Stanislaus County
Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES
February 1, 2016
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:
Roger Duncan          Tom Orvis
Gordon Heinrich       Ed Perry
Arby Hoobyar          Pamela Sweeten
Jim Mortensen         Wayne Zipser

Board Members Absent:
Sherman Boone          Carlos Estacio III
                      Stan Sinclair

Ex-Officio Board Members:
Jami Aggers, Environmental Resources – Present
Milton O’Haire, Agricultural Commissioner – Present
Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Absent
Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS – Absent

I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 14, 2015 MEETING
It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the December 14, 2015 minutes.

V. GROUNDWATER UPDATE – WALT WARD
Walt Ward, Stanislaus County Water Resources Manager, provided an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and Groundwater Sustainability Planning. He discussed the different basins affecting Stanislaus and the prioritization of these basins and options being considered for forming various groundwater sustainability agencies to develop and implement groundwater sustainability plans.

VI. ROUNDTABLE
Members provided general comments, program updates, and upcoming events and activities in their respective organizations.

VII. NEXT MEETING
A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 7, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, Conference Room H/I.

B. Agenda Items

The guest speaker for March 7, 2016 will be Jeff Borum, Soil Health Coordinator, East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District.

The guest speaker for April 4, 2016 will be Herb Smart, Turlock Irrigation District.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
Ag Commissioner's Office
Stanislaus County