

COUNTY OF PLACER AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

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MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 10. 2010

Members Present: Tony Aguilar, Patricia Beard, Larry Jordan, William Morebeck, John Nitta,

Stewart Perry, Wayne Vineyard

Members Absent: James Brenner, Dan Macon

I. FFA CALL TO ORDER CEREMONY

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MAY 10, 2010 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2010 - Jordan/Aquilar/MPUV to approve the agenda and minutes.

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. FFA Presentation - Placer High School FFA students Sarah Gooder and Rebecca Gooder delivered speeches on Invasive Pests and Farm Safety, respectively.
- V. Western Placer County Groundwater Management Plan - Cathy Lee, Environmental Utilities, City of Roseville, and Chris Petersen, MWH (Montgomery Watson Harza)
 - Discussed the progression of laws governing groundwater management. In 1992, AB 3030. The Groundwater Management Act, allowed local governments to create groundwater management districts, raise fees, and resolve conflicts. In 2000, AB 303, The Local Groundwater Management Assistance Act, provided state funding to entities interested in managing groundwater. In 2002, SB 1938 defined, within the water code, elements needed in groundwater management plans for entities to be eligible for grant funding.
 - The Western Placer County Groundwater Management Plan (WPCGMP) partners are the City of Roseville and Lincoln, PCWA and California American Water.
 - WPCGMP objectives are to maintain quality of groundwater; ensure long-term availability for; backup, emergency, and peak demands.
 - Discussed Roseville's ASR Program (Aquifer Storage-Recovery).
 - Developing monitoring well network.
 - Requested the Agriculture Commission's help in locating appropriate wells for monitoring purposes.
 - Commissioners expressed concerns regarding use of groundwater for development, and the potential determent to agriculture.

VI. REPORTS

A. Agricultural Marketing Program – Christine Turner

 2010 Agriculture Guide has been published, and will be distributed by Gold Country Media this week, with the balance being delivered to the Agriculture Department next week.

B. Economic Development Board - Lyndell Grey

- The Economic Development Plan will be presented to the entire board the first week of June.
- Sheridan MAC seeking aid for improvements from Placer County. Most of the area around Sheridan is in the Placer County Conservation Plan and protected from development.
- C. Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor Roger Ingram No report
- D. Horticultural and Small Farms Advisor Cindy Fake
 - The mobile poultry processor is up and running. Roger is working on signage.
 - Offering a two-session short course on June 15th and 22nd for beginning farmers/ranchers.
 - The Ag Futures Project is meeting next week with FFA teachers to discuss more opportunities for collaboration between the agriculture community and FFA.
 - Vineyard Field Day is planned for June 12, 2010 at Naggiar Vineyards in Nevada County.
 - Farm and Barn Tour will be held on Sunday, October 10th. In the process of reviewing possible venues.
- E. Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Agendas Patti Beard No report
- F. Placer Parkway Meeting Update William Morebeck No Report
- G. Agricultural Water Supply Issues Christine Turner
 - The Regional Water Quality Control Board will meet tomorrow, May 11, 2010 to discuss the straw proposal and long-term draft plan for low impact subwatershed monitoring. A motion to support in concept the low impact monitoring plan was requested. Jordan/Morebeck/MPUV
 - Attended the April 29, 2010, PCWA Watershed Forum. The focus was on the overall watershed, stewardship projects, and reducing forest fires and the resulting sediment from entering the streams.
 - Heard from Jill Pahl regarding follow-up on questions from the March 8th meeting on hand-dug wells. She is still working on getting the information. Will take time.
 - Editorial in the Sacramento Bee on May 4th on protecting Sierra Nevada water from cattle grazing. The editorial did not reference any of the research done by the UC Berkeley Forestry Department on water quality testing in the Sierras in regards to cattle grazing.

VIII. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Christine Turner and Josh Huntsinger Christine Turner

- AB 2612 was passed. This bill amends California's Organic Products Act, streamlining the registration process.
- SARSAS (Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead) has requested time to give a
 presentation on the June agenda.
- PlacerGrown has requested time to give an update on the June agenda.

Josh Huntsinger

- All Ordram registrations were canceled a few years ago. It is now illegal to possess.
- Registrants voluntarily cancelled the registration for Methyl Parathion, effective immediately. The date to no longer possess will be 2013.
- The California Agriculture license plate is now available. Funds raised will go to Agriculture Education in general.

IX. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEM) - None

X. ADJOURNMENT