Stanislaus County
Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES
April 4, 2016
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
8:00 a.m.

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

Board Members Absent:
Carlos Estacio III

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

I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 7, 2016 MEETING
The minutes of the last meeting were presented by the Chairman. The members were asked to consider the minutes for approval, and the action was taken as follows:

Motion:  Ed Perry
Second:  Gordon Heinrich
Vote:  Unanimous
V. STATE WATER BOARD BAY-DELTA PLAN PHASE1 SED – HERB SMART, TID

Herb Smart, Water Resources Analyst for the Turlock Irrigation District, provided an update on the State Water Board’s Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan, Phase 1 Draft SED. It is still unclear when the SWB will re-release an updated SED document. Mr. Smart provided a brief background of the SED and reviewed the two main purposes of Phase 1 which are to maintain flow in the lower San Joaquin River as fish population migrate and to improve salinity levels in the SJ River. The SWB proposes to do this with an increase of unimpaired flows of 35% from February through June from the salmon bearing tributaries. Mr. Smart provided information on the threats and negative impacts of the plan to the region and possible solutions and avenues of action.

A copy of Mr. Smart’s presentation can be found as an attachment to the April 4, 2016 Ag Advisory Board meeting at the following link:

http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm

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, May 2, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, Conference Room H/I.

B. Agenda Items

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
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Stanislaus County