

# KINGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CHARLES DRAXLER – DAIRY INDUSTRY  
JIM GREGORY – AG CHEMICALS & PETROLEUM  
VACANT – KINGS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

DON MILLS – WATER  
BILL TOS – NET CROPS  
VACANT – SMALL FARMS

JOHNNY STARLING – AG PROCESSING  
BOB PRYS – FEED/SEED & GRAIN  
BRIAN POTTER – AG EQUIPMENT

STAFF: DAN KASSIK (559) 582-3211 EXT. 2655

## MINUTES OF January 10, 2013

### **Call to Order:**

Mr. Greg Gatzka called the meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee to order at 12:15 p.m. as an informational meeting only, since a quorum of the committee was not present, in the Ag Commissioner's Admin Multi-Purpose Room, 680 N. Campus 1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford, California.

### **Committee Members Present:**

Brian Potter, Bill Tos,  
Johnny Starling

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Charles Draxler, Don Mills  
Jim Gregory, Bob Prys

### **Ex-Officio Members Present:**

Tim Niswander, Greg Gatzka, Kathy Sargent

### **Ex-Officio Members Absent:**

### **Auxiliary Members Present:**

Jay Salyer, Carol Collar

### **Auxiliary Members Absent:**

Charles Buhl

### **Committee Coordinator Present**

Joe Neves

### **Committee Coordinator Absent**

### **County Staff Present:**

Johannah Hartley, Chuck Kinney,  
Terri Yarbrough

### **County Staff Absent:**

### **Visitors Present:**

### **Unscheduled Comments:**

None

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** No action was taken due to lack of a quorum.

### **Minutes: April 12, 2012 and October 11, 2012 Meeting:**

No motion was made and no action was taken due to lack of a quorum.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Meteorological Evaluation Towers and Aviation Safety :**

Mr. Reid Potter gave a presentation regarding concerns with unmarked meteorological towers.

**Correspondence:** None

**Member Comments:** Mr. Niswander reported that he is working on the hail cannon complaints. He also reported that he will be bringing a proposal to the committee to present to the Board of Supervisors addressing the walnut theft issues. Mr. Niswander also announced that the Air District was holding a workshop on January 14, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. regarding tractor replacements. Kathy Sargent reported they are waiting for Farm Bill extensions and also announced that Kerry Arroues has retired. Carol Collar announced that the UC Co-op Extension was recruiting for three positions. Mr. Tos asked about the future of the Williamson Act and Proposition 13 and how that would affect farmers. Mr. Gatzka addressed the questions regarding the Williamson Act.

**Staff Comments:** None

**Adjournment**

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 11, 2013 at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gregory Gatzka, Secretary