



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

MINUTES

November 6, 2017
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Carlos Estacio III	Ed Perry
Gordon Heinrich	Pamela Sweeten
Jim Mortensen	Stan Sinclear
Tom Orvis	Wayne Zipser

Board Members Absent:

Sherman Boone
Roger Duncan
Arby Hoobyar

Ex-Officio Board Members:

Jami Aggers, Environmental Resources – Present	Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present
Milton O’Haire, Agricultural Commissioner – Present	Diana Waller, 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 JULY 10, 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:

Motion:	Ed Perry
Second:	Jim Mortensen
Vote:	Unanimous

V. Introduction of New Stanislaus County Chief Executive Officer

Jody Hayes shared with the members his background stating he's been with Stanislaus County for 18 years now. He worked as an administrator in the Probation Department before moving to the Chief Executive Office. He expressed his gratitude for the all opportunities and challenges the County has provided. Mr. Hayes shared some of his goals as the new CEO, stating he would like to focus on tackling the societal issues in our county, working on programs that will lift people from a state of depending on the community, to a state of contributing to the community. Mr. Hayes also expressed the importance of agriculture and the role it plays in the economic development of our community.

VI. Cannabis Update

Keith Boggs from the Chief Executive Office and Angela Freitas from Planning provided an update on the County's cannabis ordinance. An overview was provided of the County's process of developing a conservative allowance strategy for commercial cannabis. The recommendation to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) was the allowance of 61 maximum permits and no more than 7 retail establishments in the unincorporated area, and no outdoor grows. On September 26th, the BOS directed CEO staff to move forward with this strategy. A registration period was opened to gauge interest, which resulted in 117 interested registrants. The next steps involve going to the Planning Commission on November 16th and coming back to the BOS on December 5th with a regulatory cannabis ordinance, zoning ordinance amendments and a fee structure for permitting and enforcement activities.

VII. MID – Tuolumne River Management Plan

Staff from Modesto Irrigation District (MID) provided a presentation on the Tuolumne River Management Plan that addresses the relicensing of the Don Pedro Project in accordance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The plan covers laws & regulations, how the plan was developed, what's in the plan and what's next in the process. Plan goals include maintaining water supply reliability, using empirically-based science developed for the lower Tuolumne, identifying potential measures to protect and expand the fall-run Chinook salmon and O. mykiss populations, supporting recreational opportunities and riparian resources, and protecting cultural, terrestrial, and recreational resources.

A copy of the presentation materials can be found as an attachment to the November 6, 2017 Ag Advisory Board meeting at the following link:

<http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm>

VIII. ROUNDTABLE

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

IX. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

There is a date/time/location change for the next meeting. The next meeting will be held December 11, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, 1201 L Street, Modesto

B. Agenda Items:

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
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