



# SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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

## MINUTES

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Monday, November 1, 2021

**Present:** Bruce Blodgett, Chuck Hammond, Brent Holtz, Scott Johnson, Richard Marchini, Joseph Nicolini, Tim Pelican, Ernie Pombo, Terry Violett, Ken Vogel, Charles Winn

**Absent:** Joseph Bacchetti, Brandon Bates, George Biagi, Josh Cheney, Terry Ann Paoletti, Robert Rickman, Joseph Seimas, Jeff Torres

**Guest:** Denise Warmerdam, Scott Tyrrell

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- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Scott Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
  - II. **Approval of Minutes** – March 1, 2021, May 3, 2021 and August 2, 2021, minutes approved.
  - III. **Correspondence** – None.
  - IV. **Old Business**
    - a. Delta Issues:
      - i. How much rain will impact the Delta if we don't get enough rain we can have some issues in the coming year.
    - b. Ag Commissioner's Report:
      - i. Speaking of the Delta we have been getting word within the next five years there expecting ten thousand acres of rice to be planted.
      - ii. Last rain is delaying what is left of the walnut harvest. We are not going to be able to meet the 30% for the countywide disaster.
      - iii. Influenza update by security advisory for CDFA regarding H5NA. They have not seen it here but back four or five years ago there was a lot in the eastern United States. This affected egg and poultry production so they are reminding people to make sure they are not getting an influx of wild birds in with their flocks, because it is an issue with Europe right now and sometimes some of those birds end up in the western flyway.
      - iv. CE Programs will be on November 4<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at the Agricultural Center and November 9<sup>th</sup>, and December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. We still have are electronic CE's available were adding

more classes to those. I was able to get a grant to keep the program up and running for another two years.

- v. Permits were going to be issuing beginning November 16, 2021.
- vi. DPR - The Neonic mitigation should be coming out this month, it is going to be based on what crops are involved. DPR announced new mitigation for the use of Telone, it's my guess that will be either using a tarp or water seal.
- vii. Budget change proposal for DPR, 2 million dollars available a million this year and a million next year for pesticide disposal for those pesticides no longer being used. I am working currently with Yolo, Sacramento, Amador and Calaveras County to put together a five county group. We are going to be asking for funding a two-day event that would take place in our Northern County. The other part of the PCP was the 10 million dollars that was allotted for the development of the pesticide notification program, which is based primarily on restricted materials and notices of intent, there will be a couple of pilot programs that will take place.
- viii. Ag Pass program that had to do with fire, livestock and areas of flooding. Talked with OES and they plan on working with Sherriff's Office and some other groups to get involved because of the required training that will be needed. Usually issued through the Ag Commissioner's Office, which allows you to go into high-risk areas not during the event but before or after the event to tend or move your livestock.

**V. Legislative Updates – Bruce Blodgett**

- a. State legislature is out of session. Some of the discussions in Congress, they want to spend a lot of money and tax individuals as part of the process. Real concern is how this going to affect the States in being able to transfer land from one generation to the next as they look at a variety of death related taxes on agricultural operations.

**VI. New Business**

- a. Brent just got approval for a Viticulture Advisor position with UCNR.

**VII. Announcements**

- a. Scott retiring on February 2, 2022 from Wilbur Ellis after 41 years. Contact Tim or Scott if interested in the Agricultural Advisory Chair.

**VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m., next meeting TBD.**

Submitted By: Annette Lovato, Administrative Secretary