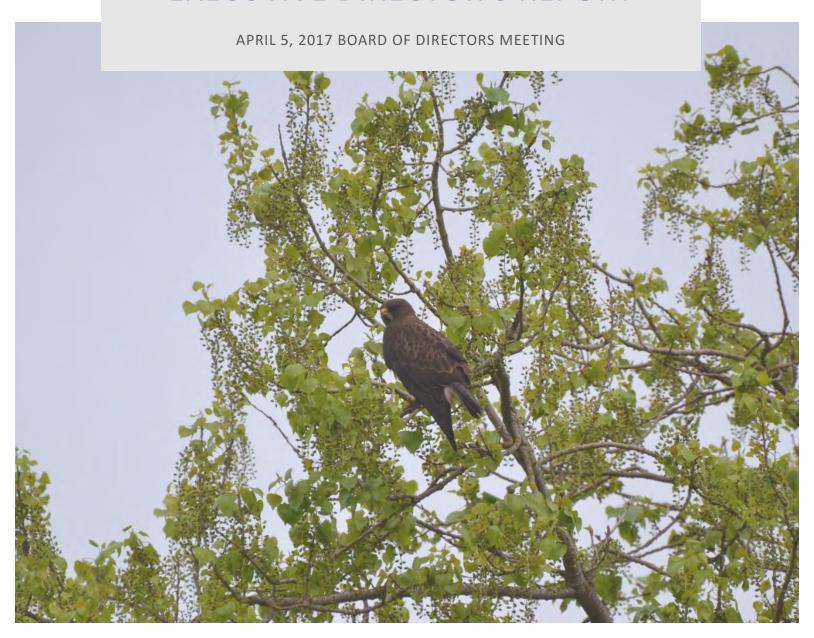
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Industry on 'life support

Improved quality and lower prices among foreign competitors continue to challenge U.S. rice exports.

By VIcky Boyd Editor

he U.S. rice industry's share of the world export market continues to decline as competing countries have improved their quality and still retained lower prices. With the U.S. industry relying on world trade to take more than half of its annual production, declining export sales have significantly depressed U.S. grower prices.

Domestically, rice consumption continues to increase but not at a high enough level to offset all of the lost export sales.

That was the sobering message presented at the recent Mid-South Farm & Gin Show by Carl Brothers, senior vice president and chief operating officer of Stuttgart, Ark.-based Riceland Foods.

"We're on life support while the rest of the world is growing," Brothers told a packed crowd during the ag commodity update in Memphis, Tenn.

The United States produces only 1.5 percent of the world's rice, with China and India together accounting for more than 50 percent of world rice. This year, Brother says he expects India to take over from Thailand as the No. 1 rice exporter.

During the 1979-80 marketing year, the United States accounted for 24 percent of the world's rice export trade. This year, it will be only 9 percent. Compare that to soybeans, where the United States accounts for 35 percent of world production but 40 percent of world exports.

"What's going on?" Brothers says.

"We're seeing an improvement in (rice) quality from competitors and lower prices. We think there's something behind these prices like prohibiting trade access because of high tariffs. U.S. production could increase 20 percent and exports 43 percent if some of these trade barriers were rectified."

One of the most recent World Trade



Organization challenges was filed against China on behalf of U.S. rice, wheat and corn. The complaint alleges China is illegally subsidizing prices of those crops.

Although the United States currently does not export rice to China, Brothers says that country has the potential to be a valuable market. He says he expects the United States will prevail in its WTO complaint.

If several of these non-tariff trade barriers were removed, Brothers says it would likely increase the price for Asian rice, making the United States more competitive in the world market.

Since the beginning of the rice marketing year Aug. 1, 2016, U.S. rice export sales for milled long-grain are down 23 percent while export sales of rough rice are up 7 percent.

"Mills haven't been running on the pace we desire, although it has been better the last six weeks," he says. "Hopefully we will build some momentum going into the end of the year."

