



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

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**Agricultural Advisory Board**

**MINUTES**

December 10, 2012  
Stanislaus Farm Bureau  
1201 L Street, Modesto, CA  
10:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Sherman Boone	Tracy Miller
Carlos Estacio III	Tom Orvis
John Herlihy	Ed Perry
Arby Hoobyar	Wayne Zipser

**Board Members Absent:**

Roger Duncan  
Lisa Funk

**Ex-Officio Board Members:**

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

**Others Present:**

Lisa Alamo, USDA-NRCS	Stacy Henderson, Law Office-Thomas Terpstra
Susan Azevedo, Ag Commissioner’s Office	Debbie Liebersbach, TID
Keith Boggs, County CEO	Mark Loeser, County CEO
Jack Bond, City of Modesto	Raul Mendez, County CEO
Tom Boze, County Counsel	Milton O’Haire, Ag. Commissioner’s Office
Michael Cooke, City of Turlock	Tim Pelican, Ag. Commissioner’s Office
Horacio Ferriz, DER	Judy Sly, Modesto Bee
Anthea Hansen, Del Puerto Water	Terry Withrow

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There was no public comment.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE August 27, 2012 MEETING**

It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the August 27, 2012 minutes.

**IV. GROUNDWATER ORDINANCE UPDATE**

Stanislaus County Ag Commissioner Gary Caseri stated a small water stakeholder working group would be formed to work on the ordinance. Staff is in the process of securing a facilitator to oversee the meetings. The banking component would be taken out of the draft and the working group would review two components: the base groundwater ordinance and surface elements. A Groundwater/Surface Water Ordinance Development Outreach Timeline draft was provided during the meeting:

December 2012-March 2013

- Water Stakeholder working group meetings
- Facilitated
- Clear objectives and end point

March 2013 - April 2013

- Info Share
- Water Summit Participants
- Share with City Managers

May 2013 – July 2013

- Share with Ag Advisory Board for final comment
- Recommendation to County Board of Supervisors (BOS)

July 2013

- Draft BOS Agenda Item
- Final BOS briefings
- Present Ordinance to County Board of Supervisors

Key individuals from irrigation districts, city managers and County staff would make up the small workgroup. Stakeholders would be identified and contacted in the next couple of weeks.

## V. WALNUT THEFT ORDINANCE

Tim Pelican, Stanislaus County Deputy Agricultural Commissioner provided information on walnut theft in Stanislaus County and the possibility of having a walnut theft ordinance in place. After looking at other counties' ordinances, Butte County's ordinance might be best suited for Stanislaus. It is less restrictive and deals directly with what is required to provide proof of ownership and the record keeping requirements of the buyers. Commissioner Caseri stated that his department would talk to industry and determine how to move forward with the issue.

## VI. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Conference Room H/I.

B. Agenda Items

- ✓ Confirmation of the water stakeholder facilitator and group members.

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