



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Milk Producer Review Board
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Re: Complaint No. COM-09022020-01592; Milk Producer Review Board, Bordessas, Douma, Dyt, Fernandes, Nunes III, Van Steyn, Fagundes, Moons, Van Groningen

Dear Review Board and Messrs. Bordessas, Douma, Dyt, Fernandes, Nunes, Van Steyn, Fagundes, Moons, and Van Groningen:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission has received a sworn complaint against you. It appears the complainant is alleging you have violated the Political Reform Act's¹ conflict of interest provisions. The information filed in the complaint is below. The complaint was filed against all those listed above.

The person filing the Complaint is:

Craig Gordon

[REDACTED]
Chino, CA 91708

The following is listed as a Witness
PRB Meeting taped recording by Sacramento

The violations alleged are:

Conflict of Interest

General Rule (87100)

The above mentioned dairymen and CDFA counsel Michelle Dia and Donald Shippelhouete conducted a Producer Review Board Meeting last Thursday August 27, 2020 at 10 AM via zoom. Agenda item # (6) Consideration of United Dairy Family Petition was a Petition calling for the termination of the QIP pooling program at the end of 5 years, at a cost of over \$940,000,000 to be funded by all of the dairies in the State of California, and then redistributed to 310 plus dairymen to put into their pockets. 13 dairymen on the board have the same motivation as the 310 of the dairymen who will be getting all of the money until it sunsets in five years, and 2 of the dairymen which i am one of the two - it will cost us just like the other 635 dairies that will pay their share of the \$940,000,000 until the five years is up .My share I currently pay is \$29,000 a month. Either you are making thousands of dollars from the dairymen or you are paying thousands of dollars, depending on how Secretary Ross decides on their recommendation to proceed or not.

I read your recommendation to the Board for me to recuse myself from voting on this PRB motion to recommend this petition to the Secretary Ross, and I warned everyone on the board that if they voted on this recommendation I was going to turn them over to you the Fair Political Practices Commission .I have brought this up twice before to the staff and to this board about the conflict of interests to no avail. It is not right when you have 13 of the board members who own quota and only two non quota dairymen on the PRB Board. We have complained at three different meetings and I have written Mr. Shipplehouete and Secretary Ross and have complained about the makeup of the Board. Before I recused myself, I recommended to the Board to just pass the petition on to the Secretary, and by pass the Producer Review Board, and it fell on deaf ears again. The board discussed for a good 30 minutes about the procedure of the petition, but again they hardly discussed the merits of the petition and what the costs will be and whether quota was a good thing or not? Pretty much the same pattern of discussion when the QIP was voted into existence. They passed the motion to recommend the five year Sunset to the Secretary. and then the meeting was adjourned. The meeting was recorded and I will send that tape recording to your office as a witness to my testimony.

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014, and all statutory references are to this code. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

At this time, we have not made any determination about the allegation(s) made in the complaint. Within 14 days, the complainant will be notified of our intent to:

- investigate the allegations of the complaint;
- refer the complaint to another governmental agency;
- take no action on the complaint because, on the basis of the information provided, the Commission does not appear to have jurisdiction to investigate; or
- take no action on the complaint because the allegations of the complaint do not warrant the Commission's further action.

A copy of that letter will be forwarded to you. If you have any comments on the allegation(s), your comments must be submitted in writing directed to Tara Stock at the address shown above or by email to tstock@fppc.ca.gov. Please include the complaint number referenced above in your response.

Sincerely,

Galena West

Galena West
Chief, Enforcement Division

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