

Sacramento Valley  
Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer Association

MINUTES  
October 1, 2003

Oxford Suites, Chico  
Butte County

Present

Christine Turner, Placer, Chair  
Rick Landon, Yolo, Secretary  
Mike Boitano, Amador  
Richard Price, Butte  
Dennis Pooler, Yuba  
Mark Quisenberry, Sutter  
Susan Cohen, Solano  
Paul Boch, Nevada  
Ed Williams, CDFA

Frank Carl, Sacramento  
Bill Duckworth, Glenn  
Jerry Howard, Calaveras  
Gary Caseri, Tuolumne  
Danny Merkley, DPR  
Harry Krug, Colusa  
Bill Snodgrass, El Dorado  
Janice Price, CDFA

1. The meeting was called to order a 8:00 AM
2. Additional Agenda Items - none
3. Approval of September 3, 2003 Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Treasurer's Report - \$674.31. Bills to be sent out.
6. CACASA Issues
  - a. It was agreed that Mark Quisenberry would invite the Coast Group to our meeting December 3 & 4 rather than us attending their meeting December 2 & 3 in Carmel.
  - b. Finance Committee Update – Carl
    1. opportunity to incorporate our mill assessment proposal into DPR proposal. \$5 million General Fund, \$2.88 million is for our 3765 contracts, \$2.1 million for outreach. 04/05 \$11 million shortfall. Let Frank know of any reductions in your PUE program.
    2. CDFA \$17 million in reductions. RIFA gone. Only 5 border stations, 11 closing. Another 20% reduction next year. Gas tax could be up substantially (50%).
8. f. Irrigation Return Flow Questionnaire – Landon/Ferguson
  1. After much discussion it was decided to wait on handing out the information sheet and asking growers to opt-in/opt out until further feedback from Aaron.
  2. Department of Conservation has an RFP out for watershed coordinators.

3. The watershed evaluation report is due April 1<sup>st</sup>. This report analyzes history of monitoring and lists management practices.
  4. A scientifically defensible monitoring program is due April 1<sup>st</sup> also. A meeting will be held Oct 14<sup>th</sup> to develop the monitoring plan.
  5. The next Coalition Meeting is October 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in Woodland.
  6. NCWA has lists of reclamation and irrigation districts.
  7. Mike will talk to Aaron about including Amador County in the Sac Valley Coalition.
- c. OP Focus Group Participation – Pooler – It was MSP to send a letter to Kathy Russick with the Sacramento River Watershed Program to withdraw from the OP Focus Group with a letter to Jean-Marie at EPA also.
  - b. New Diazinon Water Quality Objective – Quisenberry – There is a 150 page final staff report. It has not been noticed and no date or time has been set. The next Regional Board Meeting is Oct 16 & 17, Mark Q. will attend.
  - h. California Watershed Forum/Council – approximately 270 people attended. Network of watershed groups. We need to **“collaborate”**
6. b. Budget Issues – Krug
    1. Colusa county got a late start on the budget because of a new CAO. Every department was cut 22%, no prioritization was done and only 8 months are left to make cuts. 3 Biologists were cut, now they have only 2 Biologists and ADC.
  6. d. Federal Funding – Van Wassenhove –
    1. Issues for Washington DC. Use the same list as last year, but add the Weights and Measures funding proposal by Aves Thompson for \$30 million nationwide.
  6. e. Minutes – Post on the CDFA website. Give Ed corrected copy.
  6. f. Conference Schedule – It was agreed that it would be better to have a 4 day rather than a 5 day conference. Start Monday and end Thursday.
  7. a. CDFA Report – Williams
    1. 11 commodities opted out of Standardization (letter).
    2. CDFA has lost \$16.8 million in the last 4 years and 256 positions.
    3. CDFA expects another 20% cut next year.
      - a. Looking for revenue generating sources
      - b. Assessing international and interstate commerce
      - c. Looking at consolidations
    4. A new Commissioner orientation is scheduled in Sacramento soon (7 new commissioners)
    5. Scheduling Oral Exam Reviews (Salinas, Fresno, & Santa Rosa)

6. Exotic Newcastle is eradicated
7. Bill Callison is retiring (party Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup>)
8. Wisteria Vein Mosaic Virus – widespread, C rated
9. Citrus Canker has been found outside the quarantine area in Florida
10. Perchlorate – has been found in milk from cows fed alfalfa and on lettuce watered with water from the Colorado River
7. e. Farmers Market Issues – Price –
  1. Adopt Section 1392.4 (h) requiring a valid market certificate. 10-12 are operating without certificates now. Currently all you can do is enforce standard container regs. This change would allow fines in the serious range (\$401-\$1,000). MSP to support and send to the standardization committee.
  2. Janice handed out a draft CP Standardized Load List
  3. WIC – There is concern for this programs future at farmer’s markets. They are asking that we complete a form during market inspections. Not approved
  4. Non-certified Ag – varied opinions. It was questioned whether or not we have authority over non-certified ag
  5. The Secretary is not de-certifying Nursery Stock at this time.
7. b. County Bait Manufacturing MOU – Landon – being updated
7. c. Vine Mealybug Ordinance – Snodgrass –
  1. First reading done in El Dorado County. Considered infested if you find the female. Regulates nursery stock. The model ordinance and protocol will be on the web soon.
7. d. Weed Free Forage Inspection Procedures – Boitano
  1. Inspection procedures were not accepted.
7. f. Dairy siting standards – Cohen
  1. Glenn County has standards
8. a. CDPR Report – Merkle
  1. MBr regs are out for comment – no Sac Valley counties have township caps.
  2. Mill has shown a 19% increase in collections this year
  3. SB 1645 requires license for non-game fur bearing mammals. Federal trappers exempt. Comments to Danny
  4. 2002 PUR Data will be released October 31<sup>st</sup>
  5. VOC non attainment in South Coast and San Joaquin
  6. Hazard Communication Regs out for public comment in November
  7. PSIS leaflets are being consolidated
8. d. Homeland Security – Emergency Plans – Pooler
  1. DPR/CDFA should help in the survey
  2. How can we get money from the program?
8. e. Oversight Inspection PRAC – Merkle
  1. It was MSP to support in concept of the Coast Group that every county should have some minimum number of

inspections and recommend a subcommittee of PRAC work with DPR to develop a formula. Jerry to represent Sac Valley

8. g. Repeat Violations – Carl
  1. It was MSP to change the regulation during the 2004 rulemaking process.
8. i. MBr letter – It was MSP to support the letter by Helliker to EPA that California growers are at a disadvantage
10. Executive Session