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Agriculture Committee Meeting

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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 29, 2026 at 6:00PM: District Office Board Room

Committee Responsibility

The Board's standing Agricultural Committee shall be concerned with promoting and preserving agricultural customers and assisting them with regulatory compliance, such as Annual Crop Reports.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. OPEN TIME/PUBLIC COMMENT: Pursuant to Gov. code S54950, persons wishing to address the Board of Directors on matters not listed on the agenda should notify the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. To speak at this time and for any item listed on the agenda – raise your hand, and when recognized by the Chair – proceed to the podium to address the Board.

4. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS (Discussion)

- a. Irrigation Strategies and Techniques for Improving Hard Soil - The committee held an open discussion on practical irrigation methods for the local area. Topics included:
 - Drip irrigation vs. sprinklers vs. soaker hoses
 - Mulching techniques to retain moisture
 - Water requirements for common garden crops and fruit trees
 - Use of shade cloth during peak summer heat
 - Soil amendments and cover crops for hard/clay soils
 - Resources from UC Agriculture Extension and other materials were referenced and shared with attendees.

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Olive Trees & Local Agricultural History Committee members and the public discussed the long history of olive trees in the district, including specific properties with century-old trees, grafting techniques, and the challenges of maintaining older orchards. Fire safety and tree removal practices were also briefly addressed.

Next Meeting The committee agreed to meet again on **Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM**. The meeting may include a field trip or guest speaker on grafting techniques, pending confirmation.

5. ADJOURN THE MEETING - The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 PM.

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