



**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
& WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Linda Pinfold
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/SEALER

**Stanislaus County
Agricultural Advisory Board**

MINUTES

December 16, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Caitie Diemel
Carlos Estacio III
Jennifer Heguy
Gordon Heinrich
Jim Mortensen
Tom Orvis
Ed Perry
Stan Sinclear

Members Absent:

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 11:00 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 general public comment. Public comments were received during the discussion of agenda item V. - Truck Parking in the Agricultural Zone.

IV. APPROVAL OF JUNE 3, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the June 3, 2024, were approved.

V. TRUCK PARKING IN THE AGRICULTURAL ZONE

Staff from the Stanislaus County Planning Department provided an overview of truck parking in the General Agriculture (A-2) zoning district and parking facilities for tractor-trailer combinations. Their presentation covered the evolution of the truck parking issue in the A-2, the current status of the issue and the next steps moving forward. From 2022-present, there's been an intensification of truck parking operations and complaints, noting 21 active Code

Enforcement (CE) cases. Currently, there's difficulty obtaining operators' compliance and consistency with existing codes. There's increasing neighbor complaints related to noise, dust, traffic, and disruption to character of the rural setting specific to the Keyes/Turlock area. Next steps include bringing the illegal truck parking issue back to the General Plan Update Committee.

A copy of the presentation is located at: <https://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm>

VI. GLASSY-WINGED SHARPSHOOTER TURLOCK QUARANTINE

Ag Commissioner Linda Pinfold provided an update on the glassy-winged sharpshooter (GWSS) quarantine in Turlock. To date, there have been sixty (60) GWSS finds affecting approximately 1,000 properties, with 600 of those properties having been treated so far. Compliance with the public has been very good as treatments continue.

VII. FARMWORKER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ag Commissioner Pinfold is working with County staff to establish a Farmworker Advisory Committee (FAC) that would focus on issues facing the County's farmworker population. The structure of the group would include one farmworker from each of the five districts, a farm labor contractor, an ag industry representative, a member from the Agricultural Advisory Board, and a representative from a community-based organization that focuses on serving farmworkers. There would be up to six meetings per year with flexible meeting times, such as weekends or evenings, and rotating locations to make meetings more accessible to farmworkers. For more information you can refer to the November 12, 2024, Stanislaus County Board Agenda item 7.2 or contact the Agricultural Commissioner.

VIII. HIGH PATH AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI)

Agricultural Commissioner Pinfold provided a brief update on HPAI. To date, there are six poultry facilities and just under 100 dairies impacted in Stanislaus County. Dairy cows infected may experience some sickness but usually recover, while the disease is often fatal for poultry.

IX. ROUNDTABLE

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

IX. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 3, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Azevedo
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Stanislaus County