

**POLICY/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 7, 2009

The 30<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association Policy/Facilities Committee met at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room on the Fairgrounds to review the 30<sup>th</sup> DAA's Smoking Policy.

**ROLL CALL** - Policy Committee: Director/Chair Cindy Brown, Directors Ray Bianchi and Robert Kerstiens. Facilities Committee: Director/Chair Farrell Shatswell, Directors Ray Bianchi, Pete Dagorret and Tonya Redamonti.

**COMMITTEE ABSENCES** - Director Don Crain

**INTRODUCTION OF STAFF/GUESTS** - Mark Eidman, CEO, Carol Hanson, Business Assistant, DeAnne Blankenship and Dolores Vasquez with California Health Collaborative, and Mildred Johnson with Tehama County Public Health Advisory Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - There was no public comment.

**DISCUSS SECONDHAND SMOKE POLICY FOR 2009 FAIR** - Director Brown reviewed the 30<sup>th</sup> DAA's current Smoking Policy stating the policy complies with all Federal, State and County laws regarding smoking. The Policy also complies with Executive Order Y42 signed by the Governor February 19, 1993. DeAnne Blankenship, California Health Collaborative, requested the Committee add no smoking in the Kiddie Carnival Area and the Kerstiens Entertainment Center. Ms. Blankenship stated 80% of the customers at the annual Tehama District Fair are non-smokers; 17% in Tehama County are smokers. Ms. Blankenship read a letter from Public Health Advisory Board sent to Board President Bev Ross, Mark Eidman, CEO, Michael Treacy, Director of Fairs and Expositions, and Governor Schwarzenegger. The letter addressed the Fair Board asking them to strongly consider a tobacco free policy for the Tehama District Fair. Director Dagorret expressed his concern regarding the tobacco free wording in the letter. Ms. Blankenship assured the Committee the California Health Collaborative's campaign is strictly smoking and secondhand smoke. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding how to define no smoking areas, wording of the policy and enforcing the policy. Following discussion, Director Bianchi suggested the Committee recommend to the full Board that they establish a policy designating the Kiddie Carnival and the Kerstiens Entertainment Center as designated smoke free areas only during the annual Fair. The full Committee agreed this recommendation would be made to the full Board at the January 20, 2009, Board meeting. It is the Policy/Facilities Committee's understanding the California Health Collaborative will provide all proper signage using sandwich boards and the Fair Manager will decide buffer zones for the smoke free areas. Ms. Blankenship agreed.

Ms. Johnson with the Tehama County Public Health Advisory Board stated the Advisory Board will be very pleased with the Committee's recommendation and she will report this to the Advisory Board at their meeting tomorrow. Ms. Johnson also stated she is a member of Tehama County Commission on Aging and thanked the Committee for including the Kerstiens Entertainment Center because during the Fair on Friday morning the seniors come for their free day and have lunch at the Kerstiens Entertainment Center. So many of the seniors used to smoke and they have respiratory problems and smoke really bothers them.

Ms. Blankenship asked if the 30<sup>th</sup> DAA has a promotion or media committee she can work with. Manager replied yes, but asked Ms. Blankenship wait until after the Board meeting on January 20, 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. There are no further meetings scheduled at this time.

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Chief Executive Officer

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Policy Committee Chair

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Facilities Committee Chair