



**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
& WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

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**Stanislaus County
Agricultural Advisory Board**

MINUTES

November 6, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Caitie Diemel
Jennifer Heguy
Arby Hoobyar
Jim Mortensen
Tom Orvis
Stan Sinclear

Members Absent:

Carlos Estacio
Gordon Heinrich
Brandi LoForti
Ed Perry

Ex-Officio Board Members:

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

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Upon request of Chairperson Tom Orvis, the attendees participated in the pledge of allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the August 7, 2023, meeting were presented by the Chairperson. The members were asked to consider the minutes for approval.

The action was taken as follows:

Motion: Jim Mortensen

Second: Arby Hoobyar

Vote: Unanimous



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V. UPDATE ON TURLOCK GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN EAST TURLOCK GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (ETSGSA) – PROPOSITION 218 FEE ASSESSMENT
Mike Tietze, East Turlock GSA

Mike Tietze provided information on ETSGSA’s strategy to meet the SGMA requirement using an approach that incorporates both recharge projects and pumping management. He provided an update on developing a pumping management framework; a Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP); options being considered for groundwater extraction; and land-based assessment/fees. He also provided a schedule for upcoming workshops regarding the Prop 218 benefit assessment and extraction fees. For more detailed information, a copy of the presentation materials is located at <http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm>.

VI. FERTILIZER/SOIL AMENDMENT USE
James Dunbar, Lystek

Team members from Lystek provided information on thermal hydrolysis solutions for biosolids and organics management. A copy of the materials presented during the meeting is located is on the County’s website at <http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm>

VII. STANISLAUS COUNTY SEASONAL STUDY – DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION (DPR)
Linda Pinfold, Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner

The Department of Pesticide Regulation conducts several activities to help prevent or reduce the adverse effects of pesticides on air quality. They are guided in part by the Toxic Air Contaminant (TAC) Act of 1983. In carrying out the law, DPR reviews the physical properties, environmental fate and human effects of the candidate TAC pesticides and recommends monitoring priorities for them. They use that information to prepare risk assessments for review and then take appropriate actions to protect public health. Stanislaus County was selected for a seasonal study which is planned to run from February 2024 through May 2024. Additional information regarding this study, which includes pesticides of interest, sampling time period and frequency, and possible sites, can be found in a copy of the presentation handout located on the County’s website at <http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm>.

VIII. ROUNDTABLE

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

IX. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: The December meeting date, time and location were changed to the following:
Monday, December 11, 2023, 11:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau located at 1201 L Street, Modesto, CA.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Azevedo
Agricultural Commissioner’s Office
Stanislaus County