



**COUNTY OF PLACER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

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MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

December 14, 2015

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

Members Absent: Tony Aguilar

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 14, 2015 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2015. – Unanimously Approved

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Agricultural Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than five (5) minutes.

Marilyn Jasper addressed the Commission regarding the Rickey-Reese Williamson Act Cancellation – requests their assistance in influencing the BOS to deny the request. BOS meeting scheduled for Jan 5, 2016

III. PLACER COUNTY GROUNDWATER BASIN MANAGEMENT STRATEGY –
Brett Story, Placer County Planning Department

Brett shared a detailed PowerPoint presentation regarding the planning and implementation of Ground Water Basin Management and its upcoming and potential effects on the lower farmlands of Placer County.

IV. UPDATE ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTION REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA REGULATION – Josh Huntsinger, Placer County Agricultural Commissioner

Josh reviewed the PowerPoint presentation highlights from the December 8, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting regarding Medical Marijuana. Main point: Placer County must have intentions and a working plan to regulate Medical Marijuana by March of 2016, otherwise regulation falls to the State.

V. REPORTS

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

Josh reported on Mandarin Season's early start/end and hail damage to the crop as well as details on events that have happened and are scheduled for later in the month of December 2016.

- Orchard Days December 5, 2016 and December 19, 2016
- Holiday in the Hills at local wineries collecting for Toys for Tots
- PlacerGrown recipes appeared in area periodicals
- Waiting for results on surveys sent to consumers and producers to assess awareness of PlacerGrown.

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

Lyndell spoke about the anticipated Slaughterhouse plan. Sheridan has 2 possible sites and the Sheridan MAC has expressed interest in the project. Supervisor Weygandt will host an Economic Development meeting at his ranch to discuss the project.

Josh added: Roger Ingram applied for and received a grant to assist in Business and Facility planning for the project. Project moving forward.

C. **Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor** – Roger Ingram – None.

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 and noted that 6.52 inches of rain had fallen at the office of the UC Farm Extension since October 15, 2015.

VI. **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS** – Josh Huntsinger

- Water – NID reports 87% of capacity as of December 2, 2015, before recent storms.
- PCWA had no detailed information to share other than rain and the recent snow pack is good. They are still collecting data after storms.
- PG&E is at 62% of capacity. Healthy average rainfall for the county at this point in the cycle is 10 inches.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT – 8:36p.m**