by measurable impact, external validation and significant progress toward strategic objectives.

Dairy Council of CA Presentations: Virtual Gallery Walk

Dairy Ag Education: Mr. Efrain Valenzuela, Dairy Ag Education Director, presented on the expansion of dairy and agriculture literacy through MDC, school partnerships, conferences, community events, sustainability initiatives, farm-to-school promotion and new resources such as the "Milk has Superpowers" cafeteria poster. Efforts

strengthened relationships with districts, educators, industry leaders and community organizations.

Education Sector: Ms. Alyssa McClelland, Initiatives and Engagement Director, reported highlights focused on three priorities—Dairy Nutrition Education, Milk Fat Flexibility and Elevating Youth Voice. Activities included professional development for school nutrition leaders, advocacy around whole milk and dietary guidance, dairy farm tours, student engagement initiatives and platforms that elevated student perspectives in shaping school meals and nutrition programs.

Health Sector: Ms. Trina Robertson, Health Sector and Impact Evaluation Director, reported on the expanded engagement with healthcare professionals through conferences, webinars, publications, partnerships and evidence-based dairy nutrition education. The team grew its professional network, developed trusted nutrition resources, promoted healthy aging and the dairy matrix concept, and activated healthcare champions to serve as credible messengers for dairy nutrition and public health.

Marketing & Communications: Mr. Alex Vigil, Marketing, Communications and Digital Director, reported significant growth in reach and influence through campaigns such as World School Milk Day, National Milk Day and National Dairy Month, generating hundreds of thousands of impressions and strong engagement. The team amplified Dairy Council of CA's thought leadership through media placements, professional publications, digital content, strategic messaging and award-winning educational programming.

Program Transitions: Ms. Shannan Young, Initiatives, Engagement and Education Officer, announced the strategic sunset of the Let's Eat Healthy initiative and the California Local School Wellness Policy Collaborative after years of impact. She emphasized their legacy, including statewide wellness leadership, recognition of dairy champions and nearly $100,000 in community grants that reached more than 136,000 Californians. Future efforts will be integrated into Dairy Council of CA's evolving Food as Health strategy to create a more focused and unified organizational approach.

FY 2025-2026 Financial Reports through May 30, 2026, & Cash Investments as of May 30, 2026, and 2025

Mr. Matt Delgado stated that the FY 2025–2026 financial report shows Dairy Council of CA is outperforming budget expectations through May 31, 2026, with higher-than-budgeted revenue and lower expenses, resulting in a significantly improved net position compared to plan. Overall performance is driven by strong industry assessment revenue and disciplined spending, allowing programs to continue while maintaining cost control. Financial stability is solid, with $3.12 million in liquid assets and 5.6 months of operating reserves, exceeding the 4-month policy minimum.

Mr. Delgado stated further that the balance sheet changes reflect increased fixed assets and reduced pension liabilities, while higher liabilities are largely due to accounting for a building lease rather than new debt. Organizational restructuring has rebalanced staffing and reduced program costs across departments, generating meaningful savings. A new cost discipline initiative targeting a 5% expense reduction (exceeding goals) is helping maintain reserves and stabilize finances after prior-year declines.

Finally, leadership recommends continuation of audit services with MUN CPAs for conducting the required FY 2025–2026 audits.

IT WAS MOVED BY MIKE NEWELL AND SECONDED BY ARLENE VANDEREYK TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORTS THROUGH MAY 30, 2026, AND CASH INVESTMENTS AS OF MAY 30, 2026, AND 2025, AND APPROVED THE CONTINUATION WITH MUN CPAS FOR AUDITOR SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. AYES: CHUCK AHLEM, CURT DEGROOT, LUIS GUTIERREZ, MAUREEN LEMOS, MIKE NEWELL, MICHAEL OOSTEN, JUSTIN LEYENDEKKER, PRESTON FERNANDES, STACY HEATON, LEAINE SOUZA, PATRICK SCHALLBERGER, HEM SHAH, BRAD SCOTT, RICHARD SHEHADEY, ARLENE VANDEREYK, MELANIE YOUKHANA. NAYS: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: DOMENIC CARINALLI, JR., JOHN DOLAN, STEVE MADDOX, JOHN MELO, JOHN VANDERPOEL, JR. (BOARD MOTION 2026-06-17 BD#2).

