



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

MINUTES

July 10, 2017

Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

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| Arby Hoobyar | Ed Perry |
| Jim Mortensen | Stan Sinclear |
| Tom Orvis | Wayne Zipser |

Board Members Absent:

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| Sherman Boone | Gordon Heinrich |
| Roger Duncan | Pamela Sweeten |
| Carlos Estacio III | |

Ex-Officio Board Members:

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| Jami Aggers, Environmental Resources – Present | Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present |
| Milton O’Haire, Agricultural Commissioner – Present | Gemelle Brion, USDA-NRCS– Present |

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 6, 2017 MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were presented by the Chairman. The members were asked to consider the minutes for approval, and action was taken as follows:

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| Motion: | Jim Mortensen |
| Second: | Arby Hoobyar |
| Vote: | Unanimous |

V. Nominating Committee Recommendations

Ed Perry spoke on behalf of the nominating committee which was also comprised of Jim Mortensen and Arby Hoobyar. The committee met on July 10, 2017, to discuss the nominations and presented the following nominations:

Chairperson – Tom Orvis
Vice Chair – Pamela Sweeten

The floor was open for additional nominations, none were received, and a motion was made to accept the nominations.

VI. Election of Officers

It was M/S/P (unanimous) that Tom Orvis be elected to Chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

It was M/S/P (unanimous) that Pamela Sweeten be elected as Vice-Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

VII. 2017 Flood Response and Preparedness – Dale Skiles, Office of Emergency Services

Chief Dale Skiles provided information on emergency response and preparedness, stating that it's the mission of OES to coordinate and communicate, whether it is floods, fires, power outages, heat issues or other types of emergencies.

He provided a summary of the emergency flood conditions that developed during January – March of 2017, describing the various waterways and growing concerns as all the tributaries in Stanislaus County became affected. He noted that for the first time since February 1997, the Don Pedro spillway gates were opened. In response to imminent flood concerns, Stanislaus OES developed and activated a response contingency plan and numerous organizations worked together at the Emergency Operations Center 24/7. Chief Skiles cited the importance of the positive working relationships and collaboration with the Army Corps of Engineers, the State Department of Water Resources, TID and other irrigation districts.

Currently, the La Grange Dam is over topping at about 3 feet, Modesto Reservoir and Turlock Reservoir are full, Don Pedro is at 827 feet (830 feet is when Don Pedro spills) and Melones is at about 90%.

Chief Skiles also touched briefly on current fire issues and the impacts from the previous years' drought, stating over 400 fire engines have been mobilized to different fires throughout the state in the last 48 hours.

VIII. ROUNDTABLE

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

IX. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next meeting is set for August 7, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, Conference Room H/I.

B. Agenda Items:

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

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