

**SOLANO COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON
May 12, 2010**

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:

Moira Burke, Jeff Dittmer, Craig Leathers, Sue Lippstreu, Mary Helen Seeger, James Wallace

Others Present:

Jim Allan	Agricultural Commissioner
Sabine Goerke-Shrode	Aide to Supervisor Spering
Fred Zaragoza	Aide to Supervisor Reagan
Carole Paterson	UC Cooperative Extension
Chris Lee	Solano County Water Agency

Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Moira Burke 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

There was no quorum to approve the agenda.

Item 4 Review/Approval of the Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2010

There was no quorum to approve the minutes from April 14, 2010.

Item 5 New Business

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

No updates at this time.

(b) Habitat Conservation Plan- Chris Lee

Mr. Lee gave a broad overview of the habitat conservation plan (HCP). Some of the topics he discussed were

- How to communicate with the federal government
- 14 plan participants
- Background of HCP
- Why the Water Agency is leading an HCP
- Purpose of the HCP
- Process

Here is a link to the website to review the final administrative draft
http://www.scwa2.com/Conservation_Habitat_FinalAdminDraft.aspx

(c) EGVM Update- Jim Allan

There was a grower meeting held on April 29, 2010 with updates on EGVM. Seven moths have been found on six properties in Solano County and the quarantine has expanded to include a good portion of Suisun and Fairfield areas. CDFA and Commissioners are doing state wide delimitation trapping to determine where the infestations are located. Growers have done voluntary spraying in affected and non affected areas. CDFA and USDA are making the final adjustments to the compliance agreements for growers moving crops and equipment in and out of quarantine areas. Here is a link with more information
http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/PE/InteriorExclusion/egvm_quarantine.html

Item 6 Continuing Business

(a) General Plan Update/Agricultural Regions Study

There have been no updates since last meeting. Here are some related links
Suisun Valley Strategic plan
http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/planning/suisun_valley_strategic_plan.asp
Dixon Ridge Strategic Plan
http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/planning/dixon_ridge_agricultural_region_strategic_plan.asp

(b) Delta Water Issues

Dept of Water Resources is moving ahead administratively with the twin tunnel project.

(c) Williamson Act Update

Supervisor Vasquez chair of CSAC, RCDC and Sierra Club are strongly supporting the state re upping Williamson Act funding. They are attempting to have a package for the legislature with the understanding that the Williamson Act funding will have a no compromise clause. Here is a link with more information
<http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/lca/Pages/Index.aspx>

(d) Solano County Branding

The working group has adopted the name Solano Grown and is taking the steps to get the copyright. They are also in the process of developing a website. The next meetings will be held May 17th to discuss website and May 18th for general meeting.

(e) Solano County Fair Plan

There has been no board action since the last meeting. Here is the link to the Solano County Fair
<http://solano360.org>

(f) Climate Action Plan- Working group members

There was a suggestion to keep a close eye on the issue as it applies to agricultural. The Climate Action Plan Focus Group is looking at agricultural emissions only; and the data is from a top down analysis. This is a global problem and local efforts cannot entirely resolve the issue. Here is the link for updates
http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/planning/climate_action_plan/agendas.asp

(g) Pesticide Update-Jim Allan

Aluminum Phosphide is going through emergency rule making at the federal level. A situation in Utah where a landscaper misused the product and two young girls perished. The EPA is going to rescind all residential uses and include a significant set back from dwellings in other uses. All new labels will have new restrictions on them.

Methyl Iodide will be replacing Methyl bromide to replace field fumigations. Methyl bromide has been used as pre plant fumigation for strawberries. It has been determined that Methyl Bromide depletes the ozone. There will be some uses still allowed under the new regulations.

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. Climate Action Plan- Ongoing
- g. Guideline on the Use of Prime Farmland- Report from Working Group
- h. Direct Sales-Environmental Health Dept

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

(b) Announcements

The Commissioner's office is pursuing eight different abatement projects in Suisun Valley. His office will be following procedures determined by the law to rectify the problems.

(c) Correspondence

Item 9 Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 3:00 p.m., first floor conference room, 501 Texas Street, Fairfield.

Item 10 Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.