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Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES
May 4, 2015
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto
Conference Room H/I
8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Roger Duncan	Tom Orvis
Gordon Heinrich	Ed Perry
Arby Hoobyar	Pamela Sweeten
Jim Mortensen	Wayne Zipser

Board Members Absent:

Sherman Boone	Stan Sinclear
Carlos Estacio III	

Ex-Officio Board Members:

Jami Aggers, Environmental Resources - Absent	Milton O'Haire, Ag Commissioner – Present
Jim De Martini, Board of Supervisors - Present	Diana Waller, USDA/NRCS - Absent

I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no public comments made.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2, 2015 MEETING
It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the February 2, 2015 minutes.

V. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Chairman Orvis appointed Arby Hoobyar, Jim Mortensen and Ed Perry to the Nominating Committee to make recommendations for the annual elections of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the new fiscal year. The committee will report their recommendations to the Advisory Board at the June 2015 meeting.

VI. Governor's Drought Executive Order

Walt Ward with the Department of Environmental Resources provided a PowerPoint Presentation of Governor Brown's Executive Order pertaining to the ongoing California drought. The severe drought conditions continue to present urgent challenges including: drinking water shortages; diminished water for agricultural production; degraded habitat for many fish and wildlife species; increased wildfire risk; and the threat of saltwater contamination to fresh water supplies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta. The presentation highlighted the orders and provisions which included: conservation (save water); increase enforcement against water waste; invest in new technologies; and streamline government response.

The PowerPoint for this presentation will be included on the County's webpage at http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm

VII. 2015 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM WATER RELATED ISSUES

The Ag Advisory Board was asked to review and provide any suggested changes on the water-related items in the 2015 Legislative Platform. Walt Ward provided a PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the issues and actions of the following water-related areas: general water policy; groundwater management; groundwater recharge; storm water; levees, Orestimba Creek Flood Control; and Federal Legislative projects. After review and discussion, the Ag Advisory Board had no suggested changes.

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VII. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 1, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, Conference Room H/I. It was determined, upon common consent, to cancel the July 6, 2015 meeting.

B. Agenda Items

- ✓ Grazing Regulatory Action Plan Presentation – Theresa Becchetti, UC Cooperative Extension

Please contact Milton O'Haire or Susan Azevedo at (209) 525-4730 with items you wish placed on the agenda.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
Office of the Agricultural Commissioner,
Stanislaus County