

# *Kings County Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes*

## *June 8, 2005*

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Gregory at 1:38 p.m. in the Agricultural Commissioner's Conference Room #G, in the Agricultural Center of the Kings County Government Center, Hanford, CA.

### **Members Present:**

Jim Gregory, Ryan Bertao

### **Ex-Officio Members Present:**

Bill Zumwalt, Tim Niswander

### **Auxiliary Members Present:**

Kerry Arroues, Jeff Tyner

### **County Staff Present:**

Mark Sherman, Marti Seniff

### **Visitors Present:**

None

### **Unscheduled Comments:**

None

### **Minutes: January 19, 2004**

A Motion was made and seconded (Bertao/Gregory) to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2005 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### **New Members:**

Mr. Zumwalt introduced Jeff Tyner who represents the K.C. Rural Crimes Task Force as the new auxiliary member.

### **Agriculture Advisory Committee Proposed Bylaw Changes:**

Mr. Zumwalt presented proposed changes to *Article VII* of the Agricultural Advisory Committee bylaws. The change proposes establishing quarterly meetings instead of one regular meeting per year. He stated that the proposed changes could go before the Board of Supervisors for approval on June 21, 2005 as a consent item. Mr. Bertao stated that he would like to see the committee address legislative issues. Mr. Gregory stated that he also would like to see the committee be more proactive with legislative issues that affect the county and submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Zumwalt stated that at anytime the committee can contact the chairman to request a special meeting to discuss issues.

A Motion was made and seconded (Bertao/Gregory) to send the proposed changes to the bylaws to the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

**Miscellaneous:**

- a. Correspondence: None
- b. Member Comments: Mr. Gregory requested a list of the vacancies open for committee members.  
Mr. Arroues spoke about urban soils and distributed Urban Soils Primers, a magazine that highlights agriculture and soil testing. Mr. Gregory stated that there will be an upcoming precision farming equipment meeting and encouraged the members to go.

**Adjournment**

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. There will be a special meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee on July 7, 2005 at the Kings County Fairgrounds during the Fair kick-off ceremony.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Zumwalt, Secretary