

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

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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 Richard Gibson John Herlihy

Arby Hoobyar Norman Kline Tom Maring Tom Orvis Ed Perry Wayne Zipser

Board Members Absent: Alan Cover

Lisa Funk

Ex-Officio Board Members:

Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present Supervisor Vito Chiesa (Alternate) – Present Gary Caseri, Ag Commissioner – Present

Others Present:

Lisa Alamo, USDA-NRCS Susan Azevedo, Ag Commissioner's Office Bill Carlson, Stanislaus County Planning Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS - Absent Rowe Barney, DER & Parks - Present

Angela Freitas, Stanislaus County Planning Milton O'Haire, Ag Commissioner's Office

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 January10, 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