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Confined Livestock Facilities Meetings - December 11, 16 & 17

The Glenn County Planning Division is in the process of developing an amendment to the General Plan that would regulate expansion of existing confined livestock facilities and the design, location and construction of new facilities in the County. The County hired the consulting firm Quad Knopf to assist in the amendment, development and environmental review of the Plan.

The County Livestock Operations Committee and Quad Knopf Consultants will hold a number of public forums to seek input on the issues from County residents. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Livestock Operations Committee will be held Thursday, December 11, 2003 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Courthouse, 526 West Sycamore Street, Willows, CA. Quad Knopf Consultants will conduct a scoping meeting and receive public comments.

Quad Knopf Consultants will also make an informational presentation to the Board of Supervisors at 10:00 a.m. on December 16, 2003. There will not be a public comment session at this meeting. However, the Glenn County Planning Commission will hold another meeting on December 17, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.. Quad Knopf Consultants will discuss the elements that need to be included in the environmental review at that meeting. These meetings will be held at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Courthouse, 526 West Sycamore Street, Willows, CA.

If these are issues that interest you, be sure to attend. Written comments addressed to the Planning Division, 125 South Murdock Street, Willows, CA 95988, will also be accepted.

Dairy Pricing and Cost of Production Meeting - December 15

Glenn County Cooperative Extension Office will host a meeting on December 15th to discuss cost of production and milk pricing. The following representatives of the Dairy Marketing Branch of CDFA will be on hand to discuss the topic and answer any questions that producers may have:

Dave Ikari, Branch Chief, Dairy Marketing Dr. Eric Erba, Senior Agricultural Economist Candace Gates, Supervisor, Cost of Production Richard Walker, Auditor, Cost of Production

The meeting will be held from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15th at the Glenn County Cooperative Extension Office at 821 E. South St. in Orland. If you are unable to make the afternoon meeting or wish to have your questions answered in a smaller setting, a more informal gathering will be held later at Zeke Ficher's dairy. For more details on the meeting at Zeke's, contact Richard Walker. His number is 916-341-5988.