FY 2026-2027 Strategic Success Plan

Ms. DeLisio, Ms. Young and Mr. Delgado shared the FY 2026–27 Strategic Success Plan outlines a clear vision to improve community health through dairy by combining nutrition education, partnerships and advocacy, with a focus on health across the lifespan and sustainable food systems. The strategy centers on three pillars: expanding dairy education through modern, evidence-based programs and resources; advancing strategic engagement to influence attitudes, partnerships and policy (including positioning dairy within “food as health” and responding to ultra-processed food debates); and strengthening organizational excellence through team performance, funding sustainability and industry visibility. Key activities include programs like the MDC, professional education, public campaigns and partnerships across schools, health sectors and agriculture. Success will be measured using an Objectives and Key Results-driven framework that tracks both internal performance and external impact—specifically changes in knowledge, value, attitudes and actions related to dairy nutrition—supported by engagement metrics, surveys and partner feedback to demonstrate measurable outcomes.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHUCK AHLEM AND SECONDED BY LEAINE SOUZA TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 STRATEGIC SUCCESS PLAN, AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. AYES: CHUCK AHLEM, CURT DEGROOT, LUIS GUTIERREZ, MAUREEN LEMOS, MIKE NEWELL, MICHAEL OOSTEN, JUSTIN LEYENDEKKER, PRESTON FERNANDES, STACY HEATON, LEAINE SOUZA, PATRICK SCHALLBERGER, HEM SHAH, BRAD SCOTT, RICHARD SHEHADEY, ARLENE VANDEREYK, MELANIE YOUKHANA. NAYS: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: DOMENIC CARINALLI, JR., JOHN DOLAN, STEVE MADDOX, JOHN MELO, JOHN VANDERPOEL, JR. (BOARD MOTION 2026-06-17 BD#3).

FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget, Salary Schedule & Assessment Rate

FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget and Organizational Salary Schedule

Ms. DeLisio and Mr. Delgado presented the 10-Year Budget Forecast which outlines a plan to achieve long-term financial sustainability by reducing reliance on reserves, aligning expenses and staffing with revenue and considering assessment rate increases. Currently, the organization has adequate reserves but is drawing them down each year, which is not sustainable long term.

Without a revenue increase, projections show continued deficits and steady depletion of reserves to near zero within the forecast period, requiring major action by the late 2020s.

The plan emphasizes disciplined cost management, gradual staffing alignment and maintaining minimum reserve levels, while highlighting that increased funding would provide greater operational flexibility and extend Dairy Council of California's financial runway. With an increased assessment rate, Dairy Council of California will be able to hire an MDC instructor for the San Diego region which has had over 150 requests over the last school year.

Ms. DeLisio and Mr. Delgado provided the Board with a proposed FY 2026-2027 budget that is based on the following higher assessment rates which would generate approximately $6.9 million in annual assessment revenue.

For handlers of milk:

- $0.0156 per hundredweight for milk utilization in Class 1 products.
- $0.0078 per hundredweight for milk utilized for all other usages.

For producers of milk:

- $0.00156 per pound for quota solids-not-fat,
- $0.00078 per pound for all other solids-not-fat, or
  If the stand-alone quota program ceases to operate during the fiscal year, a single producer assessment rate for the remainder of the fiscal year shall be calculated and set by the Department at a flat amount per hundredweight of milk produced and delivered to a handler that will generate total projected producer assessment revenue equal to total projected handler assessment revenue.

The Board concluded that the proposed budget is appropriate and that the assessment rates for the 2026-2027 fiscal year should be increased, representing the first assessment rate increase since 2019.

