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**Stanislaus County
Agricultural Advisory Board**

MINUTES

May 2, 2016
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Conference Room H/I
8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Roger Duncan	Jim Mortensen	Pamela Sweeten
Sherman Boone	Stan Sinclear	Wayne Zipser
Gordon Heinrich	Tom Orvis	
Arby Hoobyar	Ed Perry	

Board Members Absent:

Carlos Estacio III

Ex-Officio Board Members:

Jami Aggers, Environmental Resources – Present	Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present
Milton O'Haire, Agricultural Commissioner – Present	Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS– Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 4, 2016 MEETING

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

Motion: Gordon Heinrich
Second: Sherman Boone
Vote: Unanimous

V. StanCOG TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX INITIATIVE

Public Works Director Matt Machado shared information regarding the Stanislaus County proposed tax measure. He gave a brief overview about transportation funding, stating road maintenance is funded by gas tax revenue which has gone down this year and further reduction is expected again next year, partially due to lower gas prices and other factors. Additionally, vehicle miles traveled are up, so wear & tear on roads is high. The Stanislaus Council of Governments has proposed an Expenditure Plan based on a 25-year ½ cent sales tax measure for consideration by voters on the November 2016 ballot. The proposed tax measure is intended to seek additional funding to be distributed to local agencies to fund various transportation projects. Mr. Machado's presentation focused on the expenditure plan for the use of Stanislaus County's share of the program which would be broken into five categories: Local Streets & Roads; Regional Projects; Traffic Management; Bicycle / Pedestrian; and Other. It is noted that this expenditure plan is still in the draft stage and is not final.

A copy of Mr. Machado's presentation materials can be found as an attachment to the May 2, 2016 Ag Advisory Board meeting at the following link:

<http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm>

VI. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman Orvis appointed Ed Perry, Arby Hoobyar, and Jim Mortensen to the Nominating Committee to make recommendations for the annual elections of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the new fiscal year. The Committee will report their recommendations to the Ag Advisory Board at the June 2016 meeting.

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 determined, upon common consent, to change the June meeting date from June 6, 2016 to June 13, 2016. The meeting will start at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, Conference Room H/I.

It was also determined, upon common consent, to cancel the July 4, 2016 meeting.

B. Agenda Items

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
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Stanislaus County