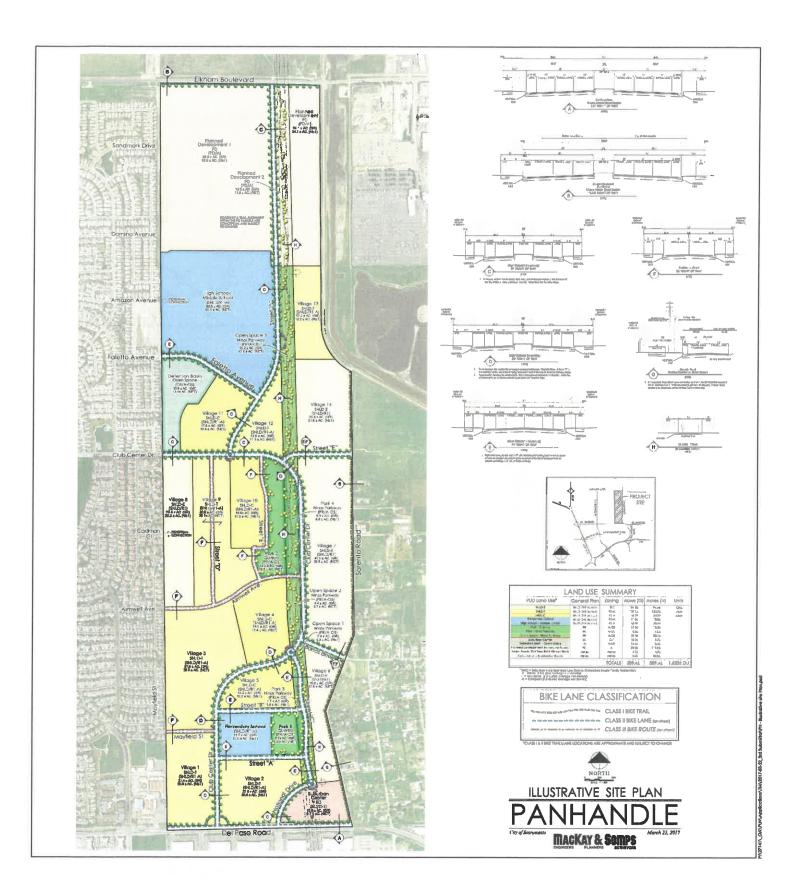
Domestically, rice consumption continues to increase and has more than doubled since 1980. Brothers attributes it to a growing immigrant population as well as more restaurants featuring the grain. In addition, pet food manufacturers have discovered the nutritional benefits of rice and are increasingly using it as an ingredient.

But increasing domestic consumption also is a double-edged sword, making the U.S. market more attractive to importers.

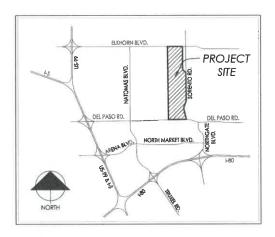
In addition, soft U.S. rice prices are taking a toll on planted rice acres. At its Agricultural Outlook Forum in February, the U.S. Department of Agriculture forecasted rice growers will plant about 2.6 million acres this year compared to 3.2 million acres in 2016.

Informa, a Memphis-based data gathering firm, says it expects rice growers will plant about 2.8 million acres. The USDA will issue its prospective plantings report covering not just rice, but several other row crops, March 31.*