IT WAS MOVED BY RICHARD SHEHADEY AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL OOSTEN FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET WITH THE HIGHER ASSESSMENT RATES EXPECTED TO GENERATE $6.9 MILLION AND WITH THE ORGANIZATIONAL SALARY STRUCTURE, AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. AYES: CHUCK AHLEM, CURT DEGROOT, LUIS GUTIERREZ, MAUREEN LEMOS, MIKE NEWELL, MICHAEL OOSTEN, JUSTIN LEYENDEKKER, PRESTON FERNANDES, STACY HEATON, LEAINE SOUZA, PATRICK SCHALLBERGER, HEM SHAH, BRAD SCOTT, RICHARD SHEHADEY, ARLENE VANDEREYK, MELANIE YOUKHANA.

NAYS: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: DOMENIC CARINALLI, JR., JOHN DOLAN, STEVE MADDOX, JOHN MELO, JOHN VANDERPOEL, JR. (BOARD MOTION 2026-06-17 BD#4).

IT WAS MOVED BY MIKE NEWELL AND SECONDED BY CHUCK AHLEM TO SET THE 2026-2027 FY ASSESSMENT RATES AT THE INCREASED LEVELS PRESENTED ABOVE. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. AYES: CHUCK AHLEM, CURT DEGROOT, LUIS GUTIERREZ, MAUREEN LEMOS, MIKE NEWELL, MICHAEL OOSTEN, JUSTIN LEYENDEKKER, PRESTON FERNANDES, STACY HEATON, LEAINE SOUZA, PATRICK SCHALLBERGER, HEM SHAH, BRAD SCOTT, RICHARD SHEHADEY, ARLENE VANDEREYK, MELANIE YOUKHANA. NAYS: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: DOMENIC CARINALLI, JR., JOHN DOLAN, STEVE MADDOX, JOHN MELO, JOHN VANDERPOEL, JR. (BOARD MOTION 2026-06-17 BD#5).

Closed Session pursuant to California Government Code 11126(a) and 11126(e) regarding the evaluation of performance and Closed Session pursuant to California Government Code 11126(e)

Open Session – Report on Closed Session
Chair DeGroot reported that during the Closed Sesion he reviewed the Executive Committee's evaluation of Ms. DeLisio and that the full Board agreed with the Executive Committee's recommendation to renew Ms. DeLisio's contract as Chief Executive Officer of Dairy Council of California for FY 2026-2027.

IT WAS MOVED BY PRESTON FERNANDES AND SECONDED BY LEAINE SOUZA TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF MS. AMY DELISIO'S CONTRACT AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF DAIRY COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR, AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. AYES: CHUCK AHLEM, CURT DEGROOT, LUIS GUTIERREZ, MAUREEN LEMOS, MICHAEL OOSTEN, JUSTIN LEYENDEKKER, PRESTON FERNANDES, STACY HEATON, LEAINE SOUZA, PATRICK SCHALLBERGER, HEM SHAH, BRAD SCOTT, RICHARD SHEHADEY, ARLENE VANDEREYK, MELANIE YOUKHANA. NAYS: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: DOMENIC CARINALLI, JR., JOHN DOLAN, JOHN MELO, STEVE MADDOX, MIKE NEWELL, JOHN VANDERPOEL, JR., (BOARD MOTION 2026-06-17 BD#6).

Nominating Committee Report
Chair DeGroot, filling in for Mr. John Dolan (Nominating Committee Chair), updated the full Board that Mr. Greg Weston, Crystal Creamery, and Mr. Vance Ahlem, Hilmar Cheese, both recently resigned as handlers from the Board of Directors. This leaves two vacant handler positions, one with a remaining term expiring 10/31/2027 and another with a remaining term expiring 10/31/2028. In addition, there is one vacant producer position with a remaining term expiring this year on 10/31/2026. Chair DeGroot continued his report by informing the Board that the Executive Committee was recommending that current handler member Mr. Luis Gutierrez' of Karoun Dairies, be moved into the vacant handler position previously held by Mr. Ahlem with a remaining term expiring 10/31/2028. Mr. DeGroot explained that this recommended change to a position with a longer term would relieve Mr. Gutierrez of having to seek reappointment this year after having just recently been appointed to fill a prior handler vacancy earlier

this year. The full Board agreed that this recommended change in position for Mr. Gutierrez is appropriate.

