



# AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

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## AGENDA December 12, 2012 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.

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**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.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - Minutes of October 17, 2012
- IV. PUBLIC FORUM**
- V. REVIEW OF 2013 CALENDAR**

January 9, 2013	April 10, 2013	July 10, 2013	October 9, 2013
February 13, 2013	May 8, 2013	August 14, 2013	November 13, 2013
March 13, 2013	June 12, 2013	September 11, 2013	December 11, 2013

**VI. Request for Agricultural Commission Review of an Agricultural Setback Relief Application (Christofferson)** – APN 085-740-22; The owner of the subject parcel is requesting administrative relief from an agricultural setback for the conversion of an existing barn to an accessory structure, located 50 feet from the Exclusive Agricultural (AE) zoned parcel to the east. (District 3)

*Staff Recommendation:* Staff recommends APPROVAL of Robert and Deana Christofferson's request for administrative relief of an agricultural setback, allowing the conversion of an existing barn to an accessory structure, currently located 50 feet from the eastern property line, and an AE zoned parcel, on APN 085-740-22, as staff believes that all of the 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:

- a) *No suitable building site exists on the subject parcel except within the required setback due, but not limited to, compliance with other requirements of the General Plan or other County development regulations;*
- b) *The proposed non-compatible structure will be located on the property to reasonably minimize the potential negative impact on adjacent agriculturally zoned land;*
- c) *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*
- d) *There is currently no agricultural activity on the agriculturally zoned parcel 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 due to the soil and/or topographic characteristics of the adjacent agriculturally zoned parcel or because the General Plan Land Use Designation of the surrounding or adjacent parcels is not agricultural (e.g. Light/Medium/High Density Residential).*

*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.*

**VII. Request for Agricultural Commission Review of an Agricultural Setback Relief Application (Geel) – APN 048-080-50;** The owners of the subject parcel are requesting administrative relief from an agricultural setback against a property to the east zoned Timber Production Zone (TPZ), for the reconstruction of an existing, unpermitted deck, reducing the distance from the TPZ parcel from 10 feet to 24 feet. (District 3)

*Staff Recommendation: The Agricultural Commission, according to Resolution No. 079-2007, Exhibit A, B.3; Criteria and Procedures for Administrative Relief from Agricultural Setbacks, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 17, 2007, cannot approve a reduction of the special agricultural setback, less than 30 feet from the agriculturally zoned parcel. The applicants are requesting a 24 foot setback.*

*If the Agricultural Commission cannot make the required findings in Resolution No. 079-2007, Exhibit A, 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.*

**VIII. REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- **One (1) representative of the Fruit and Nut Farming Industry-Lloyd Walker**
- **One (1) representative of the Other Agricultural Interest – John Smith**

***Recommendation sent to Board of Supervisors 11/27/12 by Charlene Carveth.***  
In accordance with Agricultural Commission Bylaws adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 31, 2004, a Notice of Terms of Office Expiration was submitted to the local newspapers and to county agricultural organizations. In addition, an independent Review Panel comprised of industry representatives as identified in the Agricultural Commission By-Laws § 4(a), was scheduled to meet on December 10, 2012, to review applications and interview candidates. The two positions that were up for re-appointment were Other Agricultural Interest and Fruit and nut Farming Industry. Applications were required to be submitted by close of business November 26, 2012. As a result of the notifications, the incumbents were the only members to apply thus revoking the necessity for convening the review panel.

It is my recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Lloyd Walker to represent the Other Agricultural Interest and re-appoint John Smith to represent the Fruit and Nut Farming Industry on the County of El Dorado Agricultural Commission for a four (4) year term beginning January, 2013.

Following the Board's action to re-appoint Lloyd Walker and John Smith, with terms (January 2013 to January 2017) beginning at the regularly scheduled Agricultural Commission meeting of January 9, 2013.

**IX. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY ISSUES** – Charlene Carveth and Chris Flores

- Zoning Ordinance Update

**X. CORRESPONDENCE and PLANNING REQUESTS** – Charlene Carveth

- Revision to Agricultural Setback Relief; Visman

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS** – Charlene Carveth

- Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) meeting of November 14<sup>th</sup>
- Environmental Management’s Cottage Food Law presentation of November 27<sup>th</sup>
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) meeting of November 28<sup>th</sup>
- USDA Honey Bee Survey
- EDAC Update and Upcoming Meeting of December 20th

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

