



# SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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

## MINUTES

### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, March 4, 2019

- Present:** Bruce Blodgett, Josh Cheney, Bob Elliott, Brent Holtz, Scott Johnson, Terry Ann Paoletti, Joseph Seimas, Jennifer Terpstra, Jeremy Terhune, Terry Violet, Charles Winn
- Excused:** John Kaehler, Richard Marchini, Tim Pelican, Ernie Pombo
- Absent:** Greg Arnaudo, Joseph Bacchetti, George Biagi, Jeff Torres, Ora Van Steyn
- Guest:** Kamal Bagri
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- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Scott Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – February 4, 2019 minutes postponed no quorum.
- III. **Correspondence** – None.
- IV. **Old Business**
  - a. Delta/BDCP Issues:
    - i. Governor Newsom looking at twin-tunnel project being reduced to a single tunnel.
    - ii. May 14<sup>th</sup> the engine tour inspector going out to the Delta to place signs and trackers along the route.
  - b. Ag Commissioner's Report:
    - i. We are hearing from the growers they are receiving letters from the California Food and Agriculture for the Food Safety and Modernization Act (FSMA) safety audits. Just want to clarify Agricultural Commissioner's Office has nothing to do with this.
    - ii. Nutria: 65 were trapped at the Walthall slough.
    - iii. Hemp regulations are on schedule, looking at first week of April.
    - iv. Virulent Newcastle Disease Update: State Veterinarian Annette Jones announced on February 27<sup>th</sup> that the quarantine areas are in the County of Riverside, San Bernardino, and Los Angeles, all the movements of the birds within the quarantine areas are now restricted. In LA County, now finding this disease in commercial flocks, this is a very contagious viral bird disease.

- v. Pesticide Program: Agricultural Commissioner's Office had requested Department of Pesticide Regulation to approve exemptions of aerial applications of fungicides due to flooding in our almond and walnut orchards and that request was denied. We are working at 24(c), which is called Special Local Need Exemption. We will be reaching out to Growers, the Almond Board, PCA's and it will require something from industry, since, our request was turned down from the Department of Pesticide Regulation. At this point aerial fungicide applications on standing waters are prohibited in any orchards.

**V. Legislative Updates**

- a. Federal legislations on an existing worker program, sorting out blue card potentially to a green card, so that takes care of folks that are here now. Doesn't address the fact we need additional labor source.

**VI. New Business**

- a. Form 700 needs to be completed and filed by all members before April 2, 2019
- b. John Kaehler, 4<sup>th</sup> district representative has resigned.
- c. Board scheduled meetings will be the first Monday of every other month, except for the month of May and September 2019, meeting will be on the second Monday of the month.

**VII. Announcements - None**

**VIII. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m., next meeting date Monday, May 13, 2019.

Submitted By: Annette Lovato, Administrative Secretary