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# Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

## ACTION MINUTES

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| <b>Location:</b> | <i>Held at the Conference Center, 1428 Abbott Street, Salinas, CA. 93901</i>                              |  |
| <b>Date:</b>     | May 26, 2022  |  |
| <b>Time:</b>     | 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  |  |
| <b>Present:</b>  | <i>Committee Members</i>  | <i>Staff and Guests</i>  |
|                  | Sherwood Darington<br>Alex Eastman (VC)<br>Kurt Gollnick<br>Erik Heacox<br>Scott Violini<br>Matt Shea (C) | Jose Chang, Assistant Ag Commissioner<br>Nadia Garcia, Ag Programs Manager<br>Mary Grace Perry, Deputy County Counsel<br>Jennifer Pittenger, Administrative Secretary<br>Crystal Valdez, Office Assistant III<br>Son Pham-Gallardo, Senior Planner<br>Melanie Beretti, Principal Planner<br>Trinh Retterer, JRG Attorneys at Law |
| <b>Absent:</b>   | Michael Ferguson, Nick Huntington, Tony Marci, Scott Storm, Kevin Piearcy                                 |  |

C- Chair  
 VC- Vice Chair

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Matt Shea at 2:30 p.m.

### II. Additions and Corrections

*None*

### III. Consent- Committee Business

1. Approval of minutes from April 28, 2022

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Gollnick and Eastman and **passed** by the following vote:

**AYES:** Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Shea, Heacox, and Violini

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Ferguson, Huntington, Piearcy, Marci, Storm

**ABSTAIN:** None

### IV. Public Comment- On items not on the agenda.

- *None*

## V. **Agricultural Commissioner's Update**

*Jose Chang, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner*

- The 2021 Crop and Livestock Report will be presented to the BOS on Tuesday July 12th in the PM. A press event will be held early in the morning.
- We have received several complaints calls from residents this year regarding bird cannons going off at night. We have discussed during our annual CE sessions and Ag Expo proper bird cannon etiquette and continue to resolve as best we can.
- No new ACP finds during our delimitation trapping since February.
- We're receiving INSV complaint calls on a regular basis, they're typically taken care of by the property operator quickly.
- Ag Pass Kick Off Meeting, we are scheduled for it on June 22, 8-10am.  
Participants: Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District, Cal Fire, CHP, Sheriff, OES, Cattlemen Association, Vintners and Growers, Farm Bureau, Monterey County SPCA, Monterey County Animal Services, County Counsel, CAOs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

## VI. **Mo. Co. Housing and Community Development- Planning**

### A. **BJSP LLC (formerly Solomone- 12/12 Genetics LLC) Commercial Cannabis Operation- Existing Structures**

- Project Planner: Son Pham-Gallardo, Senior Planner
- Project Title: BJSP LLC
- Planning File No.: PLN180109
- APN: 181-022-005-000
- Project Location: 37 McGinnis Rd, Royal Oaks, North County Land Use Plan
- Zoning: Agricultural Conservation (Coastal Zone) or AC (CZ)
- Project Description: Coastal Development Permit for commercial cannabis operation for cultivation, nursery, non-volatile manufacturing and self-distribution within existing greenhouses and/or warehouses.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Support approval by the Monterey County Planning Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *None*

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Darington and Gollnick and **passed** by the following vote to support approval by the Monterey County Planning Commission.

**AYES:** Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, Shea, and Violini

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Ferguson, Huntington, Piearcy, Marci, Storm

**ABSTAIN:** None

**B. County of Monterey Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program**

- Project Planner: Melanie Beretti, Principal Planner
- Project Title: County of Monterey Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program
- Planning File No.: REF160008
- APN: Not Applicable
- Project Location: County-wide
- Project Description: Program to mitigate for the loss of agricultural lands due to development, including implementation of General Plan Agricultural Element Policy AG-1.12 (Mitigation) to establish a program to mitigate for projects involving a change in land use designation resulting in the loss of Important Farmland.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Provide initial feedback to staff on the development of an agricultural conservation mitigation program policies.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Mike Novo, Ag Land Trust*

**MOTION:** *None; Provided feedback to staff.*

**VII. Administrative Matters/Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments**

*None*

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.