

# *AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

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***FY 2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT***



County of Monterey

Agricultural Commissioner's Office

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## **Committee Purpose**

### ***Agricultural Advisory Committee***

The purpose of the Agricultural Advisory Committee is to advise and recommend to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and other county boards, commissions, and departments on matters affecting or of interest to the agricultural industry.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) consists of thirteen members who are residents of the County of Monterey and represent agricultural interests.

During FY 2022-23 Committee Officers were: ***Matt Shea, Chair*** and ***Dr. Alex Eastman, Vice Chair***.

### **Supervisors' Appointees**

Kurt Gollnick ~ District 1  
C.J. Miller ~ District 2  
VACANT~ District 3  
Sherwood Darington ~ District 4  
Matt Shea ~ District 5

### **At-Large Members**

Mike Ferguson  
Alexandra Eastman, DVM  
Nick Huntington

### **Agricultural Association Representatives**

Erik Heacox ~ Grower-Shipper Association of Central California  
VACANT ~ California Strawberry Commission\*  
Kevin Pearcy ~ Monterey County Farm Bureau  
Scott Storm ~ Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association  
Scott Violini ~ Monterey County Cattlemen's Association

### *Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the Agricultural Advisory Committee*

The purpose of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the Agricultural Advisory Committee is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for a period longer than six months. Subcommittee members need not be Committee members nor equal as many as a quorum of the Committee.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AACS) consists of seven members who are residents of the County of Monterey and represent agricultural interests.

During FY 2022-23 the Committee Officer were: **Scott Violini, Chair and Norm Groot, Vice-Chair.**

#### **Subcommittee Members**

Scott Violini ~ Cattlemen's Association (2016)

Norm Groot ~ Monterey County Farm Bureau

Sherwood Darington ~ District 4 (2021)

Mike Ferguson ~ At-Large (2023) Monterey Botanicals

Kurt Gollnick ~ District 1 (2023) Scheid Vineyards

Marc Del Piero ~ Ag Land Trust

**AAC Meeting Date: July 28, 2022**

Subject	Speaker	Action/Recommendation
<p><b>III. Consent:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May 26, 2022 – Meeting Minutes</li></ul>	<p><i>Committee</i></p>	<p>Motion passes to approve May 26, 2022, Minutes.</p>
<p><b>V. Agricultural Commissioner's Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2021 Crop Report was released on July 12, 2022. Theme: <i>Salad Bowl of the World</i> with short video to accompany the report. Special thanks to Colby Pereira and Dirk Giannini for helping with video. Gross production value of \$4.1 billion, an increase of 4.8% from 2020. Top Five Crops: Strawberries, leaf lettuce, head lettuce, broccoli and wine grapes.</li><li>• DPR held three workshops on June 27, 28 and 29 to collect feedback and to inform of the next phase of design and development for the state's pesticide application notification system.</li><li>• Santa Cruz County Ag Commissioner's Office launched their notification pilot website. You can take a look by accessing: <a href="https://www.agdept.com/">https://www.agdept.com/</a> then clicking the "Pesticide Notification Pilot Project"</li><li>• AG Pass- Successful Kick-Off Meeting June 22 with first responders and other key stakeholders where we received feedback on the development of an AG Pass Program in Monterey County. Staff is incorporating suggestions into the development of the AG Pass Program and continuing to work on the administrative steps, including drafting standard operating procedures and application flow chart. Once a draft of the program is completed, staff will present to stakeholders for further feedback before going before the Board of Supervisors for final consideration.</li><li>• Farmworker Resource Center: In February, the Board of Sups directed staff to apply for State grant funding under AB941 and appropriated \$250k of County funds for the creation of a Farmworker Resource Center in Greenfield. AB941 program guidelines are being worked on by the State, so the application is still not available</li></ul>	<p><i>Jose Chang,</i> <i>Assistant Agricultural</i> <i>Commissioner</i></p>	<p>No action is necessary.</p>

