

**Proposal to Register Genetically Engineered
Commercial Agricultural Production on a Crop by Crop Basis**

[adopted unanimously by the GE Crops Committee with voting members Brandon, Fulton,
Saccato, Scully, and Zoller in attendance; January 18, 2010]

- 1. Commercial GE crops may only be grown in Lake County with advance registration obtained from the Agricultural Commissioner. Alternatively, registration may be obtained from the California Crop Improvement Association (CCIA). The registration shall stipulate the use guidelines set by the Agricultural Commissioner in consultation with the GE Advisory Committee, which shall be the same as those required by Federal and State regulatory authorities or more restrictive local guidelines.** [approval on January 4, 2009; 7 aye, 0 no]

- 2.**
 - (a) The Board of Supervisors shall create a 5 member GE Advisory Committee to advise the Agricultural Commissioner.** [approval on December 21, 2010; 6 aye, 1 no]
 - (b) The GE Advisory Committee shall be composed of at least three growers that derive substantial income from production agriculture plus two other voting members; at least one of the five shall have scientific training in an agricultural or plant science discipline.** [approval on December 14, 2009; 6 aye, 1 no]
 - (c) A University of California Farm Advisor will serve as an advisory member. Additionally the committee may ask for any other advisory resources the committee deems necessary.** [approval on December 21, 2009; 6 aye, 1 no]

- 3. The Agricultural Commissioner shall compile and maintain a list of all commercially available GE crops, and those currently undergoing evaluation by APHIS, and make this information available to the GE Advisory Committee.** [approval on December 14, 2009; 7 aye, 0 no]

- 4.**
 - (a) GE crop guidelines established by the Agricultural Commissioner in consultation with the GE Advisory Committee shall be based on results of scientific results and shall consider the possibility of gene flow into neighboring commercial non-GE crops and native plants.** [approval on January 11, 2010; 7 aye, 0 no]
 - (b) The guidelines shall be agronomic in nature and designed specifically to address the growing of the GE crop.** [approval on January 11, 2010; 7 aye, 0 no]

 - (c.1) Appropriate buffer zones as suggested in scientific literature and testing reports shall be stipulated so that gene flow above a de minimus level of 0.1% for seed crops, 0.5% for food crops, and 0.9% for animal feed and native plants is not expected.** [no consensus: 5 aye, 2 no on January 11, 2010]
 - (c.2) Appropriate buffer zones as suggested in scientific literature and testing reports shall be stipulated so that gene flow above a non-detectable level is not expected.** [no consensus: 2 aye, 5 no on January 11, 2010]

- (d) Any decision by the Agricultural Commissioner with regards to GE crop guidelines may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors.** [approval on January 11, 2010, 7 aye, 0 no]
- 5. Registration information submitted to the pertinent registrar shall include but not be limited to grower name, contact information, crop, field name, field size and latitude/longitude (GPS decimal degrees), and intended planting date. The pertinent registrar will certify compliance with the Lake County GE Crop Guidelines.** [approval on January 4, 2010; 7 aye, 0 no]
- 6. Since the benefit of the registration system will accrue to the citizens of Lake County, the overhead costs associated with the registration process are to be borne by the County of Lake.** [approval on January 18, 2010; 5 aye, 0 no]
- 7. The pertinent registrar shall conduct compliance audits of all registered GE growers. A grower discovered not in compliance with Lake County GE Crop Guidelines shall be reported to the Lake County Agricultural Commissioner. The Lake County Agricultural Commissioner shall exercise his powers under Chapter 6 of the State Food and Agriculture Code for abatement procedures.** [approval on January 4, 2010; 7 aye, 0 no]
- 8. Upon request, the pertinent registrar will advise whether or not a specified GE crop is planted within a two mile radius of a particular point of origin. The exact location of said GE planting will not be publicly disclosed.** [approval on January 18, 2010; 5 aye, 0 no]
- 9. No later than five (5) years from the date of establishment, this registration process may be re-visited by the Lake County Board of Supervisors.** [approval on January 18, 2010; 5 aye, 0 no]