

Santa Paula Unified School District Farm Advisory Committee

January 9, 2018, 5:00PM

SPUSD District Office Board Room

Meeting Notes

Present: Doug Henning, Alex Flores, Gordon Kimball, Laurie Arnold, Christine Schieferle

1. Sign-in
2. Project Update: Project awarded to AMG & Associates, contractor. Preliminary expected completion date: June 11, 2018
3. Committee Input:
 - a. Alex explained need for **visual design rendering of the project**, more than a blueprint, for purposes of soliciting donors, promoting the project, and informing decisions. Discussion included: Doug will ask the civil engineer, lead designer for this project, for a design drawing/Alex will solicit for someone to create renditions for 3-5 year plan. Doug will bring what he is able to obtain from civil engineer to the next meeting.
 - b. Next step identified: Doug and Alex will meet to work on **re-design of plans for pens to accommodate cattle**, due to non-construction of cattle barn.
 - c. Doug informed: we still need to pull permit for **2 water tanks**, which is included in the construction
 - d. Fire updates: insurance is covering **removal of damaged trees**. Alex is working to ensure item replacement. If trees are lost impacting production, appraiser will be assessing for this.
 - e. Additional action items identified: Alex will begin to **identify furnishings**, such as pen panels, water lines in barns, wash rack area, pens in wash rack area, etc; and create an outline of costs. We need the itemized list and estimated costs to begin working on funding sources. Discussion of using summer time, after completion date, to set up these items and ensure furnishing of barn.
 - f. Future funding item: **The CTEFP Grant** is expected to open later this year. It is a 1:1 match for new construction of CTE facilities. All projects require DSA approval; we have approval for "Access Compliance" and any project proposed would fall into that category of approval, as consideration for the application process.
4. Schedule Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 5 pm.

Future agenda items to include: design rendition, pen re-design finer details, general construction updates, possible fundraising, furnishings plan (items/cost).