

**Cooperative Agricultural Support Services Authority**  
**Notice of Regular Teleconference Meeting of Board of Directors**

In accordance with the requirements of California Government Code section 54950, *et seq.*, notice is hereby given of a regular teleconference meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cooperative Agricultural Support Services Authority:

This meeting will be conducted as teleconference meeting at the location noted below. Remote teleconference access is provided for the public's convenience and in the event a Board Member requests remote participation due to just cause or emergency circumstances pursuant to Government Code section 54953(f). Please be advised that if a Board Member is not participating in the meeting remotely, remote participation for members of the public is provided for convenience only and in the event that the Zoom teleconference connection malfunctions for any reason, the Board of Directors reserves the right to conduct the meeting without remote access and take action on any agenda item.

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, August 22, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

**Meeting Locations:** 1776 Tribute Road, Suite 215, Sacramento, CA 95815  
173 Tom Bell Road, Weaverville, CA 96093

The public is invited to participate in the meeting via the following:

**Public Participation Zoom Conference:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84415972864?pwd=TXV6VTJBQmxKWnBSYXJ3VXR5ZUliQT09>

Meeting ID: 844 1597 2864

Passcode: 158184

**Dial-In by Phone Instructions:**

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Directors: Arima Kozina, Angela Blanchard, Humberto Izquierdo

2. Executive Officer's Report, presented by Executive Officer Sabrina L. Thomas.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

3. Approve Minutes of April 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

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## **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

4. CASS Year End FY 2023-2024 Financial Review, presented by Chief Financial Officer, James Appiah.
5. Discussion regarding FY 23-24 Budgetary Overage for Shipping Point Inspection Program and Recommendations for Programmatic Improvements, presented by Sabrina L. Thomas, Executive Officer. (Exhibit A: Inspection and Compliance Budgetary Overage Letter.)
6. Budgetary and Programmatic Implications of a Reduced FY 24-25 Budget for the Shipping Point Inspection Program, presented by Chief Financial Officer, James Appiah.
7. Adopt Resolution Authorizing CASS to Offer Accident, Critical Illness, and Life Insurance Benefits to Full-time Regular and Full-time Temporary staff on a Voluntary Basis at a 100% Premium Cost to Employee, presented by Sabrina L. Thomas, Executive Officer.
  - Resolution 2024-06: Approving Accident, Critical Illness, and Life Insurance Benefits to Full-time Regular and Full-time Temporary staff on a Voluntary Basis at a 100% Premium Cost to Employee.
8. Amended Schedule of CASS Regular Quarterly Board Meetings for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, presented by Sabrina L. Thomas, Executive Officer.
  - Resolution 2024-07: Adopt Amended Schedule of CASS Regular Quarterly Board Meetings for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, presented by Sabrina L. Thomas, Executive Officer.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Once the closed session has ended, the board meeting will be reconvened in open session. The Chair will then make any announcements required by the Brown Act relative to reportable actions taken during the closed session.

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(e): (1 case)

## **RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Report Out of Closed Session, if any.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

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## **PUBLIC ADDRESSES ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Members of the public may comment on any item of interest to the public within the subject matter jurisdiction of CASS. Members of the public who wish to address a specific agenda item are requested to offer their comments during consideration of that item.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## **NOTES:**

The Board may take action on any matter, however listed on this Agenda, and whether or not listed on this Agenda, to the extent permitted by applicable law. Staff Reports are subject to change without prior notice.

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