



**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
& WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

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**Stanislaus County
Agricultural Advisory Board**

MINUTES

April 3, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Heguy
Arby Hoobyar
Jim Mortensen
Tom Orvis
Ed Perry
Stan Sinclear
Caitie Diemel
Gordon Heinrich

Board Members Absent:

Carlos Estacio
Brandi LoForti

Ex-Officio Board Members:

Robert Kostlivy, Environmental Resources – Present
Linda Pinfold, Agricultural Commissioner – Present

Rose Collins, USDA-NRCS – Absent
Supervisor Vito Chiesa – Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 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 12, 2022, MEETING

The minutes of the December 12, 2022, 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. SPRING/SUMMER POTENTIAL FLOODING UPDATES

Sheriff Jeff Dirke gave a quick update. A State of Emergency had been issued. Tuolumne and San Joaquin counties along with counties south of us are expecting flooding with the snow melt from April to June, depending on the weather. A couple of levees are being monitored



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due to boils. We have not had a bad blow out, only a few minor ones. Due to the growth from rains, fire season may start August to September or sooner, depending on the weather.

VI. DISTRICT WATER UPDATES

Herb Smart from TID agreed with the Sheriff on water inflow and let out of dams. Snow melting is the big thing to watch. Several PowerPoint slides were shown regarding the rivers and dams and information regarding ground water sustainability. He informed the Board that they are waiting for the State to approve their Ground Water Report and TID would be voting on several measures the following day. The PowerPoint and other information can be found on their website along with a new water rights page, outlining their thoughts and goals and what is going on with TID's water. Scott Moody with the Oakdale Irrigation District spoke to the levels of water in lakes.

Christy McKinnon from the Department of Environmental Resources stated that six of the critically over drafted subbasins that submitted their ground water assisting ability plans to the State Department of Water Resources were determined to be adequate. Many subbasin plans are inadequate, and those subbasins may go on probation or there could be State intervention.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

The Board welcomed Linda Pinfold, the new Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner. Ms. Pinfold has previous experience working in both Solano and San Joaquin counties and has held the positions of Agricultural Biologist, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner and Assistant Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures. Linda stated she is very excited to be in Stanislaus County and looks forward to working with the group.

VIII. ROUNDTABLE

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

IX. NEXT MEETING

- A. Meeting Date/Time: The next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2023. The Chairman reminded everyone that meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of every month but may be cancelled if there are no agenda items.
- B. Agenda Items: None noted.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Jami Wright
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