



# AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

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## AGENDA

**October 8, 2008; 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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*Written minutes of the Agricultural Commission can be accessed at <http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/ag/commissionagenda.html> or by contacting the Agriculture Department utilizing the California Public Records Act request process.*

*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 13, 2008
- Minutes of September 10, 2008

### IV. PUBLIC FORUM

### V. Review of Draft Winery Ordinance (Z03-0005) – Roger Trout

Planning Services has prepared the “September 8, 2008 Draft Winery Ordinance” and requests that the Agricultural Commission review the Draft Ordinance and the attached material, forwarding any comments to Planning Services. The Planning Commission hearing will be scheduled for November 13, 2008. The Board of Supervisors may consider taking action on the Draft Ordinance in December 2008.

- VI.** Z 08-0014 & WAC 08-0004 – Cox Agricultural Preserve (James L. & Janet Cox/Charlie Peters): A Williamson Act Contract request and zone change from Estate Residential (RE-10) Districts to Agricultural Preserve Districts (AP), (Wineries and ranch marketing only allowed by special use permit). The property, identified by Assessor's Parcel Number 093-180-07, consists of 22.645 acres, and is located on the east side of Gopher Hole Road approximately 0.2 miles north of the intersection with Bucks Bar Road, in the Somerset area. (District 2)

*Staff Recommendation: Recommend APPROVAL of Z 08-0014 & WAC 08-0004 as the minimum criteria for a high intensive agricultural operation has been met:*

- 1) Capital outlay exceeds the minimum requirement of \$45,000.
- 2) Acreage of parcel exceeds the minimum requirement of 20 acres.
- 3) Projected gross annual income exceeds the minimum requirement of \$13,500/year.

APN: 093-180-07  
Area: Gopher Hole Road/Somerset  
Planner: Aaron Mount

- VII.** SPR 08-0018 – Brunius, Gary J. – requesting administrative relief from agricultural setbacks for the proposed hardship mobile home to be located 155 feet from the northern side of the parcel and 172 feet from the western side of the parcel. The subject parcel is adjacent to Planned Agricultural ((PA-20) zoned land and therefore subject to special agricultural setbacks in accordance with the Interim Interpretive Guidelines adopted June 22, 2006. The proposed hardship mobile home does not meet the requirements for the Development Services Director to allow up to a 50 and/or 75 percent setback reduction and therefore requires the Agricultural Commission review for administrative relief.

*Staff Recommendation: Recommend DENIAL of Gary Brunius' request for Administrative Relief from 200 foot agricultural setbacks, for the placement of a temporary hardship mobile home, as none of the required findings adopted by the Board of Supervisors for Agricultural Commission approval can be made.*

APN: 085-030-35  
Area: Fruitridge Road/Camino  
Planner: Priscilla Maxwell

- VIII.** TMA 08-0009 Baiocchi, Greg & Sharon – the owner of the subject parcel is applying with Development Services to convert an existing permitted hardship mobile home into a temporary agricultural employee housing unit on the parcel. Planning Services is requesting written approval from the Agricultural Commission that the site and activity on the above mentioned property satisfies three of the four criteria established by the county to qualify as an agricultural preserve in order to approve and process the associated Temporary Mobile Home Application (TMA 08-0009) A Williamson Act Contract (WAC # 310) was approved on the above referenced parcel on August 14, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors. (District 2)

*This item was re-agendized at the request of the Ag Commission members during the June*

*11, 2008 meeting. No further written submittals were received from the applicant to the Agricultural Department as of 9/24/08 (10:00 a.m.)*

*Staff Recommendation: Recommend DENIAL of TMA 08-0009 for temporary agricultural employee housing located on Williamson Act Contract # 310, until such time as the applicants meet the Criteria for Agricultural Housing adopted by the Agricultural Commission on August 13, 2008.*

*Note: The renting or leasing of the existing mobile home to anyone other than an agricultural worker(s) may be a violation of the Williamson Act Contract provisions.*

APN: 046-061-37  
Area: Hidden Ranch Road/Somerset  
Planner: Tom Purciel

**IX.** Review of staff recommendation to non-renew WAC # 259 – Pettus, Keith & Domingue-Pettus, Celia

*Staff Recommendation: Recommend the NON-RENEWAL of WAC # 259 based upon the site visit of September 9, 2008 and the appearance that no agricultural activity is being conducted on APN 078-280-15. The parcel is 40 acres and does not meet the minimum acreage requirement for a low intensive farming operation. Additionally, the planted vineyard has not been maintained to produce a commercial crop.*

APN: 078-280-15  
Area: Pleasant Valley Road/Placerville

**X. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

- Legislative update

**XI. CORRESPONDENCE**

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Letters will be mailed to agricultural associations within El Dorado County to request their selected panel member that will review and interview applicants to fill the upcoming Agricultural Commission Member vacancies.
- Joseph, Ken & Mary – request for Agricultural Commissioner Concurrence for Administrative Relief
- Kuchac, Timothy – request for Agricultural Commissioner Concurrence for Administrative Relief

- Thompson, Fred – request for Agricultural Commissioner Concurrence for Administrative Relief
- Snodgrass, Bill/ Barsotti, Gael – Williamson Act Contract application & Boundary Line Adjustment
- Clark, Bob – El Dorado County Board of Supervisors directed county staff to expedite conversion of an existing Temporary Mobile Home to a permanent secondary unit on APN: 087-021-38 (WAC #242)

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**