

Santa Paula Unified School District Farm Advisory Committee
May 1, 2018, 5:00PM
SPUSD District Office Board Room
Meeting Notes

1. In attendance: Christine Schieferle, Doug Henning, Alex Flores, Laurie Arnold, Anna Arroyo, Andrew Arroyo

2. Project Update: Construction estimated to finish in July; barns are starting to look like barns. Steel columns in place. Decking on top not yet in place. Concrete has been poured. Working on trash enclosure, power for main entrance gate. Permit was granted last week for water storage tank; that was the last permit for this construction project. Excavation complete for road; all-weather base road, with turnaround at end. Fencing plan has been changed, 5' high / no climb fence, as discussed at last meeting.

3. Design Rendering / Possible Fundraising:
 - a. The original architect (John) had planned to draft a design rendering, but cancelled on Alex, so Alex is in the process of getting someone else to provide this service.

4. Discussion of Furnishings
 - a. Items reviewed that are needed for student CTE program, to move animals and program items from the existing location to our new facility:
 - **Pens**
 - **Sheds**: additional discussion on benefit of storage bins vs. storage/garden sheds
 - **Fencing, posts, and shade-cloth**: We will keep posts in place for shade cloths (for animals); they were in the original design for the fence and then the fence plan changed.
 - **Water Spigots for Swine**
 - **Cameras**: Research including information from SPUSD Tech Director is basically that options are extremely expensive and complicated; these include: Wire to Bedell; create a hot spot (ie. Ferrari for grandmother); or closed circuit system within a facility, requiring a structure for equipment, not impossible, though in conclusion, is cost-prohibitive. At this time, cameras are not a consideration for this phase of the project.
 - b. **Review of Farm Project Proposal**, dated 4/18/2018; this was created to be presented to school board to request funds to finish items required to move in animals/to use for CTE farm purposes. Discussion of use of Perkins 2017-2018 for sheds (current quote is \$18,000; possibly less if we only order 3) or pens (get

quote to purchase in amount of existing funds) . We will consider 2018-2019 funding sources, to include Perkins, Ag Incentive, and CPA funds, for additional items. Laurie and Alex will work on expending remaining of current year Perkins funds. We will present at a future board meeting.

5. Committee Input

- a. Discussion of need for space to place the animal scale. Discussion of possible use of one of the concrete slabs for scale, and consider purchase only three sheds.
- b. Discussion of need for additional Tack boxes: FFA funds, possibly build these.

6. In conclusion: We have identified expenses for the purpose for reviewing expenses to clarify district expenses related to construction vs. program costs.

7. Topics for next meeting:

- a. maintaining and running a district farm. To include hours of usage, signage, observing for trespassers, liability issues; etc
- b. scale / looking at layout and best place for it
- c. tack boxes, other program needs
- d. creating timeline for ensuring animals are moved, all items in place (i.e. cattle pens, Oct/November).

8. Ribbon Cutting and Naming of Farm: This process will involve our new superintendent. It will be a future item.

9. Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 5 pm @ District Office