



### 3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice Chair Beard introduced Carolyn Schaffer to report on the follow up information and answers to questions from the report Dan Keppen of Family Farm Alliance presented last July.

### 4. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Presentation by Wigs Mendoza, Business Outreach, Metropolitan Water District: Incubators and Accelerators: Moving to Market

Presented by: Wigs Mendoza, Business Outreach Program Manager,  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Mr. Mendoza gave an overview of the innovation program at Metropolitan and Business Outreach's role in supporting and promoting incubators and accelerators to connect and find innovative solutions to problems.

- b. Subject: Presentation by Carlos Gutierrez, Chief Strategy Officer, Larta Institute: Building an Ag Innovation Ecosystem: Fostering an Environment for Applied Research and Emerging Technologies

Presented by: Carlos Gutierrez, Chief Strategy Officer, Larta Institute

Mr. Gutierrez discussed drivers of innovation. He also provided an overview of how the Larta Institute acts as an accelerator that partners with various entities such as federal, state, local government, private industries, universities and others to encourage and support early stage ventures in agriculture/food/water, energy, materials, healthcare, software, ed-tech, and environmental technology.

- c. Subject: Presentation by Dennis Calvert, President & CEO, BioLargo: Our Collaborative Approach to Developing Disruptive Technologies

Presented by: Dennis Calvert, President & CEO, BioLargo

Mr. Calvert discussed how BioLargo has grown using incubators and accelerators that encourage and support innovation. He also discussed the importance of collaborations, grants, and awards the company has received for their growth strategy.

### 5. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

### 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Larry Dick  
Chair