# SOLANO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC) MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON October 14, 2009

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, Barbara Comfort, Jeff Dittmer, Don Johnson, Craig Leathers, Russ Lester, Sue Lippstreu, John Mangels, Al Medvitz, Mary Helen Seeger, James Wallace

## Others Present:

Jim Allan Agricultural Commissioner
Carole Paterson UC Cooperative Extension
Michael Yankovich Resource Management
Jim Louie Resource Management

Fred Zaragoza Aide to Supervisor Reagan Dist 5

Moira Burke Farmer

Sabine Goerke-Shrode Aide to Supervisor Spering Dist 3

## Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by John Mangels at 3:10 PM.

#### Item 2 Introductions of Members and Guests

The Members and Guests in attendance introduced themselves.

## Item 3 Changes and Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved as presented.

#### Item 4 Review/Approval of the Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2009

Minutes from July 8, 2009 were approved unanimously.

#### **Item 5 New Business**

(a) Report on Board of Supervisors Meetings-Board Topics Related to the Subject Matter of the AAC- Mike Yankovich

Mr. Yankovich updated the AAC on Middle Green Valley they will have the draft EIR to present to the board early next year. Here is the link for more information;

http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/boardscommissions/middle\_green\_valley\_cac/default.asp

Mr. Yankovich stated the parties involved with the Montezuma Hills Project are in meetings regarding the problem with the interference with the radar system at Travis AFB.

### (b) Williamson Act Discussion-

Mr. Yankovich briefed the members on the current situation regarding the Williamson Act. State has reneged in Williamson Act funding. Supervisors Spering and Vasquez have meet with Farm Bureau and the Board has agreed to continue to fund the Act through this year. On October 27, 2009 the board will be looking at the budget and may have more information regarding Williamson Act.

There was also a motion that was moved and seconded to authorize Mr. Mangels to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors thanking them for their support as well as backfilling the Williamson Act subvention funds.

## (c) LBAM Update- Jim Allan

Quarantine in Suisun Valley has affected growers, two moth larvae were found during pre harvest inspection but were not identified as Light Brown Apple Moth and the crop was able to move.

The State is trying to cut expenses as the LBAM quarantine area grows, they will trap frontier and outlaying areas and discontinue trapping in areas were infestations are confirmed.

Sterile insect technology is moving slower than anticipated; LBAM does not do well in captivity.

In Napa County while doing a LBAM inspection they discovered all life stages of European Grape Moth. They have ordered the pheromone to conduct delimitation trapping to see how wide spread it is.

## **Item 6 Continuing Business**

## (a) General Plan Update-Jim Louie

The Suisun Valley plan will have their 3<sup>rd</sup> community outreach workshop October 26, 2009 at 6pm. You can download the Suisun Valley public review draft from Resource Management website. <u>Click Here for SS Valley</u> it is also available on CD. They are hoping to have the plan adopted by BOS by early next year.

The Dixon Ridge Strategic Plan will regain speed after the Suisun Valley plan is adopted.

Board approved contract with EDAW, which will start by creating the baseline inventory regarding the climate action plan. It is mandated by the state to have the Climate Action Plan done by June 30, 2010 and to have reduced CO<sup>2</sup> by 20% by 2020.

### (b) Delta Water Issues

Legislation is struggling with SB38 which will be back in session as Soon as October 21, 2009. Supervisor Reagan has been working tirelessly on this bill to protect Northern California.

The idea was brought up to include limitations to exported water to avoid people using the water for landscapes etc.

# (c) Solano County Fair Plan

Here is the link to the Solano County Fair http://solano360.org

## (d) FARM Coordinator Recruitment Update-Jim Allan

Mr. Allan and Ms. Hardy interviewed the top five candidates for FARM Coordinator unfortunately the CAO office has put a hard freeze on hiring all position pending budgetary study. October 27, 2009 will have 1st quarter budget review and will have collective bargaining and administrative budget cut proposals included.

## (e) State Budget Actions-

There were no additional comments made.

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

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

- a. Walnut Twig Boar-Discussion
- b. Crowing Fowl Ordinance-
- c. Delta Water Issue-Discussion
- d. Agricultural Regions Study Ongoing
- e. Community Gardens-Nov-Carole
- f. LBAM Update
- g. Solano County Fair Plan-Ongoing

## 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

Ms. Burke participated in the Tire Amnesty Program and recognized how organized the day went. She also wanted to know if the climate action plan had a habitat component piece included.

# (b) Announcements

Mr. Allan distributed policy book for The Brown Act to all members and advised of the requirement to complete ethics training every two years. Here is the link <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.html?id=477">http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.html?id=477</a>

## (c) Correspondence

#### Item 9 Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 3:00 p.m., first floor conference room, 501 Texas Street, Fairfield.

#### Item 10 Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.