<p>to apply for grant funding until end of this year. While the State works on the application guidelines, staff is working on the program development by engaging other County Dept. partners and next week we meet with Community Based Organizations that will provide insight of services that should be rendered at the FRC.</p>		
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><i>Norm Groot, Mo.Co. Farm Bureau</i></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>VI. <u>Mo.Co. Housing and Community Development- Planning</u></b>  <b>A. Zygmunt, Buena Vista Grange and Tarp/Rodney- Lot Line Adjustment</b>  518, 520, and 524 River Rd, Salinas, PLN210265</p>	<p><i>Mary Israel, Senior Planner</i></p>	<p>Motion Passes to recommend approval to the Chief of Planning.</p>
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><b>None</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>B. County of Monterey Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program</b>  County-wide  REF160008</p>	<p><i>Melanie Beretti, Principal Planner</i></p>	<p>None; provided direction to staff for developing ordinance(s).</p>
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><i>Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau  Mike Novo, Ag Land Trust  Taven Kinison-Brown, City of Gonzales  Adam Secondo</i></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>VIII. <u>Administrative Matters/Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative Secretary Confidential- Jennifer Pittenger held this position but recently resigned to take a promotion with another County Dept. We have hired a new person: Julianna De La Paz, Julianna starts with the AG Commissioner's on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>• AAC Vacancies. We have three vacancies in the AG Advisory Committee we are seeking to fill: District 2 and 3; and a vacancy appointed by the</li> </ul>	<p><i>Committee</i></p>	<p>No action is necessary.</p>

California Strawberry Commission. Staff is working with the respective District offices and with the California Strawberry Commission to fill the vacancies.		
<b>AAC Meeting Date: August 25, 2022</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Action/Recommendation</b>
<b>III. Consent:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 28, 2022 – Meeting Minutes</li> </ul>	<b>Committee</b>	Motion passes to approve July 28, 2022, Minutes.
<b>V. Agricultural Commissioner's Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We hired three new inspectors/biologists.</li> <li>Weights and Measures Inspector is retiring at the end of September.</li> <li>INSV Taskforce reports that the number of infected fields are more than double than this time last year as those fields have a higher level of infestation.</li> <li>Organic numbers have been updated. We found out that we were using the wrong table from CDFA to calculate registered organic acres. The information has been corrected online.</li> </ul>	<b>Jose Chang,</b> <i>Assistant Agricultural Commissioner</i>	No action is necessary.
<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>VI. <u>Mo.Co. Housing and Community Development- Planning</u></b> <b>A. Cultivar Inc./Cel Real, Ramon and Evangelina Commercial Cannabis – Existing Structures</b> 28600 Encinal Rd, Salinas, Greater Salinas Area Plan PLN170203	<b>Kenny Taylor,</b> Associate Planner	Motion was passed to recommend approval to Monterey County Planning Commission.
<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>B. Updates to Monterey County Code Chapter 15.08: Conditions of Approval Permit Language and Definitions for Agricultural, Domestic, and Replacement Wells</b> Updates to Monterey County Code Chapter 15.08 (Wells and COAs) County-Wide	<b>Roger Van Horn, REHS,</b> Environmental Health Wells Program	None; Continued and staff to return to AAC at an uncertain date.

