



**TO:** Honorable Chair and Planning Commission

**FROM:** Dan Breedon, AICP, Principal Planner

**SUBJECT:** Memo from DC&E on Agriculture Policies  
to be Discussed at the November 14, 2008 Study Session

**DATE:** November 13, 2008

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Please find attached a memo from DC&E concerning the Agricultural Policies discussed at the November 7, 2008 Planning Commission meeting. The memo provides supplementary information and options for the Planning Commission to consider about the CAC's policy recommendations that originated from Stanislaus County and the American Farmland Trust. This information applies to the following two questions from the Policy Alternatives Document:

11. How should the County help to protect, maintain, promote and enhance its agricultural uses and resources?
13. How should the county address the conversion of smaller agricultural parcels to non-agricultural uses?

There will be additional time at the beginning of the agenda to discuss these policy topics and the information set-forth in the attached memo at the Planning Commission's November 14, 2008 Study Session. In preparation for this discussion, staff requests that Planning Commissioners thoroughly review the attached information from DC&E.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 538-7629.