

# SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

## AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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### MINUTES

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, April 8, 2024

**Present:** Josh Cheney, Andrew Genasci, Omar Luna, Richard Marchini, Joseph Nicolini, Terry Ann Paoletti, Robert Rickman, Joseph Seimas, Roseanna Silva, Terry Violet, Ken Vogel

**Absent:** Brandon Bates, Kamal Bagri, George Biagi, Jose Chavez, Chuck Hammond, David Dodson, Michael Fisher, Brent Holtz, Jeff Torres

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- I. **Call to Order** – Chair, Ken Vogel called the meeting to order at 10 A.M.
    - a. **Approval of Minutes** – Suspended – Prior minutes not transcribed yet
  - II. **Flag Salute**
  - III. **Approval of Minutes**
    - a. Suspended as prior minutes not yet transcribed.
  - IV. **Correspondence**
    - a. No correspondence received
  - V. **Old Business**
    - a. Delta/BDCP Issues:
      - i. Discussion on the attempt to change historic water right in conjunction with the proposed Delta Tunnel. Petition due April 29, 2024, to DWR regarding changing diversion point for the tunnels.
  - VI. **Legislative Updates**
    - a. New Regulations
      - i. Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, Omar Luna, from the Agricultural Commissioner's Office discussed several upcoming regulations that the County Agricultural Department will be dealing with. There were some questions about the role that the Agricultural Department and University of California Cooperative

Extension have in Ag burning issues. Supervisor Rickman noted that he is always willing to help with such issues.

- b. Property Tax/ Assessments/ Crop Removal
  - i. Andrew Genesci, Director of the Farm Bureau, reported on the recent meeting he and the Farm Bureau members had with the SJC Assessor's Office staff. They plan additional meetings that hopefully will be helpful to the Ag community and the Assessor's Office about current AG issues and how evaluations can be kept up to date.
- c. Energy Concerns
  - i. The PG&E rate increase and the new power lines in the North County were discussed. Supervisor Rickman discussed the actions of the Board of Supervisors to oppose the proposed rate increases.

**VII. New Business**

- a. Agricultural Commissioner's Report
  - i. Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, Omar Luna, provided updates on the Dog Team Detector Program, issues with abandoned orchards, budget reductions in the Glassy Winged Sharpshooter Program, and Hemp.
- b. Transportation of Agricultural Products
  - i. A meeting with the new Director of the Airport was discussed. The Airport is interested in the transportation of agricultural products.
- c. Make a Motion to hold Quarterly Meetings
  - i. Consensus was to hold quarterly meetings.

**VIII. Announcements**

**IX. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:

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