



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

MINUTES

June 01, 2020

(meeting held via conference call)

8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Roger Duncan

Carlos Estacio

Gordon Heinrich

Arby Hoobyar

Jim Mortensen

Tom Orvis

Ed Perry

Stan Sinclear

Wayne Zipser

Board Members Absent:

Sherman Boone

Gordon Heinrich

Ex-Officio Board Members:

Jami Aggers, Environmental Resources – Present

Milton O'Haire, Agricultural Commissioner – Present

Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present

Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS – Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 2, 2020 MEETING

The minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting were presented by the Chairman. The members were asked to consider the minutes for approval, and action was taken as follows:

Motion: Jim Mortensen

Second: Arby Hoobyar

Vote: Unanimous

V. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Richard Murdock, Assistant Director of Emergency Services provided a brief COVID-19 overview. The County is quickly progressing through Phase 2 of re-opening. COVID-19 cases are anticipated to increase in the fall. The contact tracing project is currently staffed by approximately 90 workers and operates 7 days a week. County testing sites are located in Salida, Keyes and Patterson. Efforts are being made to work with EMTs to become mobile detectors for the hard to reach areas that include farm laborers and the homeless. Preparation for finalizing Stage 3 of re-opening is underway. Stanislaus County had 45 new positive cases over the weekend, rising to 744 cases total and 1 new death, increasing the total to 29. Agricultural Commissioner Milton O’Haire stated that his office received a large supply of disposable masks for ag-related industry use and is currently distributing them.

VI. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The nominating committee, comprised of Arby Hoobyar, Jim Mortensen and Ed Perry, presented the following nominations:

Chairperson – Tom Orvis
Vice Chair – Wayne Zipser

The floor was open for additional nominations, none were received, and a motion was made to accept the nominations.

Election of Officers

It was M/S/P (unanimous) that Tom Orvis be elected to Chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

It was M/S/P (unanimous) that Wayne Zipser be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

VII. ROUNDTABLE

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

VIII. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

Due to the July 4th holiday, the next meeting was scheduled for August 3, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA.

B. Agenda Items:

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
Agricultural Commissioner's Office