



STANISLAUS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

Stanislaus County Agricultural Center – Room H/I
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358

MEETING MINUTES

STANISLAUS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, September 8, 2025, 10:00 AM

Members present: Catie Diemel, Vice Chair (Stanislaus County Farm Bureau), Carlos Estacio III (Ag-Related Industry), Jennifer Heguy (UC Cooperative Extension), Jim Mortensen (District 4), Edward Perry (District 5), Stan Sinclear (Ag Financing Institution)

Members absent: Gordon Heinrich (District 3), Trent Voss (District 2), Brandi LoForti (CA Women of Agriculture), Tom Orvis, Chair (District 1)

Ex-Officio Board Members: Diana Waller (USDA – NRCS) – Absent, Robert Kostlivy (DER) – Absent, Supervisor Vito Chiesa (BOS) – Absent, Linda Pinfeld (Ag Commissioner) – Present

Summary of Actions Taken

- **Approved** minutes from the June 2, 2025, meeting.
- **Supported** proposed zoning code amendments presented by Stanislaus County Planning Department on truck parking in the Agricultural Zone, with the condition that enforcement efforts be strengthened.

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:07 AM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Linda Pinfeld.

III. Public Comment

No public comments received.

IV. Approval of June 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jim Mortensen, seconded by Carlos Estacio. Motion carried unanimously.
Minutes approved.



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V. Truck Parking in the Agricultural Zone – Planning Department

[Presentation](#) by Kristen Anaya, Senior Planner, Stanislaus County Planning Department. Key points included:

- Overview of existing truck parking allowances in the A-2 zone.
- Proposed zoning ordinance amendments and general plan text changes.
- Clarification of limits for home occupations, use permits, and large-scale facilities.
- Introduction of concentration thresholds near state highways.

Board Action:

Motion by Carlos Estacio, seconded by Jim Mortensen to support proposed code amendments with emphasis on the need for stronger enforcement measures. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. East Turlock Groundwater Sustainability Agency Updates – Mike Tietze

[Presentation](#) provided updates on:

- Groundwater use fees and allocations.
- Ongoing sustainability projects and management actions.
- Adaptive management strategies and enforcement of regulations.
- Lessons learned from regional collaboration efforts and concerns about adjudication.

No Board action taken; informational item only.

VII. Roundtable Discussion

- **UC Cooperative Extension Update** by Jennifer Heguy: Still awaiting appointment of a permanent Pomology Advisor. Temporary coverage in place.
- **Agricultural Commissioner's Office Update** by Linda Pinfold:
 - 2024 Crop Report to be presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 9, 2025, featuring dairies.
 - Glassy-winged sharpshooter quarantine area in Turlock expanding due to continued detections; ~1,500 properties treated to date.
 - Farm Worker Advisory Committee still lacks farm worker applicants; Board members expressed low interest in serving.



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- **Farm Bureau Update** by Catie Diemel: Continued detections of pyrethroids in waterways remain the primary compliance and cost driver. Members urged caution in pesticide use near waterways.

VIII. Next Meeting Date and Time

Tentatively scheduled for **October 6, 2025**. Final confirmation to be provided via email.

IX. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM

Minutes prepared by: Corinne Rheinschild, Agricultural Commissioner's Office

Approved by: Agricultural Advisory Board on January 12, 2026