Stanislaus County
Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES
June 6, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:
Jennifer Heguy
Gordon Heinrich
Brandi LoForti
Jim Mortensen

Tom Orvis
Ed Perry
Stan Sinclair

Board Members Absent:
Caitie Diemel
Carlos Estacio

Arby Hoobyar

Ex-Officio Board Members:
Robert Kostlivy, Environmental Resources – Present
Vacant, USDA-NRCS – Absent
Kamaljit Bagri, Agricultural Commissioner – Present
Supervisor Vito Chiesa – Present

I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 4, 2022, MEETING
The minutes of the April 4, 2022, 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. MODESTO & EAST SAN JOAQUIN BASIN GSA UPDATES – OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Staff from OID provided a presentation on the status of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The SGMA, which was signed into law in 2014, sets the framework for statewide sustainable groundwater management and is best accomplished at the local level. The presentation provided geographical information on both the Modesto and Eastern
San Joaquin groundwater subbasins, lists of the different agencies involved, time-table requirements, interim milestones (proposed approach), project scenarios, and available resources to learn more about the project.

For more detailed information, a copy of the presentation can be found on the County’s website at [http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm](http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm).

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 – Caitie Diemel

The floor was opened 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, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

It was M/S/P (unanimous) that Caitie Diemel be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

VII. **ROUNDTABLE**

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

VIII. **NEXT MEETING**

A. **Meeting Date/Time:**

   It was noted that the July 4, 2022, meeting would be canceled due to the holiday and the next meeting would be August 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA.

B. **Agenda Items:**

   None noted

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

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Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
Ag Commissioner’s Office
Stanislaus County