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Agriculture, Weights and Measures Department, on behalf of the Agricultural Commission, recommending the Board appoint one member to serve on the Agricultural Commission for the remainder of the term vacated on January 6, 2009, commencing April 8, 2009 until expiration January of 2011.

FUNDING: General Fund included in FY08/09 budget.

Background: It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors appoint Ron Mansfield to represent the Fruit and Nut Farming Industry Agricultural Commission member vacancy, beginning on April 8, 2009 and expiring January 2011.

The Agricultural Commission is comprised of seven members, not officials of the county, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, representing the following industries: Forestry/Related (1), Livestock (2), Fruit and Nut Farming (2), Agricultural Processing (1), and Other Agricultural Interests (1).

In accordance with Agricultural Commission Bylaws adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 31, 2004, a Notice of Terms of Office Expiration was submitted to the local newspapers and to county agricultural organizations. In addition, an independent Review Panel comprised of industry representatives as identified in the Agricultural Commission By-Laws § 4(a), met on March 2, 2009, to review applications and interview candidates. As a result, the independent Review Panel recommends the Board of Supervisors appoint Ron Mansfield to represent the Fruit and Nut Industry on the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission for the remainder of the four (4) year term beginning April 2009 and expiring January, 2011.

The Review Panel was comprised of seven members from the following organizations: Agricultural Commission, Bill Draper (Forestry/Related Industries), Lloyd Walker (Other Agricultural Interest) El Dorado Winery Association, Justin Boeger: El Dorado County Farm Bureau, Pam Miller: El Dorado Winegrape Growers, John Zentner: Farm Trail Association, Donna Sauber: Christmas Tree Growers Association, Larry Hyder.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: There will be no fiscal impact or net county cost impact associated with the recommended appointment.

Action to be taken following Board approval: Agricultural Commission appointee, Ron Mansfield, to begin term (April 2009 to January, 2011) at the regularly scheduled Agriculture Commission meeting of April 8, 2009

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Concurrences: Agricultural Commission