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CLARKSBURG GENERAL PLAN CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, July 10, 2008 - 7:00 PM

Clarksburg Library Activity Room
52915 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg, CA

1. **7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Minutes of June 19, 2008
3. **ACTION**

No action Items pending
4. **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. Sheriff's Department update
 - B. Fire Department update
 - C. School update
 - D. General Plan update (<http://www.yolocountygeneralplan.org>)
 - E. Ag Update
 - F. ND Cares (http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov/sdb/bdcp/index_bdcp.cfm)
5. **INFORMATION**
 - A. Wes Ervin – Clarksburg Agricultural District - Public dialog on its potential features and benefits.
6. **PUBLIC REQUESTS**

The opportunity for members of the public to address the Advisory Committee on any subject, but not relative to items on the present agenda. The Chair reserves the right to impose a reasonable limit on the time afforded to any individual speaker.
7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
 - A Mike McGowan- Yolo County Water Rights
8. **9:00 PM ADJOURNMENT**

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You are invited to help define the Clarksburg Agricultural District .

Clarksburg Public Dialog

Hosted by the Yolo County

- Board of Supervisors
- Clarksburg General Plan Advisory Committee
- Agricultural Commissioner
- Planning Division
- Economic Development Division

When: Thursday, July 10, 2008

Where: Clarksburg Library
52915 Netherlands Road
Clarksburg, CA 95612

Time: 7:00 pm -- 9:00 pm

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors has created the Clarksburg Agricultural District, intended to enhance the viability of local agriculture, improve the area's quality of life, and promote tourism. and create incentives and marketing programs to help make this happen.

This meeting is an opportunity for growers, residents, property owners, business owners and other stakeholders, to learn about the district and help define policies, services, incentives, permit and land use rules.

For more information please call Wes Ervin:

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Agricultural districts pose challenges for the Board of Supervisors. In particular, what new features can the BOS add beyond our already strong agricultural support policies (e.g. Williamson Act, Right To Farm, etc.);

The Board is looking for something that contrasts with business as usual – something positive and impactful;

The new district should follow models of successes within the region.

The January 2008 resolution establishing the District includes the following concepts to be explored:

- O Lower fees
- O Relaxed regulatory standards
- O Marketing
- O Master CEQA documents
- O Farm housing
- O Differing levels of service standards for rural roads
- O Providing expert consulting services
- O Regional agricultural summit
- O Agricultural permit center
- O Expanded Ag Commissioner's office
- O Agricultural economic centers, such as Clarksburg
- O Agricultural development block grants
- O Regional cooperation, with Sacramento and Solano County
- O Other ideas that emerge from the public input process

SEEKING SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Relief from specific regulations
Business friendliness
Streamline for processing
Incorporate habitat value into ag land
Ag Department - operations
Planning – project approvals
Building -- structures
Enviro Health – health & sanitation
Business Licenses
Information – handbooks, web site

SERVICES & INCENTIVES

Low interest loans
Fee reductions or waivers (e.g. for farm startups)
Business assistance services
Farm training (e.g. food safety)
Expand conservancies and trusts
Permanent funding source for conservancies
Expand Williamson Act
Change property assessments during succession
Enterprise Zone benefits

PHYSICAL

Build sewer system with capacity to process 30,000 acres of grapes into wine
Build farm worker housing
Downtown revitalization
Keep roads open for farm equipment
Improve county roads
Infrastructure at Old Sugarmill
100 acres for processing that may be zoned industrial.

POLICIES

Rural residential zoning issues
Keep farms above water (Delta)
Change definition of an ag worker in Congress
Diesel fuel regulations

PROMOTION

YC Visitors Bureau
Farm tours and maps
Cooperative marketing efforts