



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES

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Monday, May 3, 2021

Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Conference ID: 436 885 296#

- Present:** Brandon Bates, Josh Cheney, Chuck Hammond, Scott Johnson, Tim Pelican, Robert Rickman, Joseph Seimas, Jeremy Terhune, Terry Violett, Charles Winn
- Excused:** George Biagi, Ken Vogel
- Absent:** Joseph Bacchetti, Bruce Blodgett, Brent Holtz, Richard Marchini, Terry Ann Paoletti, Ernie Pombo, Jeff Torres
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- I. Call to Order** – Chair Scott Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes** – March 1, 2021 minutes postponed no quorum.
- III. Correspondence**
- a. California Department of Conservation
 - i. Development Title Text Amendment No. PA-2000004 of San Joaquin County (C/O San Joaquin County Development Department).
 - b. California Farm Land Trust
 - i. Title 9 of the Ordinance of the County of San Joaquin relating to Chapter 9-1080 (Agricultural Mitigation) of the Development Title.
- IV. Old Business**
- a. Delta Issues:
 - i. Jeremy shared information on the Ag tax issue. There is an appeals process not related to San Joaquin County regarding the Lookout Slough Project and we will be supplying comments for that we should be finishing those letters this week. There will be a survey sent out by the end of this week regarding the Great Delta Trail Master Plan, it is important that farmers, reclamation districts, and delta residents fill the survey out, this will help shape the plan. San Joaquin County is included in the master plan for the Delta Trails.
 - b. Ag Commissioner's Report:

- i. Proposed neonics mitigations will be out soon and will be open for public comment.
- ii. Surveying for our drought declaration sometime in May, UC Extension does grass cuttings in areas where dryland grazing takes place to get an idea what the feed supply is like. This helps if any programs open up through FSA or NRCS regarding money available for drought programs.
- iii. Cherry season opened up strong last week their expecting a strong crop this year.
- iv. Got a call from California Department of Food & Agriculture that they had found a lantern fly egg mass that was on a pod that was shipped from Pennsylvania to our military installation in Lathrop, we did go inspect it. Currently the State has proposed a quarantine that would help with treatment before stuff can be moved into the State. That is currently at the office of Administrative Law.

V. Legislative Updates

- a. Pesticide Mill Assessment increase is still in the legislature.

VI. New Business

- a. Candidates for Vice Chair.
 - i. Keep in mind we may need a Chair and Vice Chair.

VII. Announcements - None.

VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m., next meeting date TBD.

Submitted By: Annette Lovato, Administrative Secretary