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

January 16, 2014, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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 3:20 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Randy Krag, Buz Dereniuk, 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 December 19, 2013, meeting were approved (5-0, B. Dereniuk/J. Walters)
- 3. Discussion on LCWC Sustainable Winegrowing Program – compliance/reporting, computer lab, irrigated lands and potential drought conditions** The Committee discussed the topic of drought conditions and directed staff to look into putting together a drought-focused workshop, possibly in conjunction with the Lake County Farm Bureau. Proposed workshop topics to include: groundwater aquifer, well management, irrigation hardware/uniformity, management of newly planted vines, historical insights from growers experienced with previous drought.
- 4. Continued discussion of Small Grower Certification Program in partnership with CSWA** Committee discussed the need to introduce more growers to the program; ideally, program would support five/six growers over the course of three to four work sessions. Paul Zellman indicated next meeting to be February 11 at 9:00 a.m. at the LCWC office.
- 5. Continued discussion on LCWC Master Vigneron Program – 2014 program student recruitment, possible introductory viticulture program for growers** The Committee members discussed the Master Vigneron program and agreed to the need for objective criteria for participants, including years of vineyard experience at supervisory level, a knowledge base. The Committee continued the discussion on a possible program to provide similar information to growers/vineyard owners, perhaps as an Introduction to Quality Winegrowing Program.
- 6. Issues and scheduling for next meeting.** Next meeting to be held on March 27, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. at the LCWC office. Topics to include a review of Master Vigneron Program, budget, and a discussion of a possible Quality Winegrowing Program.
- 7. Adjourned at 4:46 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Sommerfield, President, Lake County Winegrape Commission