



**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE AND
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**Stanislaus County
Agricultural Advisory Board**

MINUTES

February 1, 2016
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Roger Duncan	Tom Orvis
Gordon Heinrich	Ed Perry
Arby Hoobyar	Pamela Sweeten
Jim Mortensen	Wayne Zipser

Board Members Absent:

Sherman Boone	Carlos Estacio III	Stan Sinclear
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Ex-Officio Board Members:

Jami Aggers, Environmental Resources – Present	Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Absent
Milton O’Haire, Agricultural Commissioner – Present	Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS– Absent

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 14, 2015 MEETING

It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the December 14, 2015 minutes.

V. GROUNDWATER UPDATE – WALT WARD

Walt Ward, Stanislaus County Water Resources Manager, provided an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and Groundwater Sustainability Planning. He discussed the different basins affecting Stanislaus and the prioritization of these basins and options being considered for forming various groundwater sustainability agencies to develop and implement groundwater sustainability plans.

VI. ROUNDTABLE

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

VII. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 7, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, Conference Room H/I.

B. Agenda Items

The guest speaker for March 7, 2016 will be Jeff Borum, Soil Health Coordinator, East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District.

The guest speaker for April 4, 2016 will be Herb Smart, Turlock Irrigation District.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
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Stanislaus County