SOLANO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC) MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON April 13, 2011

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, Moira Burke, Barbara Comfort, Craig Leathers, Jeff Dittmer, Don Johnson, Russ Lester, Sue Lipstreu, James Wallace

Others Present:

Sabine Goerke-Shrode Aide to Supervisor Spering

Jim Allan Ag Commissioner
Mike Yankovitch Resource Management
Greg Lewis Dixon Fire Department
Aaron McAlister Dixon Fire Department
Carole Paterson UC Cooperative Extension
Fred Zarragoza Aide to Supervisor Reagan

Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Russ Lester 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 unanimously.

Item 4 Review/Approval of the Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2011

The minutes for March 9, 2011 were approved with changes to the attendees as follows: Mary Helen was not present and Sue Lippstreu was.

Item 5 New Business

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

Jim Allan Reported on the Rooster Ordinance which has had its first reading before the Board. Copies available for next meeting.

Item 6 Continuing Business

(a) General Plan Update/Agricultural Regions Study

Mike Yankovitch reported that the Dixon ridge area planning is beginning. The first public meeting on the topic is expected sometime in June.

(b) EGVM/LBAM Update-Jim Allan

Growers are expected to begin treating in May for EGVM, The grapes are way behind where they were last year.

(c) Future Budget Planning-Discussion

Nothing new to report on local budget.

(d) Bicycle Complaints/Issues

Waiting for Farm Bureau to assign members from Spray Safe.

(e) Delta Water Issues

Discussion of recent court case where encroachment by survey crews could be a "taking".

(f) Williamson Act Update

Suisun area plan allows for 20 acre parcels within the Act.

(g) Fire Code Amendments

It was M/S/P to support the staff recommendation as amended by the Fire District.

(g) Pesticide Update

Most rodenticides will be regulated as restricted use from now on per relabeling by federal EPA.

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

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

- a. Delta Water Issues-Ongoing
- b. EVGM Update- Jim Allan
- c. Williamson Act Update- Ongoing
- d. Solano County Branding- Ongoing
- e. Solano County Fair Plan- Ongoing
- f. Guideline on the Use of Prime Farmland- Report from Working Group Moira B., Barbara C., Don J., Jeff D., Russ L. -- Goal is to present draft by next meeting
- g. Future Budget Planning-Discussion
- h. Bicycle Complaints- AAC participants in STA Sub Comm Russ L., Barbara C.,
- i. Rio Vista Bridge Studies (STA)-Presentation
- Local Food Shed working group Moira will calendar a meeting. Jim W., Moira B., Russ L.
- k. Renewable Energy working group -- Barbara Butterfield to present at June meeting Russ L Ch., Mary Helen S.

<u>Item 8 Public Comments/Announcements/Correspondence</u>

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

(b) Announcements

(c) Correspondence

Item 9 Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, May 9, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., first floor conference room, 501 Texas Street, Fairfield.

<u>Item 10 Adjourn Meeting</u> The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.