



**Stanislaus County Agricultural Advisory Board**

**Meeting Minutes of**

**June 2, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Agricultural Center – Room H/I**

**3800 Cornucopia Way, Ste. B**

**Modesto, California 95358**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Catie Diemel, Jennifer Heguy, Jim Mortensen, Tom Orvis, Ed Perry, Stan Sinclear, and Trent Voss

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Carlos Estacio, Gordon Heinrich, and Brandi LoForti

**EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS:** Diana Waller (USDA-NRCS) – Absent, Robert Kostlivi (DER) – present, Linda Pinfold (Ag Commissioner) – present, Supervisor Vito Chiesa - Absent

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ag Advisory Committee Chair Tom Orvis called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No comments were received.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The February 3, 2025, meeting minutes were presented to the Committee and passed by unanimous vote.

**V. NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

The nominating committee presented the nominees for election of the Chair and Vice-Chair to serve for the period July 1, 2025 – June 2026. The voting results were as follows:

- Tom Orvis – elected to serve as Chair - unanimous
- Caitie Diemel – Elected to serve as Vice-Chair – unanimous

**VI. PRESENTATION**

Jhalendra Rijal, UC Cooperative Extension IPM Advisor, presented on pest pressure and three new invasives. A copy of the presentation will be attached to these minutes located at: <https://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm>.

**VII. ROUNDTABLE**

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

Linda Pinfold (Ag Commissioner)

- A request for Disaster Declaration for Cherry Production in Stanislaus County was recently submitted to the California Office of Emergency Services.
- Two new glassy-winged sharpshooters were found in the same location area of Turlock as previously found, 1 male and 1 female.
- Introduced Jatinder Gill, the new Assistant Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer.

**VIII. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed to cancel the July meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be held on August 4, 2025.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. by Committee Chair Tom Orvis.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Azevedo  
Agricultural Commissioner's Office  
Stanislaus County