



**COUNTY OF PLACER  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

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Sealer of Weights & Measures

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James Brenner	John Nitta
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**MINUTES**

**PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING**

**April 9, 2012**

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

**Members Absent:** Dan Macon

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR APRIL 9, 2012 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2012. Motion to approve: *Aguilar/Beard/MPUV***

- III. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
None

- IV. TEMPORARY OUTDOOR EVENT PERMIT FOR AGRICULTURE EVENTS – FEE RELIEF – Crystal Jacobsen, Placer County Planning Department**

The Planning Department has proposed a fee waiver program allowing the waiver of Temporary Outdoor Event permit fees for approved temporary agricultural events.

The process to obtain a Temporary Outdoor Event permit would remain the same, with the addition of the Agriculture Commissioner's verification and approval of fee waiver.

The proposal is on Board of Supervisors agenda tomorrow, April 10, 2012, and the Agriculture Commissioner has prepared a letter of support to be presented at that time.

At the conclusion of public input and Commission discussion, the following action was taken:

**To submit to the Board of Supervisors the letter of support as written.  
*Perry/Brenner/MPUV***

- V. UPDATE – AGRICULTURE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL PROGRAM – Josh Huntsinger**

This item first came before the Agriculture Commission in July, 2007. The Hazardous Material Program deals with reporting inventory of hazardous material on site; having spill and emergency plans in place and on-site inspections. This is a state requirement. Placer County Environmental Health sent out surveys in 2007, but failed to follow-up and implement.

Placer County is being audited by state inspectors this week and the inspectors will find the county is out of compliance. Placer County will be required to implement the program.

The program has thresholds (55 gallons liquid, 500 pounds dry, or 200 cubic feet compressed gas) that if met, requires the business be in the program.

If administered by Environmental Health, reporting and inspections are on an annual cycle. If administered by the auspices of the Agriculture Commissioner, the cycle is every three years.

Jill Pahl, Environmental Health Director, retired very recently. Ken Stewart has been hired as Interim Director.

## **VI. REPORTS**

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

- Merlot Marketing of Sacramento met with advisory panel on March 28, 2012. Discussed branding and the need for comprehensive media coverage. The advisory panel needs a livestock representative.

### **B. Economic Development Board – Josh Huntsinger for Lyndell Grey**

- Karen Sinclair of Sinclair Family Farm, won a private sector award for providing cold storage facilities for use by local farmers and ranchers at the Placer County Economic Development Summit on March 22, 2012.

### **C. Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor - Roger Ingram**

- Farmer to Farmer Breakfast held April 4, 2012 in Lincoln. Next breakfast will be held on May 2, 2012 at Mel's in Auburn.
- Discussed upcoming workshops:
  - Marketing Academy – April 20 and 21, 2012
  - Grazing Academy – April 27 and 28, 2012
  - Pasture Walk – Late Spring
  - Irrigation – Late Spring
  - Small Animal Dairy – Late Spring
- Superior will be opening a new procession facility in the fall.

### **D. Horticultural and Small Farms Advisor - Cindy Fake – No Report**

### **E. Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Agendas - Patti Beard – No Report**

### **F. Placer Parkway Meeting Update - William Morebeck – No Report**

### **G. Rotating Agriculture Industry Update – Citrus Industry, Tony Aguilar**

- The Mandarin Association is comprised of 35 growers, of which 12 are full time.
- The Mandarin Association has been awarded a \$110,000 grant to improve fruit quality and marketing.
- Citrus greening (Huanglongbing) has been found on one tree in southern California which had been budded many times.
- Wayne Vineyard volunteered to be the next Commissioner to give an overview of the Rice Industry

### **H. Agricultural Water Supply Issues - Josh Huntsinger**

- Distributed PCWA, April 6, 2012, news release that normal surface water deliveries are expected in Placer County this year, including Zone 5.
- NID will meet April 11, 2012 to discuss the drought contingency plans implemented in March, 2012.

**VII. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Josh Huntsinger**

- Huanglongbing (HLB) disease has been found in a backyard citrus tree in Industrial City, CA. A five mile quarantine has been established, and infected trees will be destroyed.
- Bee complaints are up this year. Meeting with County Council to discuss guidelines.
- Placer County Agriculture Tour will be June 8, 2012, featuring the Wine Industry.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEM)**

- Wayne Vineyard reported that the Placer County Fair will be introducing the new category, Placer Grown, this year.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**