SOLANO COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON
May 11, 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, Al Medvitz, James Wallace

Others Present:

Jim Allan	Ag Commissioner
Mike Yankovitch	Resource Management

Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Russ Lester at 3:12 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 April 13, 2011 were approved with a correction noting that Craig Leathers was in attendance.

Item 5 New Business

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

Jim Allan Distributed copies and answered questions regarding the Rooster Ordinance which was recently adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

Item 6 Continuing Business

(a) General Plan Update/Agricultural Regions Study

Mike Yankovitch reported that the Dixon Ridge area planning is using Jim Louie as a Contract Planner and beginning outreach. One area of key importance will be the Ag Industrial Study for the business park described in the General Plan.

(b) EGVM/LBAM Update-Jim Allan

Cool weather has delayed crops and EGVM treatments. Asian Citrus Psyllid is reinfesting areas in So. Cal. where it was previously eradicated.

(c) Future Budget Planning-Discussion

Nothing new to report on local budget.

(d) Bicycle Complaints/Issues

After review and discussion, it was M/S/P to have Chair Lester write a letter to the BOS requesting a task force be assigned to address bicycle-agricultural interaction.

(e) Delta Water Issues

Discussion of recent media attention to the Delta.

(f) Local Food Shed Working Group

Has met and will be discussing a food hub, uses of the proposed ag industrial park and opportuinities through USDA official Hummiston.

(g) Renewable Energy Working Group

Barbara Butterfield will be here next week to present PG&E energy reduction solutions.
Russ updated the group on the progress of SB 489 which is progressing steadily through the Senate committee process.

(g) Pesticide Update

The committee was updated on fumigant issues especially Methyl Iodide .

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
j. 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.

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

Carole Paterson is retiring from the UCCE Director position.
The Land Trust is hosting a Farm Fresh Feast a week from Saturday.

Item 9 Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., first floor conference room, 501 Texas Street, Fairfield.

Item 10 Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.