



# SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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

## MINUTES

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Monday, July 1, 2019

- Present:** George Biagi, Josh Cheney, Bob Elliott, Scott Johnson, Richard Marchini, Tim Pelican, Joseph Seimas, Terry Violett, Michelle Leinfelder-Miles, Charles Winn
- Excused:** Brent Holtz, Ernie Pombo, Jeremy Terhune
- Absent:** Greg Arnaudo, Joseph Bacchetti, Bruce Blodgett, Terry Ann Paoletti, Jeff Torres
- Guest:** Erin Sakata
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- I. Call to Order** – Chair Scott Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes** – February 4, 2019, March 4, 2019 and May 13, 2019 minutes postponed no quorum.
- III. Correspondence** – None.
- IV. Old Business**
- a. Delta/BDCP Issues:
    - i. Central Delta, South Delta and even the City has put in some money to fight some of these issues.
  - b. Ag Commissioner's Report:
    - i. Eight million dollars from Delta Conservancy for Nutria Control to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Josh Harder presented some legislation last week to start in 2020 providing another seven million dollars so that there is long term funding available. That's basically getting California put on the nutria eradication bill.
    - ii. Department of Pesticide Regulation is in flux, CALEPA has a much larger influence on the department. Met with Val Dolcini, Assistant CALEPA Chief, also from USDA and is acting Director of DPR. Commissioners are trying to get him out to different counties to see what Agriculture is about and what we do other than regulate pesticides. He will be coming down for the drone beetle drop in Lodi on the 25th.
- V. Legislative Updates** - None

**VI. New Business**

- a. Erin Sakata - Power Point Presentation on Reasonable Regulation of Industrial Hemp Cultivation. Brief overview of the Federal, State, Local law and discussion regarding local regulation by San Joaquin County.
  - i. Federal Law – 2018 Farm Bill removed industrial hemp from the Controlled Substances Act. Defined industrial hemp as an agricultural commodity. The USDA and other federal agencies must still develop federal regulations for industrial hemp cultivation.
  - ii. State Law – Division 24 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. If California wishes to have primary regulatory authority over the cultivation of industrial hemp, the CDFA must submit a plan, including its regulatory package to the USDA for approval. As of January 1, 2019, the cultivation of industrial hemp was expanded. CDFA still tasked with developing its regulatory package. Approved seed cultivars, registration with Agricultural Commissioners, sampling and testing of industrial hemp prior to harvest. CDFA has yet to submit its plan, or regulatory package, to the USDA for approval.
  - iii. Local Ordinances – Ordinance No. 4497 temporary moratorium on the cultivation of industrial hemp by “Established Agricultural Research Institutions” within the unincorporated areas of San Joaquin County. Ordinance No. 4528 placed a temporary moratorium on all cultivation of industrial hemp (commercial and research) within the unincorporated areas of San Joaquin County. Both interim ordinances expire September 22, 2019.
  - iv. Reasonable regulations to preserve health, safety and welfare. Does the cultivation of industrial hemp within the unincorporated areas of San Joaquin County need to be regulated further by the County? Land use concerns (welfare), the location of cultivation, cultivation of commercial cannabis and negative impacts to existing agriculture. Safety concerns with criminal activity and excessive use of the Sheriff’s Office resources.
  - v. Future Workshops on July 10, 2019 at San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Meeting and July 30, 2019 Public Workshop hosted by the Agricultural Commissioner.

**VII. Announcements - None**

**VIII. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m., next meeting date Monday, September 9, 2019.

Submitted By: Annette Lovato, Administrative Secretary