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103rd Annual CCA/CCW Convention

Peppermill Resort, Reno, NV

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Thursday December 5, 2019

10 a.m.– noon

Meeting called to order by Chair Tom Talbot at 10:11 a.m.

Gene Harlan moved that the Cattle Health and Well Being Committee minutes of the 2019 CCA/CCW Midyear Meeting be approved as presented. Randy Perry seconded, motion passed.

Dr. Gabriele Maier, DVM, Ph.D., Assistant Specialist in Population Health & Reproduction of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, updated the group on the most recent developments in research toward a new Anaplasmosis vaccine. The current product on the market is produced in limited quantity and by one manufacturer with concern that if he ceases production, producers will be left with no product. Dr. Maier relayed that Kansas State University is currently working on a slow-release ear implant for cattle to combat Anaplasmosis.

Dr. John Adaska, DVM, Ph.D., Co-Director of the California Animal Health & Food Safety (CAHFS) Laboratory, provided an update on planning for a new laboratory in the Turlock area. Dr. Adaska relayed that site land has been purchased and planning for the lab has been approved. Unlike its predecessor lab, North Valley Animal Health, the new lab will be equipped to handle samples from livestock species beyond just poultry and dairy. Opening is planned for some time in 2024.

Dr. Jeffrey Stott, Ph.D., Professor at UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, gave an update on the current status of expanded field trials for the Foothill Abortion vaccine. With the vaccine nearing commercial availability, the expanded trials will cease with the completion of the 2019/2020 trial year in early spring.

Dr. Dale Wallis, DVM, Vice President and Senior Staff Veterinarian at Hygieia Biological Laboratories, provided an update on commercialization of a Foothill Abortion vaccine. While unable to disclose much due to the current status of USDA licensing, Dr. Wallis was cautiously optimistic about a vaccine product being available to producers sometime in late 2020.

Sarah Klopatek, Ph.D. candidate at UC Davis, introduced her Ranch Management Survey, aimed at identifying how ranchers obtain information, what information is most persuading, and who ranchers trust the most. Klopatek encouraged the group to take the survey if they had not already.

With speaker presentations concluded, Chair Tom Talbot opened the floor for policy review.

Tom Talbot moved to combine the vote for all expiring resolutions. Tina Wilson seconded, motion passed.

Talbot moved to approve as written Resolution 14-01 “Support for Brucellosis Eradication and Prevention”; to approve as amended Resolution 14-02 “Tuberculosis Rules on U.S.-Mexican Border,” Resolution 14-03 “California Trichomonosis Regulations,” and Resolution 14-04 “Antibiotic Use”; to approve as written Resolution 14-05 “California Beef Cattle Industry Production Code of Ethics”; and to approve as amended Resolutions 14-06 “Ethical Livestock Production and Resource Use” and 14-07 “Support of Animal Care Guidelines.” Bud Sloan seconded, motion passed.

With no further business before the committee, Chair Tom Talbot moved to adjourn the meeting. Randy Perry seconded. The Cattle Health and Well Being Committee adjourned at 11:52 a.m.