



**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND  
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

**Milton O'Haire**  
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite B  
Modesto, California 95358  
Phone: 209.525.4730 Fax: 209.525.4790

**Agricultural Advisory Board**

**MINUTES**

December 2, 2013  
Stanislaus County Farm Bureau  
1201 L Street  
11:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Sherman Boone	Jim Mortensen
Roger Duncan	Tom Orvis
Carlos Estacio III	Ed Perry
Arby Hoobyar	Pamela Sweeten
John Herlihy	Wayne Zipser
Tracy Miller	

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Ex-Officio Board Members:**

Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present	Lisa Alamo, USDA-NRCS - Present
Jami Aggers, DER & Parks - Present	
Milton O'Haire, Ag Commissioner – Present	

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There was no public comment.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 4, 2013 MEETING**

It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the November 4, 2013 minutes.

**IV. GROUNDWATER ORDINANCE UPDATE**

Ag Commissioner Milton O'Haire provided members with a brief update regarding the establishment a Water Advisory Committee (WAC) to support the implementation of groundwater management in Stanislaus County. The WAC will consist of 21 advisory stakeholders and community members who will work with a Water Resources Manager and Environmental Resources. Approval for the WAC will go before the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors on December 17, 2013. Chairman Orvis stated the Agricultural Advisory Board will have a representative on the WAC. Moving forward, the WAC will now be responsible for implementation of groundwater management.

**V. WALNUT THEFT UPDATE**

Agricultural Commissioner O'Haire stated that his staff spent approximately 190 hours working 7 days a week performing inspections of itinerant walnut buyers. During this time 28 receipts appeared questionable of which 33% were deemed to be fraudulent. Some nuts were confiscated.

**VI. PRESENTATION – FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT**

Pamela Sweeten provided a presentation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) which was signed into law by President Obama on January 4, 2011 and aims to ensure the U.S. food supply is safe by shifting the focus from responding to contamination to preventing it. A copy of the presentation shall be posted as an attachment to these minutes on the Ag Advisory Board web page.

**VII. ROUNDTABLE**

Attendees provided general updates of activities in their respective organizations.

**IX. NEXT MEETING**

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 6, 2014, at 8:00 a.m.** at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Conference Room H/I.

B. Agenda Items

✓ None noted

Please contact Milton O'Haire or Susan Azevedo with items you wish placed on the agenda.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully  
Submitted,

Susan Azevedo  
Ag Commissioner's Office  
Stanislaus County