

SOLANO COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON  
December 10, 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:**

Barbara Comfort, Jeff Dittmer, Don Johnson, Craig Leathers, Russell Lester, Sue Lippstreu, John Mangels, Betty Mason, Al Medvitz, Mary Helen Seeger

**Others Present:**

Simone Hardy	Agriculture
Moir Burke	Agricola
Jim Louie	Resource Management
Adam Cline	Agriculture
Fred Zaragoza	Aide to Supervisor Reagan-District 5
Sabine Goerke-Shrode	Aide to Supervisor Spering-District 3
Peggy Nelson	Aide to Supervisor Vasquez-District 4
Mario Moratorio	UCCE

**Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by John Mangels 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 November 12, 2008**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of November 12, 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 was not present.

(b) Receive a report from the By-laws working group and vote on proposed changes- ACTION ITEM

The By-laws working group made a few changes and they were discussed and By-laws were approved with changes indicated at meeting.

**Item 6 Continuing Business**

**(a) General Plan Update-Jim Louie**

Mr. Louie discussed the General Plan update. The implementation of the Ag Chapter will begin in January with the start of the Strategic Action Planning process for the Suisun Valley and Dixon Ridge.

**(b) Regional Marketing Update- Adam Cline FARM Coordinator**

Mr. Cline discussed the implementation of a Solano County Ag Resource Directory. Also, plans to update the County website to include links useful to growers and public.

**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. Large Animal Catastrophe/Carcass Disposal Plan – March/April
- c. Delta/water issues – Ongoing- Detail update for January

**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**

Were no public comments

**(b) Announcements**

Mr. Moratorio announced there will be a Specialty Crops Workshop on Saturday Jan 10, 2009, first floor conference room, 501 Texas Street, Fairfield.

**(c) Correspondence**

There were no correspondences.

**Item 9 Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 3:00 p.m., first floor conference room, 501 Texas Street, Fairfield.

**Item 10 Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.