<b>Public Comment</b>	<i>Mark Del Piero,</i> Ag Land Trust <i>Mike Novo,</i> Ag Land Trust <i>Adam Secondo</i> <i>Norm Groot,</i> Mo.Co. Farm Bureau	<i>None</i>
<b>C. Workshop-County of Monterey Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program</b> County-Wide REF220044	<i>Taylor Price,</i> Assistant Planner for <i>Melanie Beretti,</i> Principal Planner	None; Provided feedback to staff. Staff to return to the AAC with suggested updates.
<b>Public Comment</b>	<i>Mike Novo,</i> Ag Land Trust <i>Marc Del Piero,</i> Ag Land Trust <i>Tom Ward,</i> Land Watch	<i>None</i>
<b>D. Vacation Rentals on Agriculturally Zoned Properties County of Monterey</b> Vacation Rentals in the Unincorporated County of Monterey County-Wide (Unincorporated) REF100042 & REF1300437	<i>Taylor Price,</i> Assistant Planner for <i>Melanie Beretti,</i> Principal Planner	None; Provided feedback to staff. Staff to return to the AAC with suggested updates.
<b>Public Comment</b>	<i>Mike Novo,</i> Ag Land Trust <i>Marc Del Piero,</i> Ag Land Trust	<i>None</i>
<b>VII. <u>Administrative Matters/Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments</u></b>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
<b>AAC Meeting Date: September 22, 2022 - CANCELLED</b>		
<b>AAC Meeting Date: October 27, 2022</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Action/Recommendation</b>
<b>III. Consent:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 25, 2022 – Meeting Minutes</li> <li>• Approval of FY 2021-22 Annual Report</li> <li>• 2023 Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule</li> </ul>	<i>Committee</i>	Motion passes to approve Consent items.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 AAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting Schedule</li> </ul>		
<p><b><u>V. Agricultural Commissioner’s Update:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The county is recruiting for a successor ag commissioner. The county plans to have someone in place by the end of December.</li> <li>• The lettuce mosaic virus host free period is from Dec 7 – 21. No lettuce is allowed to be grown above ground in the principal lettuce growing areas of the county to reduce the incidence of lettuce mosaic virus in the environment. Ag Inspector/Biologists will be surveying the county for lettuce during this period.</li> <li>• The celery mosaic virus host period is Jan 1 – 31. No celery is allowed to be grown to reduce the incidence of celery mosaic virus in the environment. Ag Inspector/Biologists will be surveying the county for celery during this period.</li> <li>• The exotic/invasive pest detection season wrapped up no finds.</li> <li>• We received restricted materials permit challenge from Earthjustice. The challenge is for permits issued within one mile of 3 schools in North County.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Henry Gonzales,</i> Agricultural Commissioner</p>	<p>No action is necessary.</p>
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><i>None</i></p>	<p><i>None</i></p>
<p><b><u>VI. Williamson Act Applications</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make recommendation to approve applications: 1 (Pura), 2 (Nunes), 4 (Solari), 5 (Cauley), 6 (Sky Rose Ranch), 7 (Wayland), and 8 (Storm) to the Board of Supervisors.</li> <li>• Make recommendation to approve Willoughby, Application 3, as a whole application and include all APNs and legal lots of record which involves Parcels I, II, and III.</li> <li>• Make recommendation to deny without prejudice De Santiago application no. 9 to the Board of Supervisors.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Nadia Garcia,</i> Ag Resources and Policy Manager</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to approve applications: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 to the Board of Supervisors.</li> <li>• Motion to approve Willoughby, Application 3, as a whole application and include all APNs and legal lots of record which involves Parcels I, II, and III to the Board of Supervisors.</li> <li>• Motion to deny without prejudice De Santiago application no. 9 to the Board of Supervisors.</li> </ul>



<b>Public Comment</b>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
<b>VII. <u>Mo.Co. Health Department</u> Updates to Monterey County Code Chapter 15.08: Conditions of Approval Permit Language and Definitions for Agricultural, Domestic, and Replacement Wells</b> Updates to Monterey County Code Chapter 15.08 (Wells and COAs) County-Wide	<i>Roger Van Horn, REHS,</i> Environmental Health Wells Program	None; Workshop and no motion needed.
<b>Public Comment</b>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
<b>VIII. <u>Administrative Matters/Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments</u></b> Reappointment of John Baillie as the Agricultural Advisory Committee’s representative to the Water Resources Agency (WRA) Board of Supervisors for a three-year term from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026.	<i>Committee</i>	Motion approved to reappoint John Baillie to the WRA Board of Directors and have staff submit a letter of recommendation to the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors.
<b>Public Comment</b>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
<b>AAC Meeting Date: November 2022 - NO MEETING</b>		
<b>AAC Meeting Date: December 1, 2022 – CANCELLED (No Quorum)</b>		
<b>AAC Meeting Date: January 26, 2023</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Action/Recommendation</b>
<b>III. <u>Consent:</u></b> • October 27, 2022 – Meeting Minutes	<i>Committee</i>	Motion passes to approve October 27, 2022, Minutes.
<b>V. <u>Agricultural Commissioner’s Update:</u></b> • Rich Ordonez introduced himself as Interim Agricultural Commissioner until the new Agricultural Commissioner Juan Hidalgo begins on February 6, 2023. • During the floods several AG Commissioner’s staff were activated as Disaster Service Workers (DSW). DSW’s were assigned at shelters and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) providing technical	<i>Rich Ordonez,</i> Interim Agricultural Commissioner	

