



**COUNTY OF PLACER  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES**

**PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING**

**May 9, 2011**

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

**Members Absent:** William Morebeck

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
  - II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR May 9, 2011 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2011. Motion to approve: *Beard/Macon/MPUV***
  - III. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
None
  - IV. UPDATE ON AGRICULTURAL WATER DELIVERIES AND HOW THEY ARE AFFECTED BY THE PG&E CANAL BREACH –** NID General Manager, Ron Nelson and, Sue Sindt, NID Operations Supervisor; Matt Young, PCWA Director of Customer Service, Mike Nichol, Director of Field Service and, Ed Horton

Kevin Goishi, PG&E Principal Project Manager – Hydro Generation, began the presentation explaining the underlying difficulties surrounding the repair efforts.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Placer County Office of Emergency Services sent in a formal disaster declaration letter to the State Office of Emergency Services asking the state to pursue federal assistance.

## V. REPORTS

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

- The new Wine Trail map is now available.
- Placer County Visitor Guide was printed last week (70,000 copies) and should be available soon.
- IT support is moving forward with the interactive mapping concept on the Placeragguides.com website.

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

- Josh Huntsinger reported he met with Paul Thompson (Planning), Roger Ingram (U.C. Extension), Carol Arnold (Foothill Farmers Market), and James Importante (County Executive Office) to discuss the business climate for producers in Placer County. Roadblocks for the AG community are not necessarily law, but communication breakdown.

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

- Provided information regarding pasture water requirements, and recommendations to handle the water shortage impact.

### • .D. **Horticultural and Small Farms Advisor** - Cindy Fake

- Provided handout on consumptive water use for plants, and a handout on critical periods for water stress in various plants and strategies. Nurseries are in the most serious trouble.
- Sierra Kraft orchard workshop in April at Bierwagen's experienced snow, sleet, hail and sunshine.
- Conducting a Beginning Farming Workshop in Amador County on May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Addition workshops in July: Farm Equipment on July 14<sup>th</sup> . Vegetable Pest Management on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Both are to be held in Nevada County.

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

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

### G. **Agricultural Water Supply Issues** - Josh Huntsinger – No Report

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## VI. **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT** - Josh Huntsinger – No Report

## VII. **NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEM)**

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## VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**