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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 12, 2021
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Greg Boeger, Chair
Subject: Federal Weekly Hours Work Standards for Herders in California

During the Agricultural Commission's regularly scheduled ZOOM meeting held on May 12, 2021, 6:30 pm the Commission heard a request forwarded from the District II Board of Supervisor George Turnboo for a review by the Agricultural Commission to support the resolution for Federal Weekly Hours Work Standards for Herders in California going before the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday May 18, 2021.

Commissioner Carveth explained that the request is from the small industry of sheep and goat ranchers who have been working toward an effort to mitigate the impact of the Ag Overtime bill (AB 1066) on herder wages being referenced by the resolution. The Bill was approved by the Legislature and the Governor in September of 2016. The farmers were and are impacted by the bill and the unintended consequences of the law has created an economically unsuitable situation for the occupation of sheep/goat herding with the overtime and hourly wage requirements.

Chair Boeger brought the item back to the Commission for discussion. Commissioner Bacchi and Commissioner Neilsen were very familiar with the Legislature and the impacts on farmers.

It was moved by Commissioner Neilsen and seconded by Commissioner Bacchi to recommend support of the resolution before the Board of Supervisors on May 18, 2021 for the Federal Weekly Hours Work Standards for Herders.

Motion passed:

AYES: Walker, Boeger, Bolster, Draper, Mansfield, Bacchi, Neilsen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None