



*Joint Informational Hearing with Senate Health Committee  
&  
Senate Agriculture Committee*

**Response to the Avian Flu: Looking at Biosecurity and Disease Monitoring  
Systems in California**

1:30 p.m. ~ March 5, 2025  
1021 O Street, Suite 1200

**AGENDA**

Opening Remarks

Panel One: Overview of Current Practices in California and the United States Regarding Biosecurity and Surveillance of Emerging Pathogens such as Avian Influenza

- Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
- Dr. Annette M. Jones, Director and State Veterinarian, Animal Health and Food Safety Service Division, CDFA
- Dr. Erica Pan, Director, California Department of Public Health and State Health Officer
- Dr. Rosemary Sifford, Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services (VS), APHIS, USDA

Panel Two: Human Health Impacts and Response

- Karen Elliott, Public Health Director, Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency
- Edward Flores, Faculty Director, UC Merced Community and Labor Center

Panel Three: Frontline Perspectives from Agriculture Industry Representatives

- Bill Mattos, President, California Poultry Federation
- David Will, Vice President of Sales, Chino Valley Ranchers
- Doreen Dyt, Field Representative, California Dairies, Inc.

Public Comment

Closing Remarks