



**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE AND
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

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Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES

February 4, 2013
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Roger Duncan Tom Orvis
Arby Hoobyar Ed Perry
Tracy Miller Wayne Zipser

Board Members Absent:

Sherman Boone John Herlily
Carlos Estacio III
Lisa Funk

Ex-Officio Board Members:

Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS - Absent
Supervisor Vito Chiesa (Alternate) – Absent Jami Aggers, DER & Parks - Present
Gary Caseri, Ag Commissioner – Present

Others Present:

Lisa Alamo, USDA-NRCS Mark Loeser, County CEO
Susan Azevedo, Ag Commissioner’s Office Matt Machado, Stanislaus County Public Works
Keith Boggs, County CEO Joe Marcotte, Eastside Water District
Jack Bond, City of Modesto Monica Nino, County CEO
Michael Cooke, City of Turlock Milton O’Haire, Ag. Commissioner’s Office
John Davids, OID Monica Sandoval, City of Patterson
Angela Freitas, Stanislaus County Planning Walt Ward, MID

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE December 10, 2012 MEETING

It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the December 10, 2012 minutes.

IV. GROUNDWATER ORDINANCE UPDATE

Stanislaus County Ag Commissioner Gary Caseri stated that the June 27, 2012 is the last updated version of the ordinance. The county is in the final phases of securing Sarge Green as the facilitator for the Groundwater Ordinance Workgroup. Mr. Green is the project director for the California State University, Fresno International Center for Water Technology, Center for Irrigation Technology, California Water Institute. Caseri stated that the workgroup will hold two meetings with the first meeting scheduled for February 15, 2013. Members of the group are currently identified as follows:

1. Facilitator
 - Sarge Green, CSUF
2. County Staff
 - Gary Caseri, Agricultural Commissioner
 - Milton O'Haire, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner
 - Jami Aggers, Environmental Resources & Parks
 - Raul Mendez/Mark Loeser-CEO
 - Keith Boggs, CEO
 - Horacio Ferriz, Environmental Resources
3. Water Agencies
 - Debbie Liebersbach – TID
 - Walt Ward – MID
 - Chris White – CCID
 - John Davids – OID
 - Jack Bond – City of Modesto
 - Dan Madden – City of Turlock

V. AG ELEMENT UPDATE

Angela Freitas from the Stanislaus County Planning Department gave an update of the Agricultural Element and provided members with a handout listing new implementation measures to the following three goals: 1) Strengthen the Agricultural Sector of Our Economy; 2) Conserve our agricultural lands for agricultural uses; and 3) Protect the natural resources that sustain our agricultural industry. A copy of the handout shall be attached to these minutes. Ms. Freitas asked the members to review the new implementation measures and contact her with any comments.

VI. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 4, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Conference Room H/I.

B. Agenda Items

- ✓ Groundwater Ordinance Update.

Please contact Gary Caseri or Susan Azevedo with items you wish placed on the agenda.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
Ag Commissioner's Office
Stanislaus County