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**Lake County Winegrape Commission  
Research and Education Committee Meeting**

April 2, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Debra Sommerfield, President

Lake County Winegrape Commission Office, 3895 Main Street, Kelseyville, CA 95451

- 1. Call meeting to order/establish quorum.** Committee Chair Randy Krag called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The following Committee members were present: Randy Krag, Buz Dereniuk (10:55 a.m.), Jonathan Walters, Glenn McGourty, Paul Zellman; Also present: Debra Sommerfield, President; Absent: CDFA Sr. Agricultural Economist Kathy Diaz-Cretu
- 2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s).** Minutes from the September 16, 2013, and January 16, 2014, meeting were approved (4-0, J. Walters/P.Zellman)
- 3. Update regarding current drought conditions; debrief from February 26 drought workshop and discussion of potential follow-up** The Committee discussed the topic of drought conditions, best practices for irrigation management, and ideas to communicate key messages, including an op-ed piece, AgVenture, wallet card, etc. Messages: vineyard use of micro-irrigation, reduced pear acreage = lower water use, native vegetation water use, hillside burning halted 30 years ago.
- 4. Discussion regarding preparation of proposed budget recommendations for research/education activities for FY 2014-15.** Committee discussed proposed budget items and possible improvements to Western Weather page. Randy Krag to talk with Don Schukraft.
- 5. Review of LCWC Master Vigneron Program.** Committee discussed the need to evaluate the program and would like monthly reports. Nine students are in the program this year.
- 6. Discussion of LCWC Sustainable Winegrowing Program.** Committee discussed the Small Vineyard owner cost-share certification program.
- 7. Review of proposed scope of work for agreement with independent contractor Paul Zellman for work related to LCWC educational programs.** Committee discussed program and the proposed Winegrowing 101 - Introduction to Quality Winegrowing Program. The Committee wants to find out if there's a demand for this and stated that any participant must be a grower in good standing with the Commission.
- 8. Updates, if any, on various governmental initiatives including irrigated lands, groundwater best management practices Issues and scheduling for next meeting.** Glenn McGourty shared plans to bring in an irrigation expert, host a high-elevation symposium, and update cost studies.
- 9. Issues and scheduling for next meeting.** None.
- 10. Adjourned at 11:45 a.m.**  
Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Sommerfield, President, Lake County Winegrape Commission