Stanislaus County
Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES
March 02, 2020
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:
Roger Duncan       Jim Mortensen
Gordon Heinrich    Ed Perry
Arby Hoobyar       Wayne Zipser

Board Members Absent:
Sherman Boone       Tom Orvis
Carolos Estacio III Stan Sinclear
Brandi LoForti

Ex-Officio Board Members:
Ryan Barney, for 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 8:00 a.m.

II.  PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III.  PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There was no public comment.

IV.  APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 16, 2019 MEETING
The minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting were presented by the Vice-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. DEL PUERTO CANYON RESERVOIR UPDATE

Chris White from the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (SJRECWA) and Adam Scheuber from the Del Puerto Water District (DPWD) gave a presentation on the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir project. These two partnering agencies are proposing to construct and operate the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir which features an 800-acre reservoir with a 260-foot dam and three saddle dams that would be filled from the Delta-Mendota Canal. Some of the project benefits include improving water supply to farmers and wildlife refuges, capturing Del Puerto Creek runoff to increase flood protection, supporting the local and regional economy, and enhancing local management of groundwater and surface water to benefit local communities. They also discussed addressing community concerns, project funding, the design process and other challenges, including the relocation of major utilities.

For more information provided during the presentation, a copy of the presentation materials can be found as an attachment to the March 2, 2020, Ag Advisory Board meeting at the following link: http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm.

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 next meeting was scheduled for April 6, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA.

B. Agenda Items:

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Zipser adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
Ag Commissioner’s Office
Stanislaus County