



**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND  
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**Agricultural Advisory Board**

**MINUTES**

June 7, 2010

Stanislaus County Agricultural Center  
Conference Room H/I  
10:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:**

John Herlihy  
Ray Prock, Jr.  
Wayne Zipser

Tom Maring  
Ed Perry

Tom Orvis  
Richard Gibson

**Board Members Absent:**

Norman Kline

John Azevedo

Alan Cover

**Ex-Officio Board Members :**

Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present  
Supervisor Vito Chiesa (Alternate) – Absent  
Gary Caseri, Ag Commissioner – Present

Chris Hartley, USDA-NRCS - Absent  
Rowe Barney, DER - Present

**Others Present:**

Javier Camarena, Stan Co. Planning  
Cynthia Darmstandler, Ag Comm Office  
Cheryl Delang, Sallaberry Pump Service  
Horacio Ferriz, Dept of Environ. Resources

Denny Hoeh, Ag Commissioner's Office  
Raul Mendez, Stan Co. Chief Executive Office  
Milton O'Haire, Ag Comm Office

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There was no public comment.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 1, 2010 ND MAY 3, 2010 MEETINGS**

It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the March 1 and May 3, 2010 minutes.

**IV. RECOGNITION OF ED PERRY, DIRECTOR OF U.C. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION,  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT**

Chairman John Herlihy and Agricultural Commissioner Gary Caseri thanked Ed Perry for his many years of service. Many members spoke and commented on his dedicated commitment to the Agricultural Advisory Board and his extensive contributions to the agricultural community.

**V. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS WITH TERM EXPIRATIONS OF JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>:  
RAY PROCK AND JOHN AZEVEDO**

Ray Prock was recognized and thanked for his dedicated service to the Agricultural Advisory Board. Appreciation was extended to John Azevedo, although he was not present.

**VI. NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

John Herlihy was nominated for Chairperson and Tom Orvis was nominated for Vice-Chairperson. The election will be held at the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**VII. ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURAL BUFFERS**

USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 2010-08 – RAMOS HULLER:

This application is to develop a huller/dryer on a 40' x 60' slab for a private walnut operation, located at 14433 Claribel Road in the north Waterford area. The site is surrounded by walnut orchards to the west, south and east, and grazing land to the north. The applicant proposed an alternative to the agricultural buffer standards. While a 150' buffer is required, the project only has 30' on the south border as a buffer, however, there are some existing trees.

John Herlihy noted that the property is very remote and he did not see a need for a vegetative screen.

It was M/S/P to accept the buffers as proposed by the applicant as long as the existing vegetative buffer (trees) is maintained.

**VIII. REPORT ON AG EDVENTURE – DENNY HOEH**

Denny reported that the AgEdventure event on May 21<sup>st</sup> was a big success and there were articles both in the Modesto Bee and the Stanislaus Farm News. There were over 1,000 third-graders in attendance and Denny gave a PowerPoint presentation on some of the highlights.

**IX. GROUNDWATER SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

John Herlihy reported that a meeting was held with the stakeholders on May 20<sup>th</sup>, with about 29 stakeholders in attendance. The subcommittee received some helpful and positive input on the preliminary draft ordinance which had been distributed. The subcommittee will then put together a draft based on this input and redistribute. John Herlihy stated that the stakeholders commented that they now have a better understanding of the document and its intent. Gary Caseri thanked Dr. Ferriz and Denny Hoeh for their help on this project.

**X. NEXT MEETING**

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next scheduled meeting is **Monday, July 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**  
at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Conference Room H/I


B. Agenda Items

- ✓ Alternative Buffers, if applicable
- ✓ Groundwater Subcommittee Update

Please contact John Herlihy, Gary Caseri or Cynthia Darmstandler with items you wish placed on the agenda.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman John Herlihy adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully  
Submitted,  
  
Cynthia Darmstandler  
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Stanislaus County