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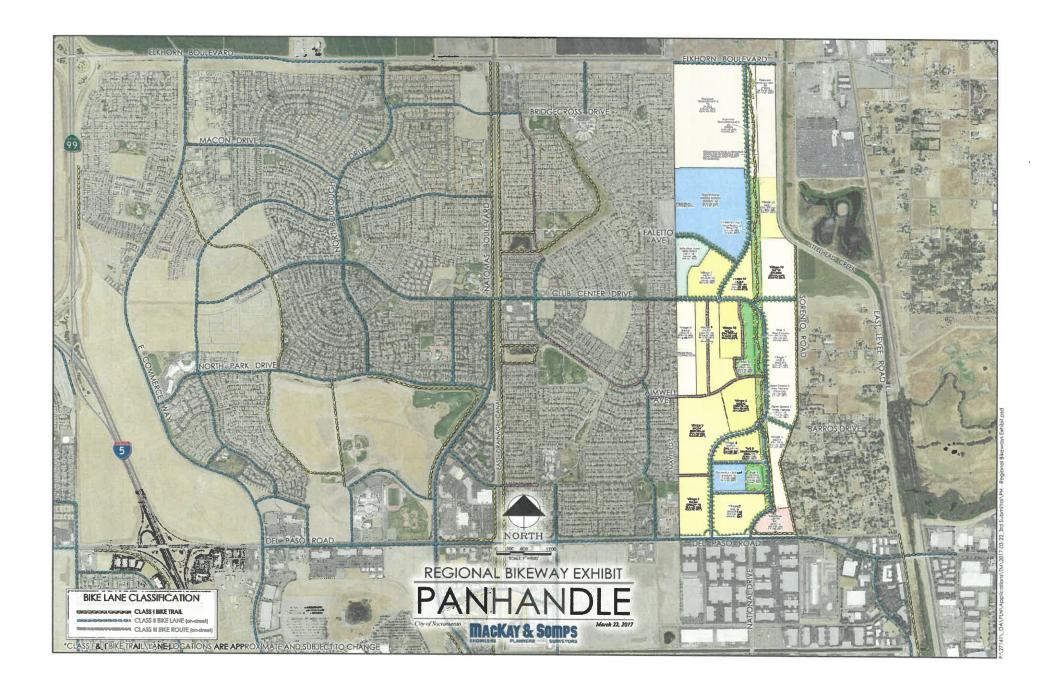
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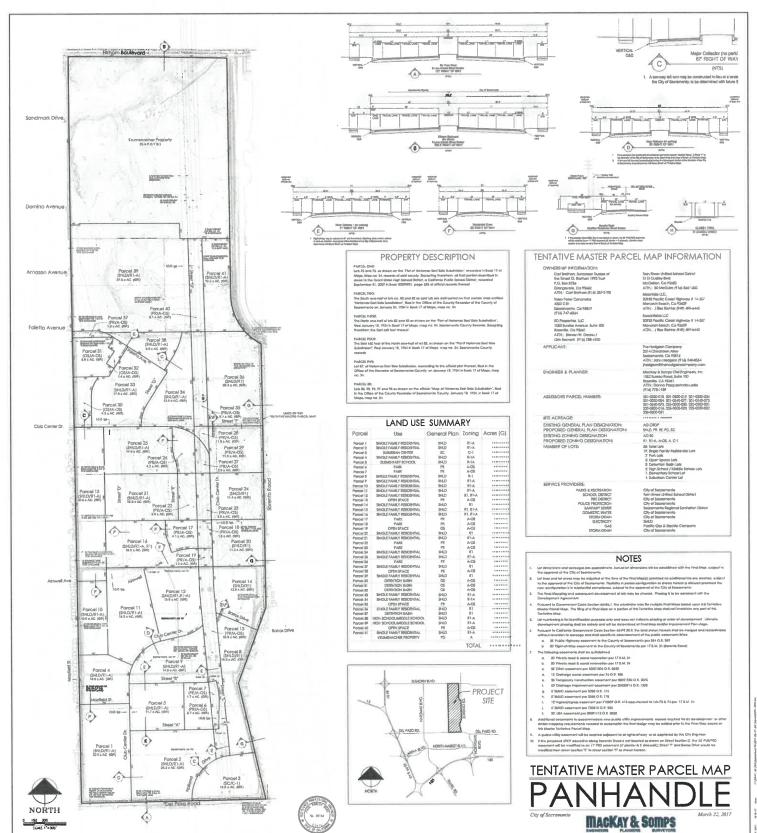
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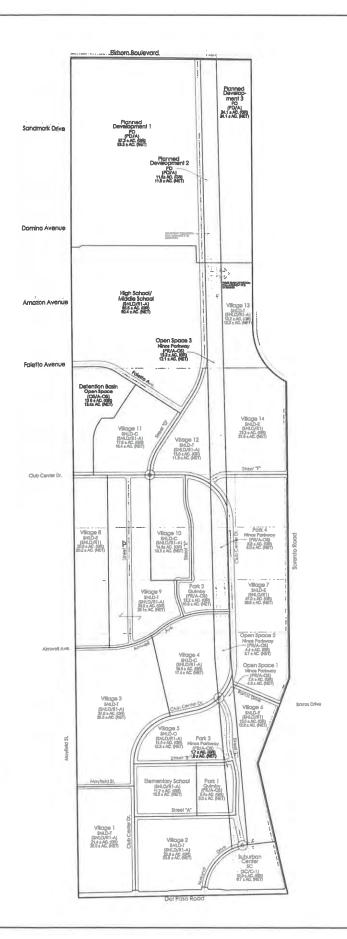
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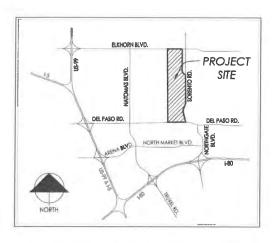
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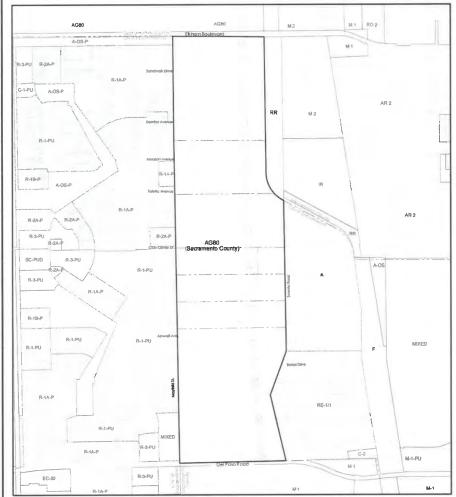
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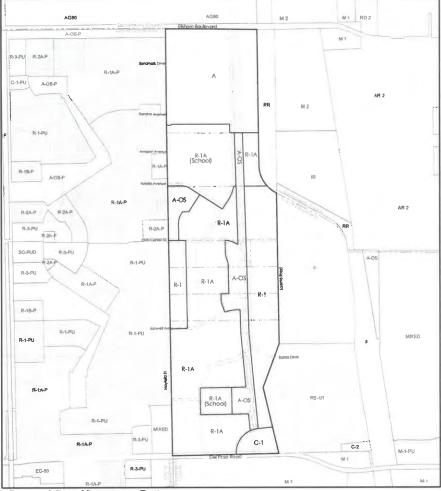
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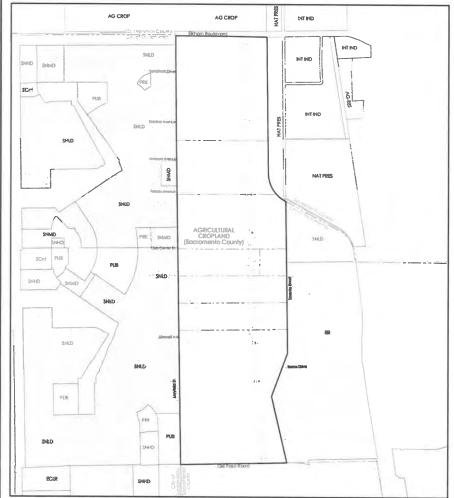


