



**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND
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Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES

March 3, 2014

Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Sherman Boone	Tracy Miller	Pamela Sweeten
Roger Duncan	Jim Mortensen	Wayne Zipser
Carlos Estacio III	Tom Orvis	
John Herlihy	Ed Perry	

Board Members Absent:

Arby Hoobyar

Ex-Officio Board Members:

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 3, 2014 MEETING

It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the February 3, 2014 minutes.

IV. GROUNDWATER PRESENTATION – Dr. Thomas Harter, UC Davis

Dr. Harter provided an overview of the dynamics and management of local groundwater basins. A copy of the presentation will be available on the Agricultural Advisory Board website: <http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm>.

V. WALNUT ORDINANCE

The Board received notification from the Stanislaus County Chief Executive Officer requesting the Ag Advisory Board craft an ordinance to address the increasing problem of walnut theft in Stanislaus County.

A motion was made to vote on the formation of a subcommittee to draft the ordinance. It was M/S/P (unanimous) and Chairman Orvis appointed Sherman Boone (chair), Ed Perry, and Tracy Miller to the subcommittee and directed Milton O'Haire to contact 2-3 individuals from the walnut industry to participate.

VI. ROUNDTABLE

Attendees provided comments, updates on programs, and upcoming events and activities in their respective organizations. It was also noted that Supervisor Jim DeMartini would be presenting the 2014 State of the County address at the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors meeting the following day with a notable emphasis on the importance of agriculture in this county.

VII. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 7, 2014, at 8:00 a.m.
at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Conference Room H/I

B. Agenda Items

✓ None

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tom Orvis adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
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Stanislaus County