

KINGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CHARLES DRAXLER – DAIRY INDUSTRY
JIM GREGORY – AG CHEMICALS & PETROLEUM
DIANA PECK – KINGS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

DON MILLS – WATER
BILL TOS – NUT CROPS
GERALD THEODORE – SMALL FARMS

JOHNNY STARLING – AG PROCESSING
BOB PRYS – FEED/SEED & GRAIN
JIM MACIEL – AG EQUIPMENT

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

June 10, 2010

Call to Order:

Chairman Mills called the special meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee to order at 12:08 p.m. in the Ag Commissioner's Multi-Purpose Room, 680 N, Campus Drive., Hanford, California.

Committee Members Present:

Don Mills, Diana Peck,
Charles Draxler, Jim Maciel,
Jim Gregory, Johnny Starling, Bob Prys

Committee Members Absent:

Bill Tos, Gerald Theodore

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Tim Niswander, Kathy Sargent, Greg Gatzka,
Carol Collar, Jay Salyer

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Auxiliary Members Present:

Peggy Gregory

Auxiliary Members Absent:

Jeff Tyner, Kerry Arroues

Committee Coordinator Present

Joe Neves

Committee Coordinator Absent

County Staff Present:

Chuck Kinney, Mark Sherman,
Terri Yarbrough, Kyle Schumacher
Johanna Hartley

County Staff Absent:

Visitors Present:

Harry Verheul, Nang Pay Vang, Fire Marshal Mike Virden

Unscheduled Comments:

None

Minutes: April 14, 2010 Meeting:

A Motion was made and seconded (Draxler/Gregory) to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2010 meeting. The Motion carried unanimously with Bob Prys abstaining and Tos and Theodore absent.

Agricultural Setback Requirements:

Mr. Greg Gatzka gave an overview of the background and history of the setbacks issue. He also reported that the Board of Supervisors would like a formal recommendation from the Agricultural Advisory Committee. Mr. Kyle Schumacher from the Community Development Agency gave a PowerPoint presentation on current dairy setbacks and possible recommendations. It was suggested by Committee members that there be a uniform standard for setbacks in order to reduce the possibility of a legal challenge. The Committee would also like to see a clear definition as to what defines a new facility with regard to dairies. The Committee discussed whether setbacks should be measured from the property line, public right-of-way line, or centerline of the road. Mr. Harry Verheul, Director of Public Works, stated that the county right-of-ways are not consistent and recommended that setbacks be based from the center line of the road.

A motion was made and seconded (Gregory/Draxler) to have the Community Development Agency work with the Public Works Department to develop a draft uniform standard set back to be presented to the committee members for approval.

Miscellaneous

Correspondence: none

Member Comments: none

Staff Comments: none

Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m. The Committee will meet on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at the annual Kings County Fair Agri-Business luncheon. The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 14, 2010 at 12:00.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gregory R. Gatzka, Secretary