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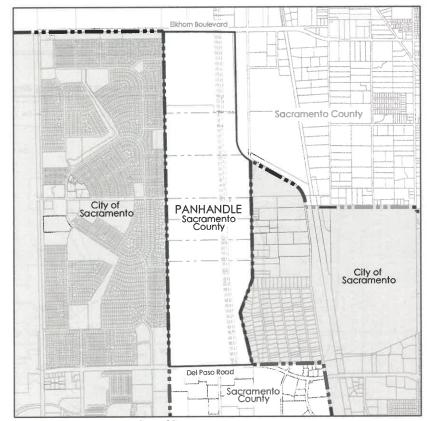
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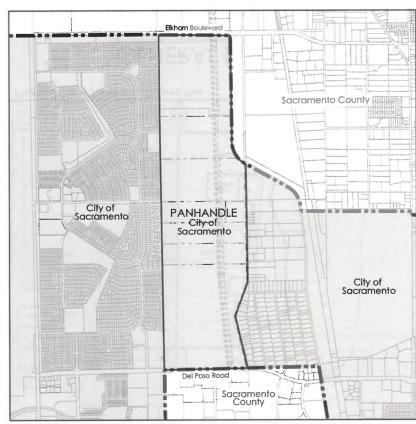


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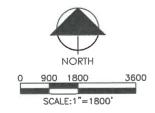
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