



# AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

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## AGENDA

**September 8, 2010; 6:30pm**

**Board of Supervisors Meeting Room**

**330 Fair Lane - Building A, Placerville, California**

*Public testimony will be received on each agenda item as it is called. The applicant is allocated 10 minutes to speak; individual comments are limited to 3 minutes; and individuals representing a group are allocated 5 minutes.*

*Items not on the agenda may be addressed by the general public during Public Forum. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. The Commission reserves the right to waive said rules by a majority vote. Public Forum is for comments only. No action will be taken on these items unless they are scheduled on a future agenda.*

*To ensure timely delivery to the Agricultural Commission, written information from the public must be received by the Agriculture Department by the last Thursday prior to the meeting. The Agriculture Department cannot guarantee that any FAX or mail received the day of the meeting will be delivered to the Commission prior to action on the subject matter.*

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*Pursuant to Government Code §54954.2, any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in this public meeting is to contact the Agriculture Department by 4:00pm the day of the meeting.*

**NOTICE: All Agricultural Commission Administrative Relief decisions pertaining to AGRICULTURAL SETBACKS may file an application with the Board of Supervisors within 10 days of the decision. Such applications shall be made to the Development Services Department.**

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of August 11, 2010

### IV. PUBLIC FORUM

- V. **William & Kathleen Vaden** – Requesting approval of ag setback relief for a new single-family residence. The subject parcel is adjacent to lands zoned Residential Agricultural (RA-20) with a Natural Resource (NR) land use designation and therefore subject to Agricultural Commission approval. As proposed, the residence would be located no less than 65 feet from the southern property line and 100 feet from the eastern property line.

*Staff Recommendation:* Staff recommends APPROVAL of William and Kathleen Vaden's request for administrative relief of two agricultural setbacks, allowing a single family residence with an attached garage to be placed 65 feet from the south property line and 100 feet from the eastern property line, as the need for such a setback can be reduced due to the existence of Sheer Bliss Road located between the subject parcel and the parcel to the east, and staff believes that 3 of the 4 findings that the Agricultural Commission is required to make by Resolution No. 079-2007 and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 17, 2007, can be made:

- 1. The proposed non-compatible structure will be located on the property to reasonably minimize the potential negative impact on adjacent agriculturally zoned land;*
- 2. Based on the site characteristics of the subject parcel and the adjacent agriculturally zoned land including, but not limited to, topography and location of agricultural improvements, etc, the Commission determines that the location of the proposed non-compatible structure would reasonably minimize potential negative impacts on agricultural or timber production use; and*
- 3. There is currently no agricultural activity on the agriculturally zoned parcels adjacent to the subject parcel and the Commission determines that the conversion to a low or high intensive farming operation is not likely to take place (adjacent to the proposed building site) due to topographic characteristics of the adjacent agriculturally zoned parcels.*

*Staff also recommends that the applicant comply with Resolution No. 079-2007 Exhibit A of the Board of Supervisors pertaining to the adoption of the Criteria and Procedures for Administrative Relief from Agricultural Setbacks. Section B.5 requires the following action by the applicant: In all cases, if a reduction in the agricultural setback is granted for a non-compatible use/structure, prior to the issuance of a building permit, a Notice of Restriction must be recorded identifying that the non-compatible use/structure is constructed within an agricultural setback and that the owner of the parcel granted the reduction in the agricultural setback acknowledges and accepts responsibility for the risks associated with building a non-compatible use/structure within the setback.*

*If the Agricultural Commission cannot make the required findings in Resolution No. 079-2007, an application may be made to the Board of Supervisors for administrative relief. Such relief may be granted by the Board of Supervisors upon a determination by the Board taking all relevant facts into consideration that the public interest is served by the granting of the relief. Such applications shall be made to the Development Services Department and a recommendation made to the Board of Supervisors.*

APN: 041-740-23  
Area: Sheer Bliss Road/Somerset  
Planner: Michael C. Baron

**VI. DRAFT ZONING ORDINANCE REVIEW**

**VII. DRAFT RANCH MARKETING ORDINANCE REVIEW**

**VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS**

**IX. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

- AB 2595 (Huffman)

**X. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Supervisor, Ron Briggs, copy of letter to Senator Denise Ducheny, in support of Williamson Act funding

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**