

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES

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Monday, September 16, 2024

Present: Kamal Bagri, Jose Chavez, Josh Cheney, Andrew Gensaci, Chuck Hammond, Brent Holtz, Richard Marchini, Joseph Nicolini, Terry Ann Paoletti, Robert Rickman

Excused: Rosie Silva, Terry Violett, Joseph Seimas, Ken Vogel

Absent: Brandon Bates, George Biagi, Stephen Ding, Michael Fisher, Robert Ferguson, Jeff Torres,

Guests: Scott Tyrell for Supervisor Rickman, Deputy Agricultural Commissioners Kim Martin and Robert Pelletier

- I. Call to Order** – Commissioner Bagri called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes** – April 8, 2024, minutes approved.
- III. Correspondence** – None.
- IV. Old Business**
 - a. Delta Issues:

The Tunnel Project is considering change in diversion point with a dam installed in the summer months to raise water in the Delta, near Grant Line in Tracy. Need to meet water rights and quality requirements.
- V. Legislative Updates**
 - a. Assembly Bill 1864

California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) has sent a letter of opposition to the Governor regarding AB1864 with pesticide application notifications to include private schools. The Office of Education does not have a comprehensive list of private schools with defined boundaries. The Bill would impose more burden on the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

VI. New Business

a. San Joaquin County Livestock Pass Program:

The Agricultural Commissioner's Office and the University of California Cooperative Extension, in cooperation with the Sheriff's Office and the Office of Emergency Services (OES), have created a Livestock Pass Program, authorized by the Board of Supervisors on July 9, 2024, with order B-24-40. Individuals interested in obtaining a San Joaquin County Livestock Pass must complete an application and liability waiver and participate in an approved training offered free on October 1, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center. The training will be conducted by the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office and OES.

b. Agricultural Commissioner's Report

- i. Kamal Bagri reported on a new project that will help growers with the Continuing Education classes. The Agricultural Commissioner's Office plans to issue Private Applicator Certificate cards to the growers with bar codes attached. This will provide convenient check-in/check-out into different classes/events and generate, email and/or print the applicable completion certificates.
- ii. The 2023 Crop Report, "Beyond the Tractor," was presented to the Board of Supervisors on August 27, 2024, with San Joaquin County's agricultural production values totaling \$3,220,324,000. This represents a decrease of 0.75% from the 2022 total value of \$3,244,671,000. Copies of the Crop Report were distributed to the Board members.
- iii. The Agricultural Commissioner's Office held two Multi-Agency Preparedness meeting on the H5NI Avian Influenza, on June 10 and July 11, 2024. Health Officer, Dr. Maggie Park, presented updates to agencies including Public Health, EMS/MHOAC, Agricultural Commissioner's Office, Office of Emergency Services, Department of Environmental Health. Distribution of PPE to dairy workers, poultry workers, and other workers at risk due to potential exposure was discussed. H5NI had not been detected in San Joaquin County dairy herds or products.
- iv. On July 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency, due to the migration of beet leafhopper into San Joaquin County and the presence of beet curly top virus on tomato crops. Commercial tomato growers were authorized to treat for BHL in San Joaquin County for their tomato crops by applying neonicotinoids pesticides on an emergency basis. The local emergency terminated after 60 days.

c. Andrew Genasci, Executive Director of San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation:

Mr. Genasci raised concerns about a General Plan and Development Title Amendment to provide alternative housing options in San Joaquin County by allowing Manufactured/Mobile Home Parks in agricultural areas and additional residential areas.

- i. Hammond Motion/Seconded by Nicolini, (Rickman abstained) Unanimous support to draft a letter from the Agricultural Advisory Board Chair to the Community Development Department regarding Application Number: PA-2400268 (GP/DT TA).

VII. Announcements

- a. Brent Holtz announced that effective January 2025 Michelle Linefelder-Miles will be the new UCCE Director.

VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM., next meeting date changed from Monday, December 2 to December 9, 2024.

Submitted By:

Patricia Lord, Secretary for the Board