<p>assistance. DSWs were also called on to work at the Local Assistance Center in Spreckels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood damage assessment: 20,000 acres and approximately \$50 million.</li> <li>• Surveys are available on Monterey County Farm Bureau (FB), Grower-Shipper Association of Central California (GS), and Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association (MCVGA)online and in Spanish. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Responses on the surveys: flooded/buried fields, equipment, structures, fences, trellis levee/berm damage, debris deposition, eroded fields, damaged roads, food safety costs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) detected in two sites in King City. We are working with CDFA. 1/17 Delimitation trapping has started 4 square miles surrounding the find site. Total of 61 traps. On 1/19 Did voluntary treatments close to find sites of Tempo SC (foliar) and CoreTec (systemic) tablets. Public meeting in February and treatment following (400 m).</li> <li>• On December 31, 2022 the regulations for Industrial Hemp Pilot Program ended. We are in the process of analyzing the program and will come up with recommendations to the BOS. Prior to the recommendations, staff will take draft recommendations to the Cannabis Standing Committee meeting in March.</li> <li>• Pesticide Use Enforcement Division renewals permits expire in January 2023.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><i>None</i></p>	<p><i>None</i></p>
<p><b>VI. <u>Mo.Co. Housing and Community Development- Planning</u></b> <b>A. RAVA Ranches Limited Liability</b></p>	<p><b>Fionna Jensen,</b> Associate Planner</p>	<p>Motion was passed to recommend approval of the application for an LLA of Williamson Act Land to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors</p>

<p><b>Company (LLC)/ Nino Family Limited Partnership (LP), Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) of Williamson Act Land</b>  51701 &amp; 51983 Freeman Flat Rd,  King City, Central Salinas Valley  Area Plan  PLN210253</p>		
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><i>Robert Roach</i></p>	<p><i>None</i></p>
<p><b>B. Establish a temporary Special Ad Hoc Committee or direct staff to work with the existing Ad Hoc Subcommittee to conduct workshops on proposed Monterey County Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program</b>  Inland areas of the unincorporated Monterey County  REF220044</p>	<p><i>Melanie Beretti,</i>  Principal Planner</p>	<p>Motion to re-instate a “general” AAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee and add members to the general subcommittee as needed, with the appointment of the following AAC members: Gollnick, Violini, Huntington, Darington, Ferguson, and the following representative: Ag Land Trust, Mark Del Piero (or designee). The motion included adding additional members if interested, such as but not limited to, a representative of LAFCO, the building industry, and/or Farm Bureau.</p>
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><i>Robert Roach</i>  <i>Kathryn Avila,</i>  Avila Construction</p>	<p><i>None</i></p>
<p><b>VII. <u>Administrative Matters/Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments</u></b>  A. Approve Modified – 2023 AAC Meeting Schedule  B. Appoint new AAC Ad Hoc Sub-Committee members- Motion was made under Agenda Item VI.B.- Monterey County Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program- see above.  C. Consider the nomination of two (2) nominees as the Agricultural Advisory Committee’s representatives to the Water Resources Agency (WRA) Board of Directors for a three-year term from January 1 , 2023 through December 31, 2026 Pursuant to Sec. 49. Manner of Appointment; experience. Section 49(b)(4) for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Act.</p>	<p><i>Committee</i></p>	<p>A. Motion Passed to recommend approval of the modified 2023 AAC Meeting Schedule  B. <i>None</i>  C. Motion Passed to nominate John Baillie and Wayne Gularte as the Agricultural Advisory Committee’s representatives to the Water Resources Agency (WRA) Board of Directors.</p>

