SOLANO COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON
October 8, 2008

The meeting of the Solano County Agricultural 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:

Bruce Brazelton, Jeff Dittmer, Don Johnson, Russell Lester, Craig Leathers, Sue Lippstreu, Betty Mason, Al Medvitz, Mary Helen Seeger.

Others Present:

Jim Allan	Agriculture
Carole Paterson	UCCE
Birgitta Corsello	Resource Management
Jim Louie	Resource Management
Adam Cline	Agriculture
Fred Zaragoza	Aide to Supervisor Reagan-District 5
Moira Burke	Agricola

Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Craig Leathers at 3:13 PM.

Item 2 Introductions of Members and Guests

The Members and Guests in attendance introduced themselves.

Item 3 Changes and Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the agenda were offered.

Item 4 Review/Approval of the Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2008

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of July 9, 2008 as presented. The motion carried on a unanimous vote of the members present.

Item 5 New Business

(a) Report on Board of Supervisors Meetings – Board Topics Related to the Subject Matter of the AAC – Birgitta Corsello

Ms. Corsello reported on the following recent Board of Supervisors items:

- Approval of Measure T language.
- Assignment of a Sherriff's officer to enforce rural dumping issues, paid for by tipping fees.
- Approved Environmental documents for Portrero Hills landfill expansion subject to BDC review.

Responding to a question, Ms. Corsello detailed the regional plan concepts being utilized by the Air Quality Mangement District regarding restrictions on diesel engines and processing facilities.

Another question was posed about riparian rights to Lake Berryessa. Ms. Corsello indicated that while she thought a water grab was unlikely, the question would more properly be directed to officials from the Solano County Water Agency or the Solano Irrigation District.

Item 6 Continuing Business

(a) General Plan Update-Birgitta Corsello

Ms. Corsello stated that her staff was beginning implementation of items that were not contingent upon the passage of measure T.

(b) Discussion of Potential By-Laws Changes – Jim Allan

After some discussion, it was moved, seconded, and carried on a unanimous vote of the members present to form a working group to examine the Committee By-Laws and align them with the General Plan and the Ag Futures Study. The group is to be chaired by John Mangels with members Lester, Medvitz and Johnson. A recommendation is to be made at the December meeting for consideration of the committee as a whole.

Item 7 Identify and Clarify Future Agenda Topics and Timing of Discussion

The Future Agenda Topics and Timing of Discussion are as follows:

a. Agricultural Regions Study – Ongoing
b. Bylaws Discussion – December
c. Large Animal Catastrophe/Carcass Disposal Plan – Fall/Winter
d. Horse Facilities/Farming Operations Update – TBA
e. Delta/water issues briefing – November

Item 8 Public Comments/Announcements/Correspondence

This is the opportunity to address the committee on a matter not listed on the agenda, but within the subject jurisdiction of the Committee.

(a) Public Comments

None.

(b) Announcements

The Ag concepts chart developed by the Ag Advisory Committee was utilized by county policy makers in a strategic planning session.
California Secretary of Agriculture A.G. Kawamura will be visiting Dixon Ridge Farms for a symposium of ag's role in renewable energy contributions.

(c) Correspondence

There were no correspondences.

Item 9 Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m., first floor conference room, 501 Texas Street, Fairfield.

Item 10 Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23.