



**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE AND
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Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES

April 7, 2014

Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Sherman Boone
Roger Duncan
John Herlihy

Arby Hoobyar
Jim Mortensen
Tom Orvis

Ed Perry
Wayne Zipser

Board Members Absent:

Carlos Estacio III
Tracy Miller
Pamela Sweeten

Ex-Officio Board Members:

Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present
Jami Aggers, DER & Parks - Present
Milton O’Haire, Ag Commissioner – Present

Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS – Absent

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 3, 2014 MEETING

It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the March 3, 2014 minutes.

IV. WESTERN US IRRIGATION WATER CONFERENCE

Melissa Partyka, Research Analyst from UC Davis Western Center for Food Safety (WCFS), provided information regarding a conference the WCFS is hosting April 24th-25th. The Western US Irrigation Water Conference is aimed at identifying impediments to the adoption of the irrigation water quality criteria in the Produce Safety Rule section of FSMA. She extended an invitation to the board members and their constituents to attend the conference to voice any concerns or opinions regarding this topic.

V. STANISLAUS COUNTY GROWN PRESENTATION

Trina Walley from the East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District provided information on their Stanislaus County Grown project which aims to promote local agricultural products and the heritage of Stanislaus County by developing a cohesive and recognizable local brand supported with a marketing and education campaign. It will respond to the need for more direct-to-consumer opportunities, especially within the food deserts of Stanislaus County. A copy of her presentation materials will be available on the Agricultural Advisory Board website: <http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm>.

VI. WALNUT ORDINANCE

Sherman Boone provided an update from the walnut ordinance subcommittee which held their first meeting on March 21, 2014 and was comprised of representatives from the walnut industry, the Ag Advisory Board and various County departments which include the Agricultural Commissioner, Planning, Environmental Resources, County Counsel and the Sheriff's Department. The subcommittee is expected to present a draft ordinance at the next Ag Advisory Board monthly meeting.

VII. ROUNDTABLE

Attendees provided comments, updates on programs, and upcoming events and activities in their respective organizations.

VII. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 5, 2014, at 8:00 a.m.
at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Conference Room H/I

B. Agenda Items

✓ None

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tom Orvis adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
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Stanislaus County