

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOLANO COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

**Meeting of August 19, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Solano County Zoning Administrator was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Department of Resource Management, Fairfield, California.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Yankovich, Program Manager  
Karen Avery, Senior Planner  
Eric Wilberg, Planning Technician  
Kristine Letterman, Zoning Administrator Clerk

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1. **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider Use Permit Application No. U-10-05 of **Ramos Orchards** for off-site agricultural processing and custom farm services including an agricultural scale and scale house. The project is located at 9192 Boyce Road 2 miles southwest of the City of Winters in an "A-40" Exclusive Agricultural Zoning District, APN: 0103-230-100. This project is determined to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. (Project Planner: Karen Avery) **Staff Recommendation:** Approval

After a brief presentation of staff's written report, Mike Yankovich opened the public hearing. The applicant concurred with staff's recommendation for approval. Since there were no speakers either for or against this matter, Mr. Yankovich closed the public hearing and approved the application subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

Mr. Yankovich stated that any person who believes he or she has been adversely affected by the decision of the Zoning Administrator may file an appeal of the decision to the Planning Commission within ten days

2. **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider Oil and Gas Well Application No. WD-10-04 of **Armstrong Petroleum** to establish a natural gas well on property located approximately 1.5 miles north of the City of Rio Vista in an "A-80" Exclusive Agricultural Zoning District, APN 0042-180-330. This project is determined to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. (Project Planner: Eric Wilberg) **Staff Recommendation:** Approval

After a brief presentation of staff's written report, Mike Yankovich opened the public hearing. The property owner, John Cronin, voiced his concern with regard to the clean up of the site after the well is abandoned. He stated that there are 3 abandoned wells currently existing on the property, and the companies responsible have not cleaned up those sites. Mr. Cronin also voiced his concern for the safety of his livestock noting that the animals have fallen into the wells in the past and have been killed.

Representatives from Armstrong Petroleum were present at the hearing. They stated that they have contacted the State Department of Conservation to inform them of the problem with the existing abandoned wells. They have also tried to contact the operators of those wells and have offered Mr. Cronin assistance in helping him mitigate this situation. Company representatives have also agreed to erect a fence around the project site.

Since there were no further speakers either for or against this matter, Mr. Yankovich closed the public hearing and approved the application with an amendment to Condition No. 9 to require a 6 foot high fence around the project site along with additional language in Condition No. 7 that the site shall be restored to its natural state.

Mr. Yankovich stated that staff will also contact the state department to inquire about the status with regard to the abandoned wells on the property. He said staff will provide Mr. Cronin with any information they receive.

Mr. Yankovich stated that any person who believes he or she has been adversely affected by the decision of the Zoning Administrator may file an appeal of the decision to the Planning Commission within ten days

3. Since there was no further business, the meeting was **adjourned**.