



# SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Suite 100, Stockton, CA 95206

## MINUTES

### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, January 7, 2019

- Present:** Bruce Blodgett, Josh Cheney, Bob Elliott, Brent Holtz, Scott Johnson, Richard Marchini, Terry Ann Paoletti, Tim Pelican, Ernie Pombo, Joseph Seimas, Jennifer Terpstra, Jeremy Terhune, Terry Violett, Charles Winn
- Excused:** John Kaehler
- Absent:** Greg Arnaudo, Joseph Bacchetti, Gary Barton, George Biagi, Jeff Torres, Ora Van Steyn
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- I. Call to Order** – Chair Scott Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes** – June 4, 2018, August 6, 2018 and October 1, 2018 minutes approved. November 5, 2018 minutes approved with one correction
- III. Correspondence**
- a. A person called the Agricultural Commissioner's office regarding a complaint for right to farm, turns out they are raising horses, which is not considered farming by definition, it was more of an issue of needing to get rid of manure.
- IV. Old Business**
- a. Delta/BDCP Issues - None
  - b. Ag Commissioner's Report:
    - i. Looking at gathering information to do a pesticide amnesty event, working with DPR and CalEPA in terms of getting a grant. Trying to get information from growers before giving out permits on what kind of pesticides they have in storage that they need to dispose of.
    - ii. Continuing education on February 1, 2019 and February 12, 2019. Spray Safe February 26, 2019. Growers meeting for November and December, we had over 1,300 attendees.
    - iii. Nutria update, last count in Walthall slough was 30 and 1 in one of the canals that connect to that. Department of Fish & Wildlife contracted with the federal trappers to dispose of the ones they find. CDFG is doing the delimitation.
    - iv. Chlorpyrifos permit conditions are enforced, the final ones were sent out by DPR last week. One of the changes were 40 acres limit to 80 acres limit with application of 1lb. per acre and no aerial application.

- v. Farm Service Agency closed due to the government shutdown.
- vi. Farm Bill passed last month, industrial hemp is now a commodity. Growers will be required to register with the state through the County. Regulation for registration is not out yet, will be working with county counsel.
- vii. AB 2468 became law, deals with apiaries, gives the commissioner authority to fine people who are not registering their bees. Not only do they have to register yearly, they have to notify commissioners each time they move their hives. Commissioners, Agrian, CAPCA, Beekeepers Association and Almond Board are working on putting together an App for beekeepers to register location of bees. We have a contract with the state to go out and check bees for diseases and hive markings as they come into the county.

**V. Legislative Updates – Bruce Blodgett**

**VI. New Business**

- a. Board of Supervisors Annual Report

**VII. Announcements**

- a. UCCE hired a cherry/walnut farm advisor starting July 1, 2019.

**VIII. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m., next meeting date Monday, February 4, 2019.

Submitted By: Annette Lovato, Administrative Secretary