



**Stanislaus County
Agricultural Advisory Board**

MINUTES

April 4, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Heguy	Jim Mortensen
Gordon Heinrich	Tom Orvis
Arby Hoobyar	Ed Perry
Brandi LoForti	Stan Sinclear

Board Members Absent:

Carlos Estacio	Wayne Zipser
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Ex-Officio Board Members:

Robert Kostlivy, Environmental Resources – Present	Supervisor Vito Chiesa – Absent
Kamaljit Bagri, Agricultural Commissioner – Present	USDA Representative - Absent

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 7, 2022, MEETING

The minutes of the February 7, 2022, meeting were presented by the Chairman. The members were asked to consider the minutes for approval, and action was taken as follows:

Motion:	Gordon Heinrich
Second:	Jim Mortensen
Vote:	Unanimous

VI. PRESENTATION – RENEWABLE ENERGY DIGESTER CONSTRUCTION

Eileen De Raadt Martinho from MAAS Energy Works presented information about renewable energy digester construction projects at participating dairies. She explained the purpose of the digester is to convert manure to renewable natural gas and provided an example of a covered lagoon digester and the process cycle to capture the methane gas emissions that would normally go out into the air. She provided comparisons to what a digester can contribute to the environment. For example, 1 cow contributing to a digester is equivalent to 4 barrels of oil per year or 1 cow contributing to a digester is the

equivalent of taking the carbon emissions standards of one car off the road each year. She also discussed potential economical and environmental project impacts.

A copy of the presentation materials can be found on the County's website at <http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm>

VII. PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION PROJECT UPDATE

Agricultural Commissioner Kamal Bagri provided information on the Pesticide Notification Pilot Project that is being conducted in Grayson. She demonstrated how members of the community can go to the Ag Commissioner's website and enroll in the notification system to receive alerts when agricultural use restricted material applications are scheduled within a 1–2 mile radius of their registered location. To date, over 50 individuals have enrolled in the program.

The site can be accessed by going to www.stanag.org and selecting the Pesticide Notification Pilot Program under Quick Links.

VIII. ROUNDTABLE

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

VX. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

It was noted that there will be no meeting for May. The next meeting was scheduled for June 6, 2022, with a change in start time of 10:00 a.m.

B. Agenda Items:

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

Susan Azevedo
Ag Commissioner's Office
Stanislaus County