



**COUNTY OF PLACER  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES**

**PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

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

**Members Absent:** None

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- I. CALL TO ORDER** – 7:00 pm by Wayne Vineyard
  - II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2016 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2015.** Motion to approve: *Beard / Macon/MPUV*
  - III. PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
  - IV. STATUS UPDATE ON WINERY ORDINANCE** – Josh Huntsinger, Placer County Agricultural Commissioner
    - 6 month delay in approval of ordinance.
    - Need to determine costs of additional environmental review of the ordinance.
  - V. WATER SUPPLY UPDATES** – PCWA and NID
    - A. PCWA** – Tony Firenze
      - **Currently at 113% of Average with 5” falling from last storm.**
      - **Clementine at spillover**
      - **PG&E Spaulding Fordyce at 56% capacity – 175% of average.**
      - **PCWA declared state of emergency in Feb 2014 – if rainfall continues, may declare SOE over and if so, no restrictions.**
      - **Nothing long term to declare yet, still too soon to tell.**
      - **Ag customers who voluntarily reduced usage will have the old policy return to usage.**
      - **Zone 5 customers have had supplemental water supplies since 1983**
        - a. **SSWD want to sell Pleasant Grove and Moore Canals to PCWA. PCWA considering carefully and exploring other options**
        - b. **SSWD open to one year agreement for now**
    - B. NID** – Chip Close
      - **Report very similar to PCWA**
      - **Bowman Lake level above end of rain season for 2014-15**

- **Scotts Flat from 30% to 77% capacity this week**
- **Folsom Lake – Flood storage level regulations say they must release at a certain level, so they are – they have to.**
- **Regional Water Supply Project to get wat to part os Lincoln within jurisdiction of NID to include Agricultural water.**
  - a. **40 million gal per day treatment plant to be constructed over time to support city of Lincoln growth at Little Bend Road**
  - b. **16 miles of Pipe funded by developers and NID**
  - c. **Some roadways impacted during construction – not yet clear, probably Lone Star Road.**
  - d. **Meetings regarding construction to come – check NID website for more information.**

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS:**

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA REGULATION** – Provide Direction on Agriculture-specific issues - Josh Huntsinger provided an update regarding MACs held and upcoming. March 1 deadline removed by AB21, Josh also provided a Presentation for the Commission to show where the points for the ordinance are moving forward and where work needs to be done. The following were discussed with the Commission:

**A. Right to Farm Ordinance Protections** – Commission is in agreement that, should there be approval of MMJ as an agricultural commodity, then the Right to Farm should stand as it would for any other farm.

**MOTION: Recognize MMJ as “crop production” not limited otherwise from Right to Farm and wait until the State Department of Conservation advises input on Williamson Act – Beard/Brenner/MPUV**

**B. Williamson Act Contract Eligibility implications** – Commission notes no direction yet from State department and therefore withholds comments/recommendations

At this time, there were many comments from the public as to why the ordinance should proceed and be passed, but they are not noted, as this was not the purpose of the action item.

### **WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT CANCELLATION POLICY –**

Discussion included disappointment in the BOS decision to allow early cancellation. No chance for reconsideration of decision.

**MOTION: Draft a Letter to Board of Supervisors, cc to PC Planning Department and PC Farm Bureau reflecting the Agriculture Commission’s disappointment in the Board’s decision. Specifically to address Non-renewal and early cancellation.** Bring letter to next meeting for discussion and approval. Macon/Jordan/MPUV

## **VII. REPORTS**

**A. Agricultural Marketing Program** – Josh Huntsinger

- Valentines Day tour this weekend on the PC Wine Trail.
- Survey Monkey sent to users of PlacerGrown for their input – 400 responses – results shared at future date.

**B. Economic Development Board – Lyndell Grey**

- Slaughter Facility moving forward. Consultants out of North Dakota.

**C. Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor – Roger Ingram**

- Roger gave a report on upcoming UCCE classes and training opportunities

**D. Horticulture and Small Farms Advisor – Cindy Fake**

- Cindy gave a report on research and things going on with Horticulture and Small Farms Advisors office.

**VIII. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Josh Huntsinger**

- Form 700 notices went out – Due April 1, 2016
- Rice Commission – Regiment herbicide to become restricted material.

**ix. ADJOURNMENT - 10:04 p.m.**

- Next meeting March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.