



**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

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Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES

June 10, 2013

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

Board Members Present:

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| Sherman Boone | Tom Orvis |
| Roger Duncan | Ed Perry |
| Carlos Estacio III | Wayne Zipser |
| Arby Hoobyar | |

Board Members Absent:

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| Lisa Funk | Tracy Miller |
| John Herlihy | |

Ex-Officio Board Members:

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| Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present | Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS - Absent |
| Supervisor Vito Chiesa (Alternate) – Absent | Jami Aggers, DER & Parks - Present |
| Milton O'Haire, Ag Commissioner – Present | |

Others Present:

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| Susan Azevedo, Ag Commissioner's Office | Stacy Henderson, Thomas H. Terpstra, Prof. Corp |
| Keith Boggs, Stanislaus County CEO | Kevin Kauffman, Eastside Water District |
| Gil Bostwick, Petrulakis Law & Advocacy | Mark Loeser, Stanislaus County CEO |
| Steve Boyd, TID | Matt Machado, Stanislaus County Public Works |
| John Davids, MID | Joshua Mann, Stanislaus County Planning |
| Sarge Green, California Water Institute | Supervisor Terry Withrow, BOS |
| Ken Groves, Assembly member Adam Gray | Debbie Wohld, Ag Commissioner's Office |
| Anthea Hansen, Del Puerto Water District | |

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 4, 2013 AND MAY 13, 2013 MEETINGS

It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the February 4, 2013, & May 13, 2013, minutes.

IV. AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Tom Orvis was nominated for the position of Chairman and Sherman Boone was nominated for the position of Vice-Chairman. The election will be held at the July 1, 2013 meeting.

V. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS

A motion was made to recommend changing the Bylaws, Article V, Section 1, Frequency and Time of Meetings, changing the meeting start time from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. The motion was approved (unanimous) and the proposed Bylaw language change will be sent to all voting members 15 days prior to the next meeting. Voting will take place at the July 1, 2013 meeting.

VI. WALNUT THEFT ORDINANCE STATUS UPDATE

A letter to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors was sent on May 24, 2013 seeking guidance as to whether the topic of a Walnut Theft Ordinance is a topic for which they would like the Agricultural Advisory Board to study and make a recommendation.

VII. AGRICULTURAL ELEMENT STATUS UPDATE

Joshua Mann from the Stanislaus County Planning department stated the Ag Element update failed at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Conflict issues are being reviewed by County Counsel and Mr. Mann stated Planning may come back to the Ag Advisory Board in the future regarding this issue.

VIII. RECOMMEND CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF THE GROUNDWATER MINING AND EXPORT ORDINANCE AND FORWARDING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A copy of the draft Groundwater Mining and Export Ordinance was presented at the meeting. Agricultural Commissioner Milton O'Haire gave a brief history of the development of the ordinance and Sarge Green of the California Water Institute walked members through recent changes to the ordinance. Chairman Orvis opened up the meeting for public comments. Del Puerto Water District expressed concern that the ordinance may conflict with their current policies and would need more detail and would contact Mr. Green for more information. Many noted thanks to the working group for all their hard work. The motion was made to Recommend Conceptual Approval of the Groundwater Mining and Export Ordinance and to Forward to the Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

IX. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 1, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Conference Room H/I.

B. Agenda Items

- ✓ Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

✓ Vote to Change Bylaws - change meeting time from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Please contact Milton O'Haire or Susan Azevedo with items you wish placed on the agenda.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
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Stanislaus County