

KINGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CHARLES DRAXLER – DAIRY INDUSTRY
JIM GREGORY – AG CHEMICALS & PETROLEUM
MICHELE COSTA – KINGS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

DON MILLS – WATER
BILL TOS – NUT CROPS
VACANT – SMALL FARMS

JOHNNY STARLING – AG PROCESSING
BOB PRYS – FEED/SEED & GRAIN
BRIAN POTTER – AG EQUIPMENT

SECRETARY: GREGORY GATZKA

STAFF: MARK SHERMAN (559) 852- 2675

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AGENDA

Thursday, January 12, 2012
12:00 P.M.

This meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held in the Ag Commissioner's Multi-Purpose Room, 680 N. Campus Drive, Hanford, California. **NOTE: All attendees are invited to bring a lunch.**

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson

A. Roll Call of Ag Advisory Committee Members: *(Gregory Gatzka – Secretary)*

B. Unscheduled Comments:

Any person may address the Committee on any subject matter within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Committee at the beginning of the meeting; or may elect to address the Committee on any agenda item at the time the item is called by the Chair, but before the matter is acted upon by the Committee. Unscheduled comments will be limited to five minutes.

C. Approval of the Minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting: *Chairman: Call for motion, second and voice vote.*

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS – Secretary Gatzka

A. Jim Sullins – Auxiliary Member representing the Kings County UC Cooperative Extension

B. Charles Buhl - Auxiliary Member representing the Kings County Rural Crimes Task Force

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Secretary Gatzka

A. Open nominations for the election of the following officers for the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

1. Chairperson

Call for motion, second and voice vote

2. Vice Chairperson

Call for motion, second and voice vote

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **NEW MEETING DATE AND TIME** - Secretary Gatzka

The Ag Advisory Committee will vote on the formal adoption of the Committee bylaws which were changed to reflect a new meeting date. The attached bylaws were reviewed and approved by the Board of Supervisors as required on October 25, 2011.

1. Discussion

2. Action: Committee will vote to formally adopt the new bylaws.

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- B. **UPDATE ON WATER/DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN KINGS COUNTY** – Secretary Gatzka
Update for the Committee and discussion of the ongoing drought condition and its affect on Kings County agriculture, fire safety, and groundwater levels.
 - 1. Discussion
 - 2. Action: Provide feedback/recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

- C. **COMMERCIAL SOLAR FACILITIES AND AGRICULTURAL LAND** – Secretary Gatzka
Discussion concerning mitigation for loss of agricultural land in relation to solar projects in Kings County.
 - 1. Discussion
 - 2. Action: Provide feedback/recommendations to the Kings County Planning Commission for consideration and possible forwarding to the Board of Supervisors.

- D. **UPDATE ON THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT** – Secretary Gatzka
Update for the Committee concerning the High Speed Rail project from Fresno to Bakersfield.
 - 1. Discussion

V. **MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Correspondence:
- B. Member comments:
- C. Staff Comments:

VI. **ADJOURNMENT** –

The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 12, 2012.