I. CALL TO ORDER: the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Wayne Vineyard. Roll Call- Present: Patricia Beard, Patrick Bollinger, Jim Brenner, Rich Ferreira, Elisa Noble, Stewart Perry, and Wayne Vineyard. Absent: Denise Moore and Larry Jordan.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR September 9, 2019: Moved by Rich Ferreira and Seconded by Jim Brenner. No discussion, approved without dissent.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Election of Commission Chair and Vice-Chair – Approval of nominations

moved by Rich Ferreira and Seconded by Patrick Bollinger. The Nominees: Chairman, Wayne Vineyard and Vice Chair, Larry Jordan were elected without dissent.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Housing Strategy and Development Code Amendments:

Patrick Dobbs, Placer County Planning Services provided an informational overview, including maps, of proposed housing-related Code amendments aimed at increasing housing availability and affordability while streamlining the permit approval process for a mix of housing types for all income levels. He stated that the housing shortage was a priority for the Board of Supervisors. The proposal is currently in Public Comment. A public workshop will be held 9/18/2019. Fact sheets were distributed to Commissioners.
Discussion included questions and information on mass transit considerations, farm worker housing, Williamson Act allowances, base zoning, state mandates and studies of population growth. Patrick provided his contact information for further comments or questions.

There was no Public Comment.

B. Winery and Farm Brewery Zoning Text Amendment:
Nikki Streegan, of the Placer County Planning Services Division, provided an overview of the County’s proposed Winery and Farm Brewery (WFB) Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). She highlighted key components of the CEQA analysis, EIR impacts, community concerns and policy considerations. She reviewed in detail key provisions of the ordinance:

a. Add two acres of agriculture required on-site.

b. The terms Farm Brewery and Tasting Room defined.

c. Increased minimum parcel size from 4.6 to 10 acres to allow a winery or farm brewery with a tasting facility by-right.

d. Redefined Promotional Events to reference Agricultural Promotional Events and Special Events.

e. Outlined Special Event allowances, regarding number of attendees per event, number of events per year, and Use Permit requirements.

f. Clarified hours of operation to 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Events 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. except for Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

g. Update standards for potable water and waste disposal.

h. Update standards for access.

i. Accessory Restaurant added as an allowable land use subject to a Conditional Use Permit.

The Zoning Text Amendment will be going before the Planning Commission this fall and before the Board of Supervisors this winter.

Commissioner’s discussion included concerns of over regulation, high cost of compliance especially for potable water and waste disposal, CalFire requirements, and shared access roads.

Public Comments voiced strong concerns regarding impacts on neighbors, increased water use, increased or unlimited events, increased traffic and road safety, loop holes in the regulations, and lack of enforcement plans.
Commissioners strongly expressed that they want the opportunity to review the EIR and vote on a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Josh Huntsinger clarified that the current process will not bring the Draft Ordinance back to the Agriculture Commission for further action and was not optimistic that it was possible if requested, due to the process and timeline. He will look into the possibility and report back to Commissioners.

VI. REPORTS

- **Agricultural Marketing Program** – Josh Huntsinger
  a. The Board of Supervisors will vote on declaring October as PlacerGROWN month at the next BOS meeting, September 24th.
  b. He will be presenting the 2018 Crop Report at the same meeting.

- **Horticulture and Small Farms Advisor** – Cindy Fake

  **Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor** – Cindy Fake on behalf of Dan Macon
  a. Last month presented a Produce Safety Certification Training for growers in collaboration with UC Davis. CDFA requiring all producers to have a Food Safety certificate. Additional workshops in the future are planned to help meet the needs of producers.
  b. Current upcoming workshops include:
     i. Beginning Farming Academy - Sept 13-14
     ii. Livestock Protection Tools Field Day - Sept 19
     iii. Advanced Business Planning Workshops – Fall and Winter
  c. Mandarin Research continues and she will be looking for new funding for building new equipment to benefit the research and growers.
  d. Mulching Research is in review and on-going as she looks for grant funding.

- **Water Supply Update** – Josh Huntsinger
  a. **Nevada Irrigation District Update** – Laura Peters, NID Division 4 Director, shared water storage updates and a brief overview of current NID projects.
  b. **PCWA** did not provide an update to Josh.

VII. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS – Josh Huntsinger

A. **INDUSTRIAL HEMP**: The Information Update at MAC meetings is almost complete. Federal regulations are due out in October. He is watching progress of SB153. He will be visiting Hemp farms in the near future. This is a hot topic for
many counties that have allowed Hemp growth this year. It has created a lot of workload, lots of questions. At the same MAC meetings, Nikki Streegan from Planning, is presenting the final draft of the Winery-Brewery Ordinance.

B. BEES: Plans are moving towards a Bee ordinance and interest has been expressed to the Board of Supervisors for a Residential-Hobbyist Beekeeper ordinance.

C. STATEWIDE UPDATES: A state proposed ban of Chlorpyrifos is expected. CDFA is conducting a study for alternatives. DPR announced a new app for reporting pesticide incidents called CASPIR.

VIII. ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Both the October and November Ag Commission meetings fall on a Placer County Holiday. Therefore Josh will be researching alternative dates to meet before December.

VIV. ADJOURNMENT: Wayne Vineyard closed the meeting at 9:08.