Chair DeGroot stated further that following the prior day's Executive Committee meeting Mr. Mike Newell contacted Mr. Dan Adkins of Crystal Creamery to determine if he might be interested in filling the other vacant handler member position previously held by Mr. Weston which has a remaining term expiring 10/31/2027. Mr. Adkins indicated to Mr. Newell that he is interested in filling this vacant handler position.

IT WAS MOVED BY ARLENE VANDEREYK AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL OOSTEN TO RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT APPOINT MR. LUIS GUTIERREZ OF KAROUN DAIRIES TO THE VACANT HANDLER POSTION WITH A REMAINING TERM EXPIRING 10/31/208 AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT MR. DAN ADKINS OF CRYSTAL CREAMERYTO THE VACANT HANDLER POSITION ING WITH A REMAININGTERM EXPIRING 10/31/2027. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. AYES: CHUCK AHLEM, CURT DEGROOT, LUIS GUTIERREZ, MAUREEN LEMOS, MICHAEL OOSTEN, JUSTIN LEYENDEKKER, PRESTON FERNANDES, STACY HEATON, LEAINE SOUZA, PATRICK SCHALLBERGER, HEM SHAH, BRAD SCOTT, RICHARD SHEHADEY, ARLENE VANDEREYK, MELANIE YOUKHANA. NAYS: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: DOMENIC CARINALLI, JR., JOHN DOLAN, JOHN MELO, STEVE MADDOX, MIKE NEWELL, JOHN VANDERPOEL, JR., (BOARD MOTION 2026-06-17 BD#7).

Chair DeGroot reported that his term as Board Chair will end in November after serving an extra year as the Chair of the Board of Directors. He indicated that since he is a handler member, past Council practice dictates that the next Board Chair should be a producer member. Chair DeGroot further reported that the Executive Committee asked Mr. Oosten, producer member and Vice Chair, if he would be interested in serving as the next Chair and that he had agreed to do so if elected by the Board at the upcoming November Board meeting.

Chair De Groot also reported that Mr. Mik Newell, a handler Member-At-Large on the Executive Committee, is planning to retire from HP Hood LLC at the end of 2026 and that he will therefore no longer be serving on the Board nor the Executive Committee. Chair DeGroot reported further that prior to the board meeting Mr. Dolan connected with Mr. Hem Shah of Alta Dena Dairy, to determine his interest in stepping on to the Executive Committee as a handler Member-At-Large in November. Mr. Shah indicated that he would be interested in filling the handler Member-At-Large position if elected by the Board at the upcoming November Board meeting.

<u>California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) Report</u>
Mr. Manderfield, Senior Agricultural Economist, reminded the handlers and producers, who wish to continue as a Dairy Council of California board member, with terms expiring October 31, 2026, to submit their nomination paperwork for reappointment when CDFA mails the nomination documents to all milk producers and milk handlers later in July. Mr. Manderfield announced recent United States Department of Agriculture producer appointments to the National Dairy Board.

Chair's Report
Chair DeGroot shared his appreciation for Dairy Council of California staff and their presentations, going on to share they are a great team. Chair DeGroot looks forward to MDC's growth, expansion and sharing nutrition education with communities in the San Diego region once again. He appreciated Dairy Council of California visiting an older adult community with MDC. Chair DeGroot concluded by sharing his hope for the dairy industry's future and thanked Ms. DeLisio and Dairy Council of California team.

Mr. Delgado expressed his appreciation for the Board of Directors for their time, attention, community support and dedication. Ms. DeLisio thanked Chair DeGroot for his extra year of service as Chair of the Board.

Additional Public Comments: None

Adjourn
Chair DeGroot adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Submitted By: _____
Amy DeLisio
Chief Executive Officer

Certification

I, Amy DeLisio, Chief Executive Officer of Dairy Council of California, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 17, 2026.

Submitted By: _____
Amy DeLisio
Chief Executive Officer