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

Don Johnson, Sue Lippstreu, John Mangels, Mary Helen Seeger

Others Present:

Simone Hardy Asst Agricultural Commissioner
Birgitta Corsello Resource Management
Jim Louie Resource Management

Fred Zaragoza Aide to Supervisor Reagan Dist 5

Adam Cline F.A.R.M. Coordinator

Jon Fadhl Farmer Moira Burke Farmer

Narcisa Untal Resource Management

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

Comment period was moved to beginning of the meeting.

Item 4 Review/Approval of the Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2009

There was no guorum present to approve the May 13, 2009 minutes. Minutes will be reviewed at July 8, 2009 meeting.

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 stated the Board of Supervisors received a status report on June 2, 2009 for the Middle Green Valley; this is a cluster development which supports an agricultural/ranch setting. They are moving into next phase starting with the EIR for new development. Here is the link for more information.

http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/boardscommissions/middle_green_valley_cac/default.asp

Board created new zone for commercial recreation, which will permit extended stays at RV parks in some areas.

Board approved the next step for the Potrero Hills expansion.

There was a review of the following road projects which are:

- North Connector STA is negotiating with farmers regarding property lines
- Widening Vanden Road to four lane road with walking path.
- Potential realignment of Hwy 113

(b) Solano County Fair Site- Discussion

On June 9. 2009 the Board was presented with the Solano 360 Vision which plans to redevelop the Solano County Fair Grounds. Board will need to approve before moving to next step. Here is the link to the website http://solano360.org/ for more information.

Item 6 Continuing Business

(a) General Plan Update-Jim Louie

There will be a 2nd community wide meeting for Suisun Valley Strategic Plan development on June 29 @ 6:30pm, which will be held at the CAC Multi-purpose room 1600.

Mr. Louie and Mr. Cline are continuing to meet with producers in the Dixon area as part of the Dixon Ridge Strategic Plan development. These meetings are producer focus groups of economically important commodities in the region. These meetings are a follow-up to the Strategic Plan Kick-off Meeting held April 22, 2009 in Dixon.

(b) Timm Road Subdivision-Resource Management

Due to the comments Resource Management would expect to have a focused EIR. Applicant will decide if they would like to go forward with the project.

(b) Delta Water Issues-Discussion

Solano County submitted a comment letter on the Bay Area Delta Conservation Plan, committee will review document and discuss next month.

In the news it was reported that US Fish and Game has issued an opinion that fish take precedent over water rights.

(b) FARM Coordinator Update- Adam Cline

Mr. Cline facilitated a gathering of boutique wine makers from Solano County. The purpose was to facilitate networking opportunities and gauge interest in forming a formal group and participating in educational and marketing opportunities. Six wineries and one olive oil producer attended the meeting as well as Mario Moratorio, Small Farm Advisor, and Jim Lapsley, UC Davis Extension Viticulturalist.

Mr. Cline will be representing the agricultural community on a citizen's advisory group with PG&E.

He is also currently assisting several growers with farm stand permitting and regulations required for operation.

<u>Item 7 Identify and Clarify Future Agenda Topics and Timing of Discussion</u>

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

- a. Delta Water Issue-Discussion
- b. Weed Management-Kathryn Holmes-July
- c. Agricultural Regions Study Ongoing
- d. Green House Gas Emissions- Consultant-Oct
- e. Solano County Fair Site-June
- f. TANC Project-Update

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

Committee member commented on Senator Florez looking into downsizing CDFA, and splitting the agency into other departments. This will be added into next months agenda with intent to draft a letter for submission.

(b) Announcements

Narcisa Untal informed the committee of a grant the County received for Tire Amnesty Days. The first site will be at Potrero Hill Landfill. People will have to call 707-784-6765 to pre-register. They will be verifying addresses as well as taking the exact number of tires being accepted. Tentative start date is August 1, 2009.

(c) Correspondence

Item 9 Next Meeting Date

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

<u>Item 10 Adjourn Meeting</u> The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.