

Kings County Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes

December 15, 2004

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Gregory at 1:35 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, Pete Hanse, Bill Tos, Jim Verboon, Gerald Theodore, Ryan Bertao, Don Mills, Chuck Draxler,

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Bill Zumwalt, David Unruh, Tim Niswander

Auxiliary Members Present:

Jay Sayler

County Staff Present:

Sandy Roper, Mark Sherman, Marti Seniff

Visitors Present:

Seth Nidever-Sentinel

Unscheduled Comments:

None

Minutes: July 14, 2004

A Motion was made and seconded (/ Gregory) to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2004 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

New Members

Genetically Modified Crops

Mr. Gregory discussed and showed a film on genetically engineered crops. There was much discussion on the pros and cons of genetically engineered crops.

Draft Resolution in the Matter of the use of Biotechnology -Start here

Mr. Brian Bertao, Kings County Farm Bureau, presented the draft resolution to submit to the Board of Supervisors on the use of Biotechnology. The members discussed the resolution in length. Mr. Gregory stated the Agricultural Advisory Committee could comment before it goes to the Board. After much discussion a motion was made and seconded (Tos / Verboon) to approve the Resolution and send it to the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves in Kings County

Mr. Zumwalt discussed the changes made to the Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves in Kings County. He stated that since 1969 there have been no changes to the definitions of the different compatible uses. Mr. Zumwalt has made changes to the Uniform Rules to make it consistent with the current County Zoning Ordinance.

A Motion was made and seconded (Hanse / Mills) to approve the proposal to make text changes to the Uniform Rules for Agriculture Preserves in Kings County. Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous:

- a. Correspondence: None
- b. Member Comments: None

Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m. The next regularly meeting scheduled for February 16, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Zumwalt, Secretary