Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES
November 4, 2013
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:
Sherman Boone           Tom Orvis
Tracy Miller            Ed Perry
Jim Mortensen           Wayne Zipser

Board Members Absent:
Roger Duncan            Arby Hoobyar
Carlos Estacio III      Pamela Sweeten
John Herlihy

Ex-Officio Board Members:
Supervisor Jim DeMartini - Present
Janice Curtin – County CEO - Present
Milton O'Haire, Ag Commissioner - Present
Lisa Alamo, USDA-NRCS - Present
Jami Aggers, DER & Parks - Present

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
It was announced that Pamela Sweeten has been appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Board as the Representative of California Women in Agriculture.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 MEETING
It was noted that the draft minutes for the September 9, 2013 meeting had a date error on item III. The item should read APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 1, 2013 MEETING. The correction was noted and with this change, it was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the September 9, 2013 minutes.

IV. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PRESENTATION
Bob Martin of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDWMWA) provided a PowerPoint presentation of the activities of the SLDMWA relating to groundwater management.

V. GROUNDWATER ORDINANCE UPDATE
Agricultural Commissioner Milton O'Haire stated that the Board of Supervisors passed the ordinance during their October 29th meeting. O'Haire offered thanks to all that participated in the development of the ordinance. The Board of Supervisors also
gave approval to add a Manager IV position to oversee the planning and implementation of the ordinance and directed staff to initiate the formation of a Water Advisory Committee.

VI. SPRAY SAFE
Agricultural Commissioner O’Haire announced there will be a Spray Safe Program Workshop held at the Ag Center on November 7th from 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. offering 3.50 hours of continuing education in Laws & Regulations. Over 225 RSVPs to the event have been received so far.

VIII. ROUNDTABLE
Attendees provided general updates of activities of their respective organizations.

IX. NEXT MEETING
A. Meeting Date/Time:

A motion to change the time and location of the next meeting was made and passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 2, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.** at the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau located at 1201 L Street, Modesto.

B. Agenda Items

✓ None

Please contact Milton O’Haire or Susan Azevedo with items you wish placed on the agenda.

X. ADJOURNMENT
Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully

Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
Ag Commissioner’s Office
Stanislaus County