**COUNTY OF PLACER**
**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

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# MINUTES

## PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

## September 14, 2009

**Members Present:** Tony Aguilar, Patricia Beard, James Brenner, Larry Jordan, Dan Macon, William Morebeck, John Nitta, Wayne Vineyard

**Members Absent:** Stewart Perry

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## I. CALL TO ORDER

## II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2009

**Motion to approve:** *Jordan/Aguilar/Unanimous Jordan/ Macon MPUV*

## III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Agricultural Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than five (5) minutes. ***No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment***

## IV. PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURE DIRECTIONAL SIGNS – Andrew Gaber

- Overview – Adopted in 2007, twenty-two approved locations with installation of signs at thirteen locations in 2008. Six additional locations, requested by the Mandarin growers, are being assessed. Currently there are ten participants, five farms and five wineries.
- Process – Complete application at Building Department; review by Planning and Engineering Departments ensuring land use and permit requirements are met; when approved, Transportation Department installs sign in existing locations.
- Points of Discussion – 1) Signs to be placed anywhere in county when requested and appropriate locations found. 2) Applications to be forwarded to the Agriculture Department for eligibility review. 3) Reasonable distance from locations should be considered if over the five-mile limit. 4) Sign lettering to remain the same. 5) Information regarding agriculture signs to be placed on the agriculture website.

## V. REPORTS

A. **Economic Development Board -** Lyndell Grey – No Report
B. **Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor -** Roger Ingram – No Report
C. **Horticultural and Small Farms Advisor -** Cindy Fake – No report
D. **Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Agendas -** Patti Beard – No Report
E. **Placer Parkway Meeting Update -** William Morebeck **–** No Report
F. **Agricultural Water Supply Subcommittee/Ag Irrigated Lands Waiver Update -** Christine E. Turner
   - Local winery received a letter from Regional Water Quality Control Board stating that the conditional waiver for Small Food Processors and Small Wineries was extended.
   - Local coalition has submitted list of participants to the Regional Water Quality Control Board for Irrigated Land Waiver.
   - City of Lincoln Ground Water Meeting, September 15, 2009, to discuss their ground water management plan.
   - Local coalition has requested information from Roger Ingram and the Agriculture Department regarding the excedance of Chlorpyrifos (Lorsban or Dursban), and copper.

## V. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Christine E. Turner

- Williamson Act funding removed from state budget. Regional Council of Rural Counties is advocating to restore funding. Placer County foregoes approximately $1,476,000 in tax dollars on Williamson Act properties.
- USDA is charging $6.00 to issue phytosanitary certificate.
- Cooperative Extension and Western Sustainable Ag Research and Education project is sponsoring October 11, 2009 Tour.
- PlacerGROWN is sponsoring “A Family Day on the Farm”, October 11, 2009 at Mandarin Hill Orchard.
- City of Lincoln is the only incorporated city participating in the Placer Conservation Plan. Ask Planning for update on the city’s conservation plans.
- Chinese carrots were being distributed to San Joaquin farm workers through a food bank last week.
- CDFA has twelve traps for Asian Citrus Psyllid in Placer County. Nothing has been detected to date.
- Live Asian Citrus Psyllid found by Sacramento County's agricultural dog team on curry leaves from Texas.
- Application for NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program due on September 30, 2009.
- Bill requiring all dogs be on leash and spayed or neutered has been modified to exempt working dogs. However, the working dog exemption may not be covered at the local level.
- Cal Trans wants to close West Wise Road prior to October 15, 2009.

- Responded to LAFCO's request for comments regarding the City of Roseville annexation of the 1754 acre Reason Farms for their Basin Retention Project EIR was emailed to Commission members
- Sierra Vista Specific Plan is a 2064 acre development located in unincorporated Placer County, west and south of Roseville's existing city limits. Will ask the Planning Department to make a presentation on the project.
- Kerb 50W (herbicide) is being recalled.
- 2008 Crop Report has been published.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEM) - NONE**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT –** There being no further business to come before the Agricultural Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 14, 2009,** at the new CDRA Planning Commission Hearing Room in Auburn.

Recording Secretary
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