<b>AAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting Date: February 13, 2023</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Action/Recommendation</b>
<b>II. Additions and Corrections</b> • Selection of Chair and Vice Chair	<i>Staff</i>	Scott Violini to serve as the temporary Chair. Table selection of officers for next meeting.
<b>IV. Monterey County Housing and Community Development-Planning Department</b> <b>Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program</b> Inland areas of the unincorporated Monterey County REF220044	<b>Melanie Beretti,</b> <i>Principal Planner</i> <b>Taylor Price,</b> <i>Assistant Planner</i>	Motion to approve Meeting schedule and approve special meeting addition of March 27, 2023 to AACS meeting Schedule.
<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>Kathryn Avila,</b> <i>Avila Construction</i> <b>Christopher Bunn</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>AAC Meeting Date: February 23, 2023 – CANCELLED</b>		
<b>AAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting Date: March 13, 2023 – CANCELLED</b>		
<b>AAC Meeting Date: March 23, 2023 – CANCELLED</b>		
<b>AAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting Date: March 27, 2023</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Action/Recommendation</b>
<b>III. Consent – Committee Business</b> 1. Select Chair and Vice Chair of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee 2. Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2023 3. Approval of revised 2023 AAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting Schedule	<b>Committee</b>	Motion to Approve Consent Item 2 and vote on Consent Items 1 and 3 at the next Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting when all members are present.
<b>Public Comment</b>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
<b>V. Monterey County Housing and Community Development – Planning Department</b> <b>Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program</b> Inland areas of the unincorporated Monterey County	<b>Melanie Beretti,</b> <i>Principal Planner</i> <b>Taylor Price,</b> <i>Assistant Planner</i>	None; Received Draft Ordinance and provided feedback to staff

REF220044		
<b>Public Comment</b>	<i>Mike Novo, Ag Land Trust Kathryn Avila, Avila Construction</i>	<i>None</i>
<b>AAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting Date: April 10, 2023</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Action/Recommendation</b>
<b>III. Consent – Committee Business</b> 1. Select Chair and Vice Chair of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee 2. Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2023 3. Approval of revised 2023 AAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting Schedule	<i>Committee</i>	1. Motion to approve <i>Consent Item 1</i> to appoint Scott Violini as Chair and Norm Groot as Vice Chair of the AAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee. 2. Motion to approve <i>Consent Items 2 and 3: Consent Item 2- 2023 AAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting schedule with the addition of the April 24, 2023 meeting. Consent Item 3: Minutes from the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.</i>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
<b>V. Monterey County Housing and Community Development – Planning Department</b> <b>Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program</b> Inland areas of the unincorporated Monterey County REF220044	<i>Melanie Beretti, Principal Planner Taylor Price, Assistant Planner</i>	None; Received Draft Ordinance and provided feedback to staff. Approved adding a second Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting in April on April 27, 2023.
<b>Public Comment</b>	<i>Mike Novo, Ag Land Trust Taven Kinison Brown, City of Gonzales Kate McKenna, LAFCO Lisa Brinton, City of Salinas</i>	<i>None</i>
<b>AAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting Date: April 24, 2023</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Action/Recommendation</b>
<b>III. Consent – Committee Business</b> 1. Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2023	<i>Committee</i>	Motion passes to approve April 10, 2023, Minutes.
<b>V. Monterey County Housing and Community Development – Planning Department</b> <b>Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program</b>	<i>Melanie Beretti, Principal Planner Taylor Price,</i>	None; Received presentation and provided feedback to staff and asked for item to be back to Subcommittee on May 8, 2023 for further review

Inland areas of the unincorporated Monterey County REF220044	<i>Assistant Planner</i>	
<b>AAC Meeting Date: April 27, 2023</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Action/Recommendation</b>
<b>III. Consent:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 26, 2023 – Meeting Minutes</li> </ul>	<b>Committee</b>	Motion passes to approve January 26, 2023, Minutes.
<b>V. Agricultural Commissioner’s Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter Storms: Working with Growers on getting flood damage impact data as a result of the March Storms, we are still gathering and putting data together. We will have information within the next couple of weeks, impacts of \$330 million of dollars from January, and with recent March storms damage is expected to increase. We will have more information to share soon.</li> <li>Ag Pass – Given by Nadia Garcia – adopted last Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors, if you meet certain criteria – SRA and take fire training, you will receive an AG Pass badge that will allow you to evacuate livestock, equipment, crop – all depends on the nature of the disaster. Application deadline is May 26, 2023. Fire and Safety Training will be held on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> here at the Ag Conference Center. Application filing and the AG Pass Badges will have no cost to applicant. Each application can have up to 3 badge holders. The program will expand to floodplain areas and will continue to have stakeholder meetings to gather feedback to expand the program from Fire areas.</li> <li>New AAC Member – CJ Miller appointed by District 2.</li> </ul>	<b>Juan Hidalgo,</b> <i>Agricultural Commissioner</i> <b>Nadia Garcia,</b> <i>Ag Programs Manager</i>	<b>None</b>

