



# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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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 March 17, 2009, commencing May 13, 2009 until expiration in January of 2013.

**FUNDING:** General Fund included in FY08/09 budget.

Background: It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors appoint John Smith to represent the Fruit and Nut Farming Industry Agricultural Commission member vacancy, beginning on May 13, 2009 and expiring January 2013. This position was recently vacated by the member due to his appointment to the Planning Commission.

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/Vacancy 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 April 13, 2009, to review applications and interview candidates. As a result, the independent Review Panel recommends the Board of Supervisors appoint John Smith to represent the Fruit and Nut Industry on the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission for the remainder of the four (4) year term beginning May 13, 2009 and expiring January, 2013.

The Review Panel was comprised of seven members from the following organizations: Agricultural Commission, Chuck Bacchi (Livestock Industry), Lloyd Walker (Other Agricultural Interest) El Dorado Winery Association, Justin Boeger; El Dorado County Farm Bureau, Merv De Haas; El Dorado Winegrape Growers, Greg Baiocchi; Farm Trail Association, Donna Sauber; Apple Hill Growers Association, John Palmer.

**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, John Smith, to begin term (May 2009 to January, 2013) at the regularly scheduled Agriculture Commission meeting of May 13, 2009

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