



**COUNTY OF PLACER  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

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Agricultural Commissioner  
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**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Tony Aguilar	Dan Macon
Patricia Beard	William Morebeck
James Brenner	John Nitta
Larry Jordan	Stewart Perry
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**MINUTES**

**PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING**

**JULY 13, 2009**

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

**Members Absent:** James Brenner

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Wayne Vineyard.
  - II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JULY 13, 2009 AND MINUTES FOR JUNE 8, 2009**  
**Motion to approve:** *Jordan/Aguilar/Unanimous*
  - III. **PUBLIC COMMENT (The Commission does not act on items under Public Comment).**  
None.
  - IV. **Foothills Farmers' Market Association Report** – Carol Arnold, General Manager  
Presented overview of FFMA's past twenty years of operation. Currently there are eleven successful markets with attendance from 2,000 to 3,000 visitors each week by region.  
  
Goals:
    1. Increase attendance.
    2. Add one more large market.
    3. Add poultry sales to markets.
    4. Provide a mobile ATM at markets.
    5. Participate in the WIC/farmers' market trial.
    6. Provide wireless EBT.
    7. Continue education on benefits of buying local.
  - V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
    - A. **Agricultural Marketing Program Activities** – Christine Turner – No report
    - B. **Economic Development Board (EDB) Update** – Lyndell Grey – No report
    - C. **Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor** – Roger Ingram  
Mobil Poultry Processor is complete. Rental fees are \$120.00 per day on weekends, and \$100.00 per day on weekdays. The Poultry Processor will be at Dan Macon's farm on July 31, 2009, and anyone wishing to see how it works is invited.  
Meeting with University of California Regents on July 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss furlough days in the upcoming fiscal year.

- D. **Horticultural and Small Farms Advisor** – No report
- E. **Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Agendas/Minutes** – Patti Beard - No report
- F. **Placer Parkway Meeting Update** – William Morebeck - No report
- G. **Agricultural Water Supply Subcommittee/Ag Water Waivers** – Christine E. Turner  
 Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition reported in the June 30, 2009 newsletter that the Central Valley Water Control Board has reduced monitoring for the remainder of 2009. A presentation by UC Berkeley Dr. Don Weston on pyrethroid pesticides in the Sacramento-San Joaquin delta showed greater impact from urban runoff and waste water treatment plant than agricultural samples in 2008 and 2009. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals decision prohibiting spraying of aquatic label pesticides has been overturned for the next two years.

**VI. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER’S REPORT** – Christine E. Turner, Agricultural Commissioner

Pete and Julie Williams’ Agricultural Preserve and Williamson Act contract has been pulled because a twenty acre parcel has been sold, lowering the acreage to 74 acres. They will need to reapply.

Obama administration addressing public food safety issues, primarily aimed at reducing the risk of Salmonella and E. coli.

Spotted-Wing Drosophila is the newest agricultural pest. Will probably be C rated.

An Oriental Fruit Fly was found in Sacramento County just across the Placer County line on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. No additional flies have been found to date.

Light Brown Apple Moth found in San Joaquin County, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Huanglongbing (HLB) disease found in El Cuyo, Tizimin, Yucatan, Mexico.

SB 140 makes citrus nursery stock inspections mandatory and includes provisions for fees and inspection requirements.

Slow Food event to be held August 8, 2009 at Loomis Park South. Tickets are limited and available online.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEM)**

Dan Macon reported that he has been invited to participate in the California Ag Vision Project to be held August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. He also confirmed with Public Works Director, that there are no restrictions for driving livestock on public roads at this time.

Stewart Perry reported he will be attending the Economic Development meeting being held in El Dorado County on July 14<sup>th</sup> focusing on agri-tourism and wineries in particular.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before the Agricultural Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, August 10, 2009**, at the new CDRA Planning Commission Hearing Room in Auburn.

Recording Secretary

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