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John Smith – Fruit and Nut Farming Industry

MINUTES

July 9, 2014
6:30 P.M.

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
330 Fair Lane – Building A, Placerville

Members Present: Bacchi, Boeger, Smith, Walker, Mansfield, Draper

Members Absent: Neilsen,

Ex-Officio Members Present: Charlene Carveth, Agricultural Commissioner

Media Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: LeeAnne Mila Deputy Agricultural Commissioner
Chris Flores, Senior Agricultural Biologist
Myrna Tow, Clerk to the Agricultural Commission

Others Present: Tom Van Noord, Steven Chautow, Chris Orse

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair, Greg Boeger, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Boeger called for a voice vote for approval to approve the Agenda of July 9, 2014 as submitted.

AYES: Bacchi, Smith, Walker, Boeger, Mansfield, Draper

NOES: None

ABSENT: Neilsen

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of June 9, 2014

It was moved by Mr. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the Minutes of June 9, 2014 as submitted.

- Chair, Greg Boeger, called for a voice vote for approval of the Minutes of June 9, 2014

AYES: Bacchi, Smith, Walker, Boeger, Mansfield, Draper

NOES: None

ABSENT: Neilsen

IV. PUBLIC FORUM- No comments were received

- V. Request for Agricultural Commission Review for three new Williamson Act Contracts and one non-renewal. WAC13-0009, WAC13-0010, & WAC13-0011. Ag Preserve #283** During the Agricultural Commission's regularly scheduled meeting held on July 9, 2014, the following discussion and motion occurred regarding review of **WAC13-0009, WAC13-0010, & WAC13-0011**; Planning Services has requested a review and recommendation by the Agricultural Commission regarding an application by Thomas Van Noord for three new Williamson Act Contracts and one non-renewal. Agricultural Preserve #283 consists of the following five parcels (APNs 089-010-45, 089-010-67, 089-010-68, 089-010-69, and 089-010-70. The applicant is requesting to rescind the existing contract and re-enter into three new contracts for three of the five parcels. The non-renewal request is for parcel number 089-010-45, owned by the Wellborn Family Trust and consisting of 22.91 acres, and parcel number 089-010-68, owned by Thomas Van Noord and consisting of 10.46 acres. This project is located in the Gold Hill area, District V.

Specific WAC requests and parcel information are below.

a) WAC 13-0009:

1. Parcel Number 089-010-69
2. Acreage = 50 acres
3. Zoning = Exclusive Agriculture (AE)
4. Land Use Designation = Agricultural Land (AL)
5. Property is being used for cattle grazing.
6. Capital outlay reported for fencing (5-strand barbed wire), brush clearing, road maintenance, EID water and irrigation = \$10,000 +
7. Current gross annual income reported: \$2,000

b) WAC 13-0010:

1. Parcel Number 089-010-67
2. Acreage = 76.55 acres
3. Zoning = Exclusive Agriculture (AE)

4. Land Use Designation = Agricultural Land (AL)
5. Property is being used for cattle grazing.
6. Capital outlay reported for fencing, brush clearing, and road maintenance = \$10,000 +
7. Current gross annual income reported: \$2,000

c) WAC 13-0011:

1. Parcel Number 089-010-70
2. Acreage = 50 acres
3. Zoning = Exclusive Agricultural (AE)
4. Land Use Designation = Agricultural Land (AL)
5. Property is being used for cattle grazing.
6. Capital outlay reported for fencing, brush clearing, and road maintenance, water development = \$10,000 +
7. Current gross annual income reported: \$2,000

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends APPROVAL of WAC 13-0009, WAC 13-0010, and WAC 13-0011 as the parcels continue to meet the minimum criteria for a low intensive agricultural operation in Williamson Act Contract:

- 1) Acreage of parcels meets the minimum requirement of 50 acres at 50+ acres.
- 2) Capital outlay meets the minimum requirement of \$10,000 at \$10,000+.
- 3) Gross income exceeds the minimum requirement of \$2,000/year at \$2,000.

Staff recommends APPROVAL of the applicant's request for a partial roll-out/non-renewal of parcel numbers 089-010-45 and 089-010-68, removing the parcels from WAC # 283, as neither parcel contributes to the agricultural production of the contract and neither parcel meets the minimum Williamson Act Contract criteria for a low intensive agricultural operation.

The applicant was present and answered questions by the Commission and addressed a question from Steve Chautow, neighbor to Mr. Van Noords property.

It was moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Draper to recommend APPROVAL of WAC 13-0009, WAC 13-0010, and WAC 13-0011 as the parcels meet the minimum criteria for a low intensive agricultural operation in Williamson Act Contract: 1) Acreage of parcels meets the minimum requirement of 50 acres at 50+ acres. 2) Capital outlay meets the minimum requirement of \$10,000 at \$10,000+. 3) Gross income exceeds the minimum requirement of \$2,000/year at \$2,000. The Commission also recommends APPROVAL of the applicant's request for a partial roll-out/non-renewal of parcel numbers 089-010-45 and 089-010-68, removing the parcels from WAC # 283, as neither parcel contributes to the agricultural production of the contract and neither parcel meets the minimum Williamson Act Contract criteria for a low intensive agricultural operation.

Motion passed

AYES: *Smith, Walker, Draper, Mansfield, Bacchi, Boeger*
NOES: *None*
ABSENT: *Neilsen*

VI. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY ISSUES – Charlene Carveth

VII. CORRESPONDENCE and PLANNING REQUESTS – None

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS – Charlene Carveth

- **National Organic Certification Cost Share Program**

IX. ADJOURNMENT 7:23pm

APPROVED: *Greg Boeger, Chair*
DATE: 8/13/14