



**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE AND
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**Stanislaus County
Agricultural Advisory Board**

MINUTES

August 06, 2018
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Sherman Boone	Ed Perry
Roger Duncan	Stan Sinclear
Gordon Heinrich	Pamela Sweeten
Tom Orvis	Wayne Zipser
Jim Mortensen	

Board Members Absent:

Carlos Estacio III Arby Hoobyar

Ex-Officio Board Members:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 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 11, 2017 & FEBRUARY 5, 2018 MEETINGS

The minutes of 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. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The nominating committee, comprised of Jim Mortensen and Ed Perry, presented the following nominations:

Chairperson – Tom Orvis
Vice Chair – Pamela Sweeten

The floor was open for additional nominations, none were received, and a motion was made to accept the nominations.

Election of Officers

It was M/S/P (unanimous) that Tom Orvis be elected to Chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019.

It was M/S/P (unanimous) that Pamela Sweeten be elected as Vice-Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

VI. NUTRIA PRESENTATION

Martha Volkoff, Environmental Program Manager with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), gave a presentation on the large, semi-aquatic rodent known as Nutria, which has recently been discovered in California. This destructive rodent consumes approximately 25% of their weight each day in vegetation and destroys up to 10x the amount consumed, causing severe erosion. Additionally, their burrowing damages infrastructure and levees. In response to this threat, the CDFW has taken an eradication approach and implementation, which includes visual surveys and trapping and removal of the pest. This will be a multi-year effort that requires sustained, intensive effort. To do so requires a long-term commitment of resources and ongoing public support. Sightings of Nutria can be reported to (866) 440-9530; invasives@wildlife.ca.gov.

A copy of the presentation materials can be found as an attachment to the August 6, 2018, Ag Advisory Board meeting at the following link:

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

VII. ROUNDTABLE

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

VIII. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

It was decided to cancel the September 3, 2018, meeting as it falls on Labor Day. The next meeting was scheduled for October 1, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA.

B. Agenda Items:

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

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