



# 14th District Agricultural Association

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR

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## Livestock Committee Meeting

August 3, 2022, 07:00 PM – Fine Arts Building

**Committee Members:** Stephanie Fontana & Loretta Estrada – Board Members

**CEO:** David Kegebein

**CALL TO ORDER** by Stephanie Fontana at 7:01 p.m.

**Roll Call / Introductions**

**Additions to Agenda** – none.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Review of Prior Meeting Minutes** – posted to the website; no changes or amendments were made to the notes.

**Board Committee Member Reports** – Stephanie Fontana & Loretta Estrada

Loretta reported on fair board meeting; everything discussed was on the agenda including a discussion of the livestock barns.

Stephanie reported that there have been two board meetings since our last livestock meeting. She and Loretta presented their recommendation to move forward with the removal of the barns at the Special BOD meeting. The livestock area will be different this year.

### Reports:

Co- Superintendents

Kyle Middleton is excited we are having a fair. Entries are coming in. Awards donation letters are going out on Monday.

Kyle Plaskett reported that we had a public work day on July 24 with 20 volunteers. Cleaned and organized the office and painted the auction stage. Next work day on August 14, 10 am to 2 pm. We'll be doing more painting.

Livestock Operations – Kathryn Hill – discussed the two handouts. We are on track with last year as far as number of entries on August 3 last year.

There were only 20 Poultry entries as of today. The Poultry Department co-chairs said that the deadline will not be changed since it takes a great deal of time to straighten out all entries by contacting each exhibitor to confirm breed, variety and class. Poultry has a group to set up the tables and cages. They need to get the building cleared out; work days are on weekends two weeks out, one week out and the week of the fair.



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## Items to review

### CEO Report

- 1 Facilities Update – Dave submitted demolition plan to the reviewing engineer – it is in his queue. No estimate on how long it will take. In the meantime, we are exploring our options and possibilities. Thoughts so far – move nursery to the JFB barn, add a tent if needed. House the beef, dairy cattle and hogs in cow barn. Sheep, goats, dairy goats – in a tent large enough to have an arena. Looking at moving the auction dinner to the Heritage Hall – would give more room for a larger tent. Expand the shade in the Redwood Café for people to sit and/or hang out.

For the hogs, PG&E has mats that are interlocking that are durable enough to drive heavy equipment on – put those down and then put our hog mats on top. Looking at not allowing breeder and feeders for swine. Dave explained the spreadsheet that showed auction totals back to 2008. We might have an average of about 70 hogs. The whole area will look different than it has in the past. We'll make it happen.

Diana Hoover asked about load out for the hogs. Perhaps we can borrow a portable ramp to load hogs onto the trucks. Danny is working on something.

Becky Steinbruner wants to make sure the tents have been secured and that the fire marshal and the CCA have reviewed the plans for the setup and operation.

Participant asked about power in the sheep tent. Kevin Hurley assured us that there will be power in the tent.

Julie Katawicz asked if will we communicate about the waterers? Yes, there will be an email going out.

**ADJOURNMENT - 7:24 p.m.**