

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

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Stanislaus County Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES

March 7, 2016 Stanislaus County Agricultural Center Conference Room H/I 8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Roger Duncan	Stan Sinclear
Carlos Estacio III	Tom Orvis
Gordon Heinrich	Ed Perry

Board Members Absent:

Sherman Boone

Arby Hoobyar

Jim Mortensen
Pamela Sweeten

Wayne Zipser

Ex-Officio Board Members:

Jami Aggers, Environmental Resources – Present Milton O'Haire, Agricultural Commissioner – Present Supervisor Jim DeMartini – 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 was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 1, 2016 MEETING

It was M/S/P (unanimous), to approve the February 1, 2016 minutes.

V. SOIL HEALTH NETWORK – JEFF BORUM, ESRCD

Jeff Borum, Soil Health Coordinator from the East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District provided information on the Soil Health Network and his role in the organization. The network is used to compile information and data to assist with the development of materials, coordinate field trials and plan field days and workshops to assist farmers and producers to adopt soil health management systems. The main focus of the network is on farm demonstrations and trials. One potential positive of the network is to portray the growers and producers as part of the solution in environmental issues, and not part of the problem.

VI. ROUNDTABLE

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

VII. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 4, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, Conference Room H/I.

B. Agenda Items

The guest speaker for April 4, 2016 will be Herb Smart, Turlock Irrigation District.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Azevedo Ag Commissioner's Office Stanislaus County