



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

MINUTES

December 11, 2017
Stanislaus County Farm Bureau
1201 L Street, Modesto, CA
11:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Roger Duncan	Tom Orvis
Carlos Estacio III	Ed Perry
Gordon Heinrich	Stan Sinclear
Jim Mortensen	Wayne Zipser

Board Members Absent:

Sherman Boone
Arby Hoobyar
Pamela Sweeten

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 11:11 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 6, 2017 MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting 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. NUTRIA UPDATE

Agricultural Commissioner Milton O’Haire provided a presentation on Nutria, a semi-aquatic rodent that tends to multiply quickly. Nutria is an A-rated invasive species that is very destructive to the environment, eating through canals and crop vegetation. It has been confirmed that one was recently sited on the west side of the county. The California Department of Fish & Wildlife is the lead agency that will be implementing an eradication program.

A copy of the presentation can be found as an attachment to the December 11, 2017 Ag Advisory Board meeting at the following link:

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

VI. ROUNDTABLE

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

VII. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

There is a date change for the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA.

B. Agenda Items:

None at this time.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
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Stanislaus County