I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 11:11 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 6, 2017 MEETING
The minutes of the last meeting were presented by the Chairman. The members were asked to consider the minutes for approval, and action was taken as follows:

Motion: Gordon Heinrich
Second: Jim Mortensen
Vote: Unanimous
V. **NUTRIA UPDATE**

Agricultural Commissioner Milton O’Haire provided a presentation on Nutria, a semi-aquatic rodent that tends to multiply quickly. Nutria is an A-rated invasive species that is very destructive to the environment, eating through canals and crop vegetation. It has been confirmed that one was recently sighted on the west side of the county. The California Department of Fish & Wildlife is the lead agency that will be implementing an eradication program.

A copy of the presentation can be found as an attachment to the December 11, 2017 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:**

There is a date change for the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA.

B. **Agenda Items:**

None at this time.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

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