<p><b><u>VI. Monterey County Housing and Community Development – Planning Department</u></b>  <b>Hermalina Gard</b>          Boronda Community Area, Greater Salinas Area Plan          442 Boronda Road, Salinas CA          PLN210223</p>	<p><i>Mary Israel,</i>  <i>Supervising Planner</i></p>	<p>None; Committee recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of a 7-foot wall at the 20ft setback line from Boronda Rd for proposed Lot 1 (as presented on Attachment 3, AAC 4.27.2023, Item VI. (Included in the Ag Buffer Easement document)</li> <li>• In addition to the 7-foot wall described above, vegetative buffer within the 20-foot setback between Boronda Rd and Lot 1 (included in the Ag Buffer Easement document)</li> <li>• Ag Neighbor relations: To reduce potential conflicts with ag growers in the immediate vicinity, the applicant/developer should engage in conversation with the ag growers in the vicinity (owners and lessees) to inform each other of their activities. Ag growers can advise of their crop operations and activities to reduce incompatible issues.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><i>Dale Ellis,</i>  <i>Lombardo &amp; Associates</i></p>	<p><i>None</i></p>
<p><b><u>VII. Administrative Matters/AAC Comments</u></b>          Consider the nomination of two (2) nominees as the Agricultural Advisory Committee’s representatives to the Water Resources Agency (WRA) Board of Directors for a three-year term from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026, pursuant to Sec. 49. <u>Manner of appointment; experience.</u> Section 49 (b) (4) of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.</p>	<p><i>Committee</i></p>	<p>Motion passed to nominate John Baillie and Mitch Moss as the Agricultural Advisory Committee’s representatives to the Water Resources Agency (WRA) Board of Directors.</p>
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><i>None</i></p>	<p><i>None</i></p>
<p><b>AAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting Date: May 8, 2023</b></p>		
<p><b>Subject</b></p>	<p><b>Speaker</b></p>	<p><b>Action/Recommendation</b></p>
<p><b><u>III. Consent – Committee Business</u></b>          1. Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2023          2. Receive a copy of the adopted City of Gonzales Ag Mitigation Program</p>	<p><i>Committee</i></p>	<p>Motion passes to approve Consent items.</p>
<p><b><u>V. Monterey County Housing and Community Development – Planning Department</u></b>  <b>Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program</b></p>	<p><i>Melanie Beretti,</i>  <i>Principal Planner</i>  <i>Taylor Price,</i></p>	<p>None;</p>

<p>Inland areas of the unincorporated Monterey County REF220044</p>	<p><i>Assistant Planner</i></p>	<p><b>Motion 1</b> – Not support staff’s recommendation as shown on slide 11 of the PowerPoint Presentation, and change the ratios to the following:</p> <p><b><i>Outside Community Areas &amp; Rural Center Boundary</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Important Farmland 2:1</li> <li>○ Prime Farmland 2:1.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Inside Community Areas &amp; Rural Center Boundary</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Important Farmland 1.5:1</li> <li>○ Prime Farmland 1.5:1</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion Failed</b></p> <p><b>Motion 2</b> – Support staff’s recommendation as shown on slide 11 of the PowerPoint Presentation detailing the following:</p> <p><b><i>Outside Community Areas &amp; Rural Center Boundary</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Important Farmland 1.5:1</li> <li>○ Prime Farmland 2:1.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Inside Community Areas &amp; Rural Center Boundary</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Important Farmland 1.25:1</li> <li>○ Prime Farmland 1.5:1</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion Failed</b></p>
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><b><i>Kathryn Avila, Avila Construction Chris Steinbruner</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>None</i></b></p>
<p><b>AAC Meeting Date: May 25, 2023 – CANCELLED</b></p>		
<p><b>AAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting Date: June 12, 2023</b></p>		
<p><b>Subject</b></p>	<p><b>Speaker</b></p>	<p><b>Action/Recommendation</b></p>
<p><b>III. <u>Consent – Committee Business</u></b> 1. Approval of Minutes from <i>May 8, 2023</i></p>	<p><b><i>Committee</i></b></p>	<p>Motion passes to approve May 8, 2023, Minutes.</p>
<p><b><u>V. Monterey County Housing and Community Development – Planning Department</u></b> <b>Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program</b></p>	<p><b><i>Melanie Beretti, Principal Planner Taylor Price, Assistant Planner</i></b></p>	<p>None; Continue, staff to return on July 10<sup>th</sup> AAC – Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting for new ration proposals.</p>



