

## COUNTY OF PLACER AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

JOSHUA P. HUNTSINGER Agricultural Commissioner Sealer of Weights & Measures

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#### **MINUTES**

#### PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

November 14, 2011

Members Present: Tony Aguilar, Patricia Beard, James Brenner, Larry Jordan, Dan Macon,

William Morebeck, John Nitta, Stewart Perry, Wayne Vineyard

Members Absent: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2011 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2011. Motion to approve: Aguilar/Beard/MPUV

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

# IV. UPDATE ON THE CHANGES TO CHAPTER 6 OF PLACER COUNTY CODE – Josh Huntsinger

- Placer County Animal Control incorporated all but one of the Commission's recommendations in the proposed revisions to the Animal Control Ordinance.
- Placer County Animal Control did not adopt the recommendation to add an exemption to the requirement for shelter for livestock guard dogs (Section 6.08.010(K)). It would be in conflict with state law.
- Placer County Animal Control has not been able to get clarification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding carcass disposal (Section 6.08.080). Josh will follow up, and report back to the Commission.

#### V. REPORTS

- A. Agricultural Marketing Program Josh Huntsinger
  - Mandarin Festival is being held this weekend, November 18<sup>th</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Placer Ag Guide website will be going live in a couple of weeks.
  - The interactive Ag map still not ready.
- B. Economic Development Board Lyndell Grey
  - The Board sponsored Industrial Forum was well attended.
  - Two new businesses trying to establish themselves in District 2 demonstrate how difficult it is to navigate the requirements.

- C. Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor Roger Ingram No Report
- D. Horticultural and Small Farms Advisor Cindy Fake
  - Roger is working to extend a grant from Risk Management for Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program for three years.
  - Vegetable Production Field Day will be held December 2, 2011 at Twin Brooks Farm.
  - Farmer to Farmer Networking Breakfast will be held on November 29, 2011.
- E. Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Agendas Patti Beard No Report
- F. Placer Parkway Meeting Update William Morebeck No Report
- G. Agricultural Water Supply Issues Josh Huntsinger
  - PCWA has discovered a canal segment needing immediate repair. This will result in rolling water outages continuing in the Auburn, Lincoln and Loomis Basin areas.
  - The PNSSNS Winter Newsletter, reports that the State Water Resources Control Board approved fee increase from 12¢ to 56¢ per irrigated acre.
  - The Regional Water Quality Control Board will be rolling out the waste discharge requirements for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program over the next couple of years.

## VI. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Josh Huntsinger

- Encouraged Commissioners to bring forward items for future meetings pertaining to the industries they represent.
- A new proposed project, the Rio Oso Solar Project, would take 1300 acres out of rice production, and convert it to solar panels.
- Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) adopted emergency regulations implementing the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Benefit Fees as directed by AB 29X 1. The emergency regulations raise SRA fees to \$150.00 per structure and expands definiation of inhabitable structure. Once approved, emergency regulations are good for only 180 days.
- The 2010 Crop Report was distributed to the Commission.

### VII. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEM) - None

- Stewart Perry The Vintners Association may want to give presentation to Commission.
- Dan Macon It may be of interest for each Commissioner to give an overview of their commodity/industry.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT