

# Santa Paula Unified School District Farm Advisory Committee

February 20, 2018, 5:00PM

## SPUSD District Office – Small Conference Room

### Meeting Notes

1. Present: Doug Henning, Pam Klittich, Laurie Arnold, Christine Schieferle, Ana Arroyo
2. Project Update: Under construction. Proposed completion date is June 11, 2018.  
Complete: currently visible is fence posts installed (surrounds the barn). Pouring footings for barn later this week. Some of the electrical underground has been installed. Rebar for footings of trash enclosure has been placed. Plans call for all-weather material of road; it is not paved. One parking spot will be paved. Do not yet have permit for water tank; submitted to county last week. Three permits in hand: barn 1, 2 and trash enclosure. Getting steel columns in place will take place after footings.
3. Design Rendering / Possible Fundraising: Alex reports via Pam that the design rendering is in process.
4. Pen Redesign to Accommodate Cattle: Pam shared a layout of barn design, showing the pen layout. Need to review cattle/swine and how the rectangles might change to accommodate cattle. Doug reports he and Alex have not yet met. Steer pens are sized at 16' x 35'.
5. Identification of Furnishings: Ms. Schieferle requests this to be a priority project, to identify furnishings, materials, with approximate costs, to propose to the board. The original cost of barns did not include the cost of furnishings. The committee discussed:
  - a. **Pen kits**: Pam shared pen furnishing kit items, and that ordering by manufacturer kits is less expensive than individual panels; pens include sides and gate. Pam reports that Alex is beginning to organize needs and working on this.
  - b. **Watering attachments** that are always hooked up to plumbing, need one water per pen
  - c. **Wash racks**
  - d. **Drainage**: discussion about drainage of urine and hosing with regard to barn design. Unclear during the meeting is how the barn was designed to accommodate for urine, and drainage. Concrete vs. sand flooring.
  - e. **Storage**: The committee discussed the need for some kind of storage, and at this time unclear what is needed, if storage bin or enclosed fencing area or other.
  - f. **Tack bins**: Discussion of need for tack bins; Pam reports it would not be an extra cost, they could be donated, passed on, and/or constructed by students.

- g. **Fencing** for arena needs to be purchased. This should be 4' tall. The construction contract includes chain link around the perimeter, 8', around the penned areas (to keep out coyotes, people, trouble, etc). Fence posts are to the exterior side of the footings.
- h. **Security:** Consideration and discussion of security cameras/security system.
- i. **Shade Cloth:** pigs get sunburned very easily.

Lighting is included in construction project. One light at gate, and additional at the pole barns. Discussion about lighting controls. Doug will gather specific information on lighting and also flooring.

Ms. Schieferle requests lists and approximate costs by end of February to report to the board as an informational item at March board meeting, to give time to address board concerns/requests, to ensure May, or at latest, June, approval. Pam will communicate this item to Mr. Flores, and she assured the two of them will work on preparing this. Suggestion to obtain pictures from other Ag programs to show board, to provide some perspective and broader understanding of what a high school program looks like.

- 6. Committee Input: No additional items
- 7. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 5 pm.

*Follow up note: Email from Doug Henning, with Pen and Lighting details, forwarded to the group, 2/21/2018)*