



COUNTY OF PLACER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

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MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 13, 2013

Members Present: Patricia Beard, James Brenner, William Morebeck, John Nitta, Stewart Perry, Wayne Vineyard

Members Absent: Tony Aguilar, Larry Jordan, Dan Macon,

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MAY 13, 2013 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2013. Motion to approve: *Beard/Brenner/MPUV*

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Celia Sertich apologized to the Commission for not being as prepared at the April 8th meeting as needed. Read a statement into the record concerning the history of the Ricky Ranch.

IV. PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING ON PORTION OF AGP 145 (APN 035-120-028) – Alex Fisch, Placer County Planning Services Division

The subject of this proposal is a request by Scott and Sabrina Brening for the Agricultural Commission to recommend to the Planning Director to grant zoning clearance to construct one additional single-family residential dwelling unit on AGP 145 in order to provide housing for an owner/manager of the agricultural operation.

Points discussed:

- Only cattle grazing on subject parcel at this time.
- There are two residential dwellings on AGP 145 already.
- Five owners of AGP 145 prior to April, now six owners.
- New owner has not signed off on splitting contract.

At the conclusion of discussion, the Commission took the following action:

Perry/Nitta/Motion carried 6-2 (Beard, Morebeck no) to recommend the Planning Director to grant zoning clearance to construct one additional single-family dwelling on AGP 145.

V. REPORTS

A. Agricultural Marketing Program – No Report

B. Economic Development Board – No Report

C. Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor – Roger Ingram

- Josh and Roger inspected the 79 acre parcel (APN 035-050-005), close to meeting minimum requirements.
- Eat Local Placer Nevada is holding a community dinner at Pioneer Methodist Church, Thursday, May 16th.
- Wool Handling School held on May 11th and 12th.
- Discussed upcoming workshops:
Next Farmer to Farmer Breakfast will be on June 5th in Auburn.
2013 Family Garden Day will be held June 1st at Gold Country Fairgrounds.

D. Horticultural and Small Farms Advisor – No Report

E. Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Agendas – No Report

F. Placer Parkway Meeting Update – No Report

G. Agricultural Water Supply Issues – Wayne Vineyard

- NID got permission to repair Bowman Dam and replace the valve.

VII. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Ed King

- Since state weed eradication funds were cut, Placer County has received two grants, one from Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and one from Tahoe Resource Conservations District.
- In the next couple of weeks the seasonal trapping staff will have deployed 1400 traps.
- 2012 Crop Report almost completed. Will probably be released in June.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEM)

Discussed status of Community Centers moratorium.

IX. ADJOURNMENT