



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

MINUTES

June 03, 2019

Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA
8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Roger Duncan	Tom Orvis
Gordon Heinrich	Wayne Zipser
Jim Mortensen	

Board Members Absent:

Sherman Boone	Ed Perry
Carlos Estacio III	Stan Sinclear
Arby Hoobyar	

Ex-Officio Board Members:

Jami Aggers, Environmental Resources – Present	Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present
Milton O'Haire, Agricultural Commissioner – Present	Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS– Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 4, 2019 MEETING

The was no quorum so a vote could not be taken. Approval of the February 4, 2019, minutes will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

V. AGRICULTURAL ELEMENT OVERVIEW – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Staff from the Planning Department provided an overview of the Agricultural Element, which was first adopted in April of 1992. The primary purpose of the Ag Element is to promote and protect local agriculture through the adoption of policies designed to achieve three main goals: strengthen the agricultural sector of our economy; conserve our agricultural lands for agricultural uses; and protect the natural resources that sustain agriculture in Stanislaus County.

In 2007, a five-year review period was added. The next review update will be August 2021 and issues to be considered are lot line adjustment criteria (too specific for general policy document and the intent of the criteria is not clearly understood and is limiting in case specific situations with no impact to agriculture) and buffer and setback guidelines (alternative buffer provisions need to be based on objective standards that can be consistently applied or eliminated based on trend for allowing “no buffer” alternatives.

Additionally, there are two agriculturally related land use ordinance amendments: accessory dwelling units and farmworker housing.

A copy of Agricultural Element Overview handout can be found as an attachment to the June 3, 2019, Ag Advisory Board meeting at the following link:

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

VI. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There was no quorum. The Nominating Committee report and election of officers will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

VII. ROUNDTABLE

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

VIII. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The July 1, 2019, meeting was canceled. The next meeting was scheduled for August 5, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA.

B. Agenda Items:

Nominating Committee report and election of officers.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
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Stanislaus County