



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

MINUTES

August 05, 2019

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

Board Members Present:

Roger Duncan	Ed Perry
Gordon Heinrich	Stan Sinclear
Brandi LoForti	Pamela Sweeten
Jim Mortensen	Wayne Zipser
Tom Orvis	

Board Members Absent:

Sherman Boone	Carlos Estacio III
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Ex-Officio Board Members:

Walt Ward, for Environmental Resources – Present	Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present
Milton O'Haire, Agricultural Commissioner – Present	Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS– Absent

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 4, 2019 & JUNE 3, 2019 MEETINGS

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

Motion:	Gordon Heinrich
Second:	Jim Mortensen
Vote:	Unanimous

V. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The nominating committee, comprised of Arby Hoobyar, Jim Mortensen and Ed Perry, presented the following nominations:

Chairperson – Tom Orvis
Vice Chair – Wayne Zipser

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

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, 2019 - June 30, 2020.

It was M/S/P (unanimous) that Wayne Zipser be elected as Vice-Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

VI. STANISLAUS COUNTY WATER AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Walt Ward provided members with a status update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) act. Agencies electing to become Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are given broad powers and authority regarding groundwater management, including: develop and implement groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs); investigate and determine the sustainable yield of a groundwater basin; collect pertinent groundwater monitoring information; and enforcement. GSP adoption deadlines are January 31, 2020 (critical condition of overdraft) and January 31, 2022 (high & medium priority basins). If those deadlines are missed, or if the DWR determines that a plan is not adequate, the State Water Resources Control Board will have the ability to step in and impose its own interim plan until an acceptable local plan is in place. Mr. Ward provided information on the various groundwater basin GSAs. Additionally, a brief update on the Stanislaus County Well Permitting Program activity status was provided.

A copy of the presentation materials can be found as an attachment to the August 5, 2019, Ag Advisory Board meeting at the following link: <http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm>.

VII. ROUNDTABLE

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

VIII. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

It was decided to cancel the September 2, 2019, meeting as it falls on Labor Day. The next meeting was scheduled for October 7, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA.

B. Agenda Items:

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

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