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

September 16, 2013, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

- 1. Call meeting to order/establish quorum.** President Debra Sommerfield called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Randy Krag, Buz Dereniuk, Jonathan Walters, Paul Zellman (by phone)  
Also present: Debra Sommerfield, President; Greg Giusti, County Director, UC Cooperative Extension  
Absent: Pilar Luchsinger; Cdfa Sr. Agricultural Economist Kathy Diaz-Cretu
- 2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s).** None.
- 3. Update/discussion on LCWC Master Vigneron Program: Review of first two years of program, planning for capacity building** The Committee members discussed the Master Vigneron program and the need for student recruitment, which should be focused on employers. Recruitment also may be done with farm labor contractors. Committee members agreed to each make calls and split the list of potential employers. Issues include the need for a minimum level of supervisory experience, nomination to the program, communication of expectations, and grower buy-in/support. Timing: early December for orientation/applications, to be followed by an interview. Need invitation/flier. Need evaluations to be completed by students and employers after the program to measure effectiveness and level of satisfaction. Committee also discussed the mission of the program: to create a stronger and broader connection with the wine industry to make students aware of the business climate and environment and their role in it. Committee discussed possible invitation to directors from other regions. Greg Giusti suggested the possibility of County support as a workforce program; staff to explore that possibility.
- 4. Update/discussion on LCWC Sustainable Winegrowing Program: Review and planning** Paul Zellman proposed 1) the possibility of conducting vineyard tours for growers, and 2) expanding the weather web page to include an irrigation scheduler; Zellman to send a proposal.
- 5. Discussion of Small Grower Certification Program in partnership with CSWA: Planning** The Committee directed staff to work with CSWA with a focus on how to assist in raising grower workbook scores and to host a kickoff meeting in February with CSWA.
- 6. Update/discussion on 2013 Ag Labor Management Seminar: November 20-21, 2013** Brief discussion on budget and funds necessary to pay for consultant expenses.
- 7. Update/discussion on 2013 IPM Seminar: November 15, 2013** Brief discussion on date and budget.

- 8. Continued discussion on viticulture and the lake** Greg Giusti led a discussion about the lake and updated the Committee on the County's satellite imagery and what it shows in terms of nutrient levels and point sources. Committee suggested a workshop where Greg Giusti could make a presentation.
- 9. Issues and scheduling for next meeting.** To be scheduled as needed.
- 10. Adjourned at 1:56 p.m.**

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