Inland areas of the unincorporated Monterey County REF220044		
<b>Public Comment</b>	<i>Kathryn Avila, Avila Construction Chris Steinbruner</i>	<i>None</i>
<b>AAC Meeting Date: June 22, 2023</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Action/Recommendation</b>
<b>III. Consent- Committee Business</b> 1. Approval of minutes from <i>April 27, 2023</i>	<i>Committee</i>	Motion passes to approve April 27, 2023, Minutes.
<b>V. Agricultural Commissioner's Update</b> Nadia Garcia, Ag Programs Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ag Pass – Granted 62 Ag Passes on June 5, 2023 to individuals that applied and qualified based on program criteria, and who successfully attended and completed the 4 hour Fire and Safety Training held in person on June 5, 2023.</li> </ul>	<i>Nadia Garcia, Ag Programs Manager</i>	<i>None</i>
<b>VI. Monterey County Housing and Community Development - Planning Department</b> <u>NORTH AMERICAN SEED COMPANY ET AL PLN200151</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Planner: Marlene Garcia, Assistant Planner</li> <li>Project Title: North American Seed Co. ET AL</li> <li>Planning File No.: PLN200151</li> <li>APNs: 418-401-009-000</li> <li>Project Location: 39247 Metz Rd, King City, CA</li> <li>Zoning: F/40; Central Salinas Valley Area Plan</li> <li>Project Description: Use Permit to allow the operation of an agricultural support facility (seed processing plant) including the construction of two 17,000 square foot metal buildings and a 16,000 square foot metal storage building. The project includes the removal of existing associated site</li> </ul>	<i>Kayla Nelson, HCD Planning</i>	<b>MOTION 1:</b> It was moved and seconded by Committee Members K. Gollnick and S. Darington and passed.  <b>MOTION 2:</b> It was moved and seconded by Committee Members S. Violini and N. Huntington and passed.

improvements. The site is under a Williamson Act Contract		
<p><b><u>VII. Administrative Matters</u></b>  <i>Departure of Julianna “Julie” De La Paz, Admin Secretary-Confidential with Ag Commissioner’s Office. Thank you for your service to the AAC and to the Ag Commissioner’s Office. Good luck in your new employment with Supervisor Chris Lopez (District 3).</i></p>	<p><i><b>Nadia Garcia,</b> Ag Programs Manager</i></p>	<p><i>None</i></p>
<p><b><u>VIII. Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments</u></b>  <i>AAC AdHoc Subcommittee Discussion: Committee members S. Darington and S. Violini addressed the issue with not having all AAC AdHoc Subcommittee members present at these AAC AdHoc Subcommittee meetings (scheduled on the 2nd Monday of each month) to consider the AG Land Conservation Mitigation strategies presented by County HCD (Melanie Berreti and Taylor Price). The Subcommittee have had split decisions on the ag mitigation ratios options because not all members are present, leaving a small number of committee members (usually four members) with split decisions. The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled on August 14 and it is important all Subcommittee members attend in order to have additional votes on the subject mitigation ratios to not face another split decision. Norm Groot identified he would not be able to attend the Subcommittee meeting in August as a Subcommittee member due to pre-scheduled plans. He may send a proxy to represent Farm Bureau at the next meeting. Once the Subcommittee has successfully passed a recommendation, the item will be before the regular Ag Advisory Committee, hopefully by the end of August 2023.</i></p>	<p><i><b>Sherwood Darington,</b> AAC Member</i></p> <p><i><b>Scott Violini,</b> AAC Member</i></p> <p><i><b>Nadia Garcia,</b> Ag Programs Manager</i></p>	<p><i>None</i></p>
<p><b><u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u></b></p>	<p><i><b>Norm Groot, Farm Bureau</b></i></p>	<p><i>None</i></p>

