



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

**MINUTES**

June 1, 2015

Stanislaus County Agricultural Center  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto  
Conference Room H/I  
8:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Roger Duncan	Jim Mortensen	Wayne Zipser
Carlos Estacio III	Tom Orvis	
Gordon Heinrich	Ed Perry	
Arby Hoobyar	Stan Sinclear	

**Board Members Absent:**

Sherman Boone  
Pamela Sweeten

**Ex-Officio Board Members:**

Jami Aggers, Environmental Resources - Absent	Milton O’Haire, Ag Commissioner – Present
Jim De Martini, Board of Supervisors - Present	Diana Waller, USDA/NRCS - Absent

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments made.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 4, 2015 MEETING**

It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the May 4, 2015 minutes.

**V. NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Ed Perry spoke on behalf of the nominating committee which was also comprised of Arby Hoobyar and Jim Mortensen. The committee met on May 4, 2015 to discuss the nominations and presented the following recommendations for nomination: Tom Orvis for the position of Chairman and Pamela Sweeten for the position of Vice-Chair. The floor was then open for additional nominations (none received) and a motion was made to accept the nominations and the vote was taken.

It was M/S/P (unanimous) that Tom Orvis be elected to Chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

It was M/S/P (unanimous), that Pamela Sweeten be elected as Vice-Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

**VI. GRAZING REGULATORY ACTION PLAN**

Theresa Becchetti, Livestock and Natural Resource Advisor with the UC Cooperative Extension, provided a presentation on the Grazing Regulatory Program (GRAP). GRAP is one of several collaborative efforts established by the Water boards to develop regulatory strategies for addressing water quality impacts related to livestock grazing in California. Ms. Becchetti provided information on stakeholders concerns about GRAP (not transparent, based on pre-conceived opinions, questioning the need for GRAP or is it reinventing the wheel). She then discussed two programs that the UC Cooperative Extension is involved in: California's Rangeland Water Quality Partnership and Water Quality Impairments, Grazing, and California.

A copy of the PowerPoint for this presentation will be included on the County's webpage at <http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm>.

**VII. ROUNDTABLE**

Attendees provided general comments, updates on programs, and upcoming events and activities in their respective organizations.

**VII. NEXT MEETING**

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, August 3, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, Conference Room H/I. It was determined, upon common consent, at the June 1, 2015 meeting to cancel the July 6, 2015 meeting.

B. Agenda Items

- ✓ Possible Topic: Introduction of the New UC Integrated Pest Management Advisor

Please contact Milton O'Haire or Susan Azevedo at (209) 525-4730 with items you wish placed on the agenda.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Azevedo  
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Stanislaus County