SOLANO COUNTY
AGRICULTURE ADVISORY MEETING (AAC)
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON
May 8, 2013

The meeting of the Solano County Agriculture Advisory Committee (AAC) was held at the Department of Agriculture and UC Cooperative Extension Building, Downstairs Conference Room, 501 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA.

Members Present:
Don Johnson, Barbara Comfort, Sue Lippstreu, Bruce Brazelton,
Moira Burke, Russ Lester, Sarah Hawkins, Al Medvitz

Others present:

Linda Pinfold	Solano Co Deputy Agriculture Commissioner
Mike Yankovitch	Solano Co Resources Management staff
Wendy Rash	NRCS - Resource Conservation Services
Carrie Teiken	NRCS - Resource Conservation Services
Michelle Stephens	Farmbudsman
Carrie Teiken	USDA - NRCS
Morgan Doran	UCCE Director

Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call
The meeting was called to order by Chair Russ Lester at 3:00 PM.

Item 2 Introductions of Members and Guests
Michelle Stephens, the dual-county Farmbusman introduced herself, she was raised on a Calaveras Co. cattle ranch, BS from UC Davis, MS from U of Texas, wrote the permitting manual for Yolo, concentrating on value added agricultural permitting help, on the job for one month, reaching out to Farm Bureau, etc.

Item 3 Changes and Approval of the Agenda
Agenda approved as presented

Item 4 Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Minutes from last meeting approved with minor edits.

Item 5 New Business

(a) Report on the Board of Supervisor Meeting –
Mike Yankovitch – Tuesday BOS will consider NE Dixon ag plan

(b) Exotic Pest Update
Linda Pinfold -
Napa has caught 32 EGVM, circulated map of quarantine area Solano still impacted by finds in Napa

(c) Budget

Mike Y 3rd quarter better than expected

(d) Delta water issues

Jerry Meral comments discussed, Moira presented issues from BDCP forum, Al discussed budget irregularities and the Dixon May Fair booth/ Daily Republic Article Consensus that opposing points should have fair say, Fair Bd should scrutinize vendors Motion by Barbara C to send email to BOS outlining AAC opposition to BDCP, second Moira B. – Passed

Discussion on congressional delegation all being on point with Garamendi, Linda copied Garamendi's portfolio plan for the group.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

G. Renewable Energy Working Group –

Mike Y. Gestamp has submitted application to County, met with two Bd members, both were negative to project. Ned will update AAC on ordinance progress.

H. Pesticide Update nothing new to report

I. LESA - updates for Solano County

Wendy circulated AFT factsheet, NRCS has published a guidebook to aid in prioritization

A working group- Michelle, Wendy, Carrie, Russ Lester, Moira Burke, Al Medvitz will proceed to investigate developing and using the criteria.
Mike asked that Ned be included

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Michelle will have a meet the Farmbudsman event this fall.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE – June 12, 2013 at 3:00 PM
501 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA

9. Adjourn Meeting 5 PM