



**COUNTY OF PLACER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

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MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

September 12, 2011

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

Members Absent: James Brenner, Dan Macon

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
 - II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2011. Motion to approve with change to agenda speaker order: Perry/Beard/MPUV**
 - III. PUBLIC COMMENT**
None
 - IV. STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREA FIRE FEES - CURRENT AND PROPOSED – Rui Chuna, Placer County Office of Emergency Services**
 - California will collect an annual “fire prevention fee” from property owners in areas where the state has responsibility for providing fire protection.
 - AB 29 is a fire prevention fee, not fire protection fee.
 - The “State Responsibility Area” (SRA) in Placer County starts at Highway 65 and encompasses everything to the east, excluding city limits.
 - The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, on August 22, 2011, approved a maximum \$90.00 fee per habitable structure in extreme fire zones, and a \$70.00 fee per habitable structure in other areas of the SRA.
 - V. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY AGRICULTURAL EVENT ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT – Josh Huntsinger**
 - Since the November 8, 2010 Agriculture Commission meeting, when the Commission recommend approval of the proposed changes to the Temporary Outdoor Event section of the County Zoning Ordinance, there has been no formal recommendation or proposal from the Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors.
 - The main concerns are the per site fee, and that farmers do not have a clear cut process. It has been suggested to approach the Board of Supervisors for fee relief.

VI. REPORTS

A. Agricultural Marketing Program – Josh Huntsinger

- Extend invitation to commission members to attend a preview of American Heartland episode featuring Joanne Neft. The event will be held at State Theater tomorrow night.
- The Ag Marketing video is on the Foothills Farmers Market website.
- The Honey Festival will be held in Granite Bay on Sunday, September 18th.

B. Economic Development Board – Lyndell Grey – No Report

C. Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor - Roger Ingram – No Report

D. Horticultural and Small Farms Advisor - Cindy Fake

- The Multi-Species Grazing Academy is September 16 through 18, 2011.
- There will be two Beginning Farming sessions in early November. Looking to create a regional approach to classes.

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

- The South Sutter Water District is giving a presentation on the Bear River Dam proposal September 28th, to The Fish and Game Commission.

VII. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Josh Huntsinger

- 2010 Crop Report finished and going to Board of Supervisors September 13, 2011.
- CDFA has eliminated the LBAM trapping program.
- San Joaquin county had two Oriental Fruit Fly finds.
- State working on Programatic EIR related to the pest detection finds.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEM) - None

- Confinement around diesel gas tanks pertain to tanks of 1,300 gallons or more.
- The Lincoln High School FFA is setting up a native plant nursery.

IX. ADJOURNMENT