AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE AND
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Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES
April 4, 2011
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:
Roger Duncan  Arby Hoobyar  Tom Orvis
Richard Gibson  Norman Kline  Ed Perry
John Herlihy  Tom Maring  Wayne Zipser

Board Members Absent:
Alan Cover
Lisa Funk

Ex-Officio Board Members:
Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present  Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS - Absent
Supervisor Vito Chiesa (Alternate) – Present  Rowe Barney, DER & Parks - Present
Gary Caseri, Ag Commissioner – Present

Others Present:
Lisa Alamo, USDA-NRCS  Angela Freitas, Stanislaus County Planning
Susan Azevedo, Ag Commissioner’s Office  Milton O’Haire, Ag Commissioner’s Office
Bill Carlson, Stanislaus County Planning

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 10, 2011 MEETING
It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the January 10, 2011 minutes.

IV. ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURAL BUFFERS
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT/REZONE-TEEN CHALLENGE-FAITH HOME RANCH

The applicant is requesting to amend a General Plan designation of Agriculture to Planned Development and to rezone approximately 37 acres from A-2-40 to Planned Development. The property is the existing Smith Teen Ranch and there is a request to expand an existing facility by adding additional buildings. The applicant is proposing a vegetative screen as required by guidelines and a 6-foot fence along the northern and southern property lines. There are no additional fencing or vegetative
screenings proposed on the east and west property lines. The new buildings along the east property line are located at least 500-feet away from Faith Home Road and an existing almond orchard on the western portion of the property provides a 450-foot buffer and setback area to the neighboring property to the west.

It was M/S/P to accept the alternative buffer as stated.

WEST SIDE PROPERTIES USE PERMIT APPLICATION

The existing agricultural business in the Patterson area is requesting to extend the use of the property for additional equipment only, no building additions. There are no alternative buffers proposed at this time.

It was M/S/P to accept the alternative buffer as stated.

V. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next scheduled meeting is **Monday, May 2, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.**
at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Conference Room H/I

B. Agenda Items

- Alternative Buffers, if applicable

Please contact John Herlihy, Gary Caseri or Debbie Wohld with items you wish placed on the agenda.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman John Herlihy adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
Ag Commissioner’s Office
Stanislaus County