

ACTION MINUTES

LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

January 15, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louis Boitano, Supervisor, District IV
John Plasse, Supervisor, District 1

Supervisor Boitano called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA: Approved

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 23, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None.

ITEM 1. DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL BUILDING PERMIT EXEMPTION ORDINANCE--Amador Resource Conservation District

(Present: Kristin Bengyel, Deputy CAO; Heather Anderson, Planning; Rich Millar and Larry Perez, Building; Sean Kriletich, Steve Cannon, Jeff Gibson, Robert Lockhart, and Susan Bragstad, members of the public)

Steve Cannon said the Amador Resource Conservation District has been discussing for some time agricultural building permit exemptions. He has researched Counties within and outside of the State of California who have implemented regulations pertaining to such exemptions and would like to move toward adoption of such an ordinance in Amador County.

Several topics were discussed during the meeting, some of which included:

- Structures would still need to comply with State rules and regulations and meet certain codes.
- Requirements for plan submittal and the number of inspections to be performed, if any.
- The role the Building Department would play and the fees required to cover the cost of the Department's time expended on the project.
- Fees that departments, other than the Building Department, may require or would need to be waived.
- Possible restrictions or limitations based on the size of the parcel, zoning, size of structure.

- The fact that structures where employees work or process agricultural products would not apply.
- How insurance coverage would or could be affected.
- Having a library of preapproved plans people could choose from.
- Recording a notice in order to disclose upon sale the restrictions placed on structures.

It was expressed that the goals in implementing an agricultural building permit exemption are to reduce permit fees for those truly producing an agricultural product, to keep the County rural, to keep the economic circle within the County, and to promote locally grown products.

Committee Action: Steve Cannon volunteered to do further research and discuss this matter with members of the agricultural community to get further input and obtain their needs. The Committee asked Building, Planning and Mr. Cannon to meet and bring back a proposal to the Committee for further discussion and review. This would be the first step before going to the Board of Supervisors to request a Resolution of Intention be adopted to initiate the process to make the necessary code changes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.