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Agriculture Committee Meeting

Directors - Scott McVay, Logan Johnston
Alternate – Vacant

Community Members
Dr. Audra Harl, Dennis Possehn, Robert Wharton

General Manager: Dale Mancino

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 24, 2025 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.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 PM

2. Roll Call: Director McVay, Director Johnston, General Manager Dale Mancino, Robert Wharton, Dennis Possehn

3. OPEN TIME/PUBLIC COMMENT: *None*

4. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

a. Cultivation Practices, Seeding (Types, Methods, Etc.), Irrigation and Sources of Necessary Supplies

Director Johnston led a comprehensive presentation on pasture management and grazing practices in the Happy Valley area. Discussion covered:

Pasture Types: Irrigated vs. dryland pastures, typical water requirements (3–5 acre-feet per acre annually), and the importance of rotational grazing to reduce soil compaction and maintain forage health.

Seed Mixes: Recommendations for irrigated mixes (fescues, ryegrass, orchard grass, legumes such as white or strawberry clover) and for dryland mixes (tall fescue varieties, orchard grass, brome fescue, vetch). Members noted that clovers should not be added if already present to avoid livestock bloat.

Soil and Grazing Management: Emphasis on rotational systems and maintaining organic matter to prevent over-compaction and erosion.

Irrigation: Typical requirements (36–60 inches of water annually), timing of watering, and local challenges with evapotranspiration during July and August.

Vendors and Resources: Local sources identified include Shasta Farm Equipment (carrying UC Extension recommended dryland mixes), Lockwood Seed (Willows), Grange Co-op, and Anderson Farm & Yard.

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Planting Windows and Methods: Recommended seeding period of late October to early November; pre-till preparation, cover crops for soil recovery, and methods for broadcast and no-till drilling.
Weed and Fertilizer Discussion: Use of vinegar-based weed control and Ranger Pro glyphosate; cover crops preferred over fertilizers for soil improvement.
Local Services: Tractor rental (NorCal Tractor, Anderson) and drilling services (Bruce Gilbert of Palo Cedro and Shasta Farm Equipment).
Members also discussed the importance of developing resilient pastures for livestock and the potential for UC Extension partnerships and district resources to share technical information with customers.

b. Farmers Market Update

Director McVay reported that three markets remain for the season (September 27, October 11, and October 25). Vendor participation has been steady, and organizers are exploring a potential relocation for 2026 near the CAL FIRE lot by the Hawthorne Market. Committee members suggested considering alternate days (e.g., mid-week or evening markets) to avoid competition with Redding vendors. A proposal was raised for a holiday pop-up market in December, potentially coordinated with the Community Center. District staff will review venue and liability considerations for indoor or outdoor use.

Additional Discussion: An update was given on the formation of a local Olive Growers Association. The group will meet on October 7 to discuss organization and potential non-profit status. Members discussed the historic agricultural roots of the valley and the benefits of reviving olive and fruit production.

5. ADJOURN THE MEETING: 8:00 PM

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