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## FOOD SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP

# MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2013

TAHOE ROOM \*\* 202 MIRA LOMA DRIVE, OROVILLE

### I. Preliminary Items

A. Call to Order

Linda called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

B. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Stephen Kenny (community event organizer), Dean McKelvey (minimart), Brian Wong (large restaurant), Heather Hacking (news media), Adam Urteago (small restaurant), Peter Bridge (citizen-at-large), and Linda Baker (school nutrition) were present.

John Geiger (mobile food facility), Chris Kerston (farmer's market/local food), and Mike Ward (large market) were absent.

C. Introduction of Guests

Travis Perez and Duane O'Donnell attended as guests. Brad Banner, Elaine McSpadden, and Andrea Narciso attended the meeting on behalf of the Public Health Department.

D. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Peter requested a change in the minutes that would better reflect what he communicated at the previous meeting. The group also discussed John Geiger's request to clarify the motions he made regarding Mobile Food Facilities at the previous meeting.

Peter made a motion to approve the minutes as revised. Dean seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Public Comment

None.

### II. Informational Non-Action Items

A. Review of Updated Online Food Inspection Reports

Brad demonstrated the updated web-based inspection reporting system that now includes the specific observations of staff.

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### III. Action Items

#### A. Placarding Review

1. Peter raised the issue of the legality of posting a Red Closed placard during the period of time that the facility still has a right to appeal a permit suspension.

Brad said that he would raise that issue specifically during the legal review of the program.

2. The group discussed various options for recognizing facilities with a history of outstanding food safety performance. Options include a Gold Excellent placard, a Certificate of Excellence, and colored emblems on Green Pass placards for outstanding performance.

The consensus of the group was to consider including recognition of excellence at a later date after adoption of the placard program.

3. The group discussed including QR Codes on placards.

- a. The group preferred using the QR Codes to link to the food inspection index on the web, rather than to specific inspection reports.

- b. Concern was expressed that QR Codes could be misused by customers and could hurt business.

- c. Peter and Heather suggested including more information for the public on the webpage about how to interpret inspection reports and stating the average number of Minor Violations typically observed during an inspection.

- d. While the committee felt that including QR Codes would not be a “deal breaker” for their support of the placard program, most had reservations about including QR Codes when the program is first introduced.

Dean made a motion to consider adding QR Codes to placards at a later date after the placard program has been put into place. Brian seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5-1.

4. The group discussed including the date and placard color from the previous inspection on the placard. Brad stated that including the date and placard color from the previous inspection are essential to the viability of the program. Steve suggested including the dates and placard color from at least 2 cycles of inspections to provide the public with a greater historical context of the facility’s compliance.

Peter made a motion to include the date and placard color from the last inspection as currently proposed and consider modifying it in the future. Steve seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. **Agenda Preparation for Next Meeting**

- A. The next meeting of the advisory group will be immediately after the Board of Supervisors meeting.
- B. [The next advisory group meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, following the Board of Supervisors meeting, with the time and place to be determined.](#)

V. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

*Minutes provided by Brad Banner, Environmental Health Director*