



**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND
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Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES

August 2, 2010
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

John Herlihy	Arby Hoobyar	Tom Orvis
Lisa Funk	Ed Perry	Richard Gibson
Wayne Zipser		

Board Members Absent:

Norman Kline	Alan Cover	Tom Maring
Kathy Anderson		

Ex-Officio Board Members :

Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present	Chris Hartley, USDA-NRCS - Present
Supervisor Vito Chiesa (Alternate) – Absent	Rowe Barney, DER & Parks - Present
Gary Caseri, Ag Commissioner – Present	

Others Present:

Cynthia Darmstandler, Ag Comm Office	Milton O'Haire, Ag Commissioner's Office
Nicole Damin, DER & Parks	Tim Pelican, Ag Commissioner's Office
Raul Mendez, Stan Co. Chief Executive Office	Rachel Wyse, Stan Co. Planning

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 12, 2010 MEETING

It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the July 12, 2010 minutes.

**IV. ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURAL BUFFER
UP 2010-09 AND LLA 2010-10 – Scatec Westside Solar Farm**

The Scatec Westside Solar Farm is proposed to be located on approximately 384 acres on Davis Road, west of Interstate 5, in the Newman/Crows Landing area. The applicant is proposing an alternative buffer consisting of 20-feet from property lines to the edge of the trackers along the south and west project boundary lines. The north and east project boundary lines will implement the 150-foot buffer setback requirement. No vegetative screening is being proposed. Fencing will consist of 6-foot cyclone fencing for security purposes.

It was M/S/P (unanimous), to accept the alternative buffers as stated.

V. DESTRUCTIVE AG PEST UPDATE

Tim Pelican, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, gave the Ag Advisory Board an update on the Pest Detection program in Stanislaus County. He distributed samples of insects for viewing and outlined the number of traps for various insects such as Gypsy Moth, Japanese Beetle, Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS), etc. Tim stated that Stanislaus County is currently performing delimitation trapping at a local nursery for GWSS. There are currently quarantines in Merced and Fresno counties for European Grapevine Moth (EGVM); and the one in Merced County is on the border of Stanislaus County. The Fresno County quarantine area is just south of Fresno and has had a big effect on the fresh grape industry in that area. Tim reported that there are now four quarantine areas within San Joaquin County for Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) and the State will be treating those areas. Chairman Herlihy commented that this presentation was very interesting and he thinks the Ag Advisory Board would like to hear regular updates on this program.

VI. GROUNDWATER SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Chairman John Herlihy reported that stakeholder comments on the latest draft were due July 23rd. The subcommittee did receive comments from the City of Modesto and the City of Turlock. It was mentioned that the draft would not be revised for every comment, however each comment would be taken into consideration. The subcommittee planned to meet after the Ag Advisory Board meeting adjourned.

VII. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Conference Room H/I

B. Agenda Items

- ✓ Alternative Buffers, if applicable
- ✓ Groundwater Subcommittee Report

Please contact John Herlihy, Gary Caseri or Cynthia Darmstandler with items you wish placed on the agenda.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman John Herlihy adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,



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