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# Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

## Special Meeting

### ACTION MINUTES

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| <b>Location:</b> | <i>Held via Zoom</i>                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Date:</b>     | May 7, 2021                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Time:</b>     | 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Present:</b>  | <i>Committee Members</i>                                                                                                               | <i>Staff and Guests</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                  | Sherwood Darington<br>Michael Ferguson<br>Kurt Gollnick<br>Erik Heacox<br>Nick Huntington<br>Kevin Piearcy<br>Matt Shea<br>Scott Storm | Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner<br>Jose Chang, Assistant Ag Commissioner<br>Nadia Garcia, Ag Programs Manager<br>Mary Grace Perry, Deputy County Counsel<br>Craig Spencer, Planning Services Manager<br>Kelly Donlan, Deputy County Counsel |
| <b>-Absent:</b>  | Alex Eastman, Tony Marci, Scott Violini, Kirk Williams                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Huntington at 11:01 a.m.

#### II. Mo. Co. Housing and Community Development-Planning

##### Cannabis Regulations- Expansion of Greenhouses- Provide Feedback on Ordinance Development

- Project Planner: Craig Spencer, *Planning Services Manager*
- Project Title: Cannabis Regulations- Expansion of Greenhouses- Provide Feedback on Ordinance Development

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Make a recommendation to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors.

Additional Notes: Staff would like to obtain your comments and recommendation on the anticipated changes to the cannabis regulations. Staff is particularly interested in comments or ideas pertaining to the larger properties with the potential to convert row crops to greenhouses space in the Farmland zonings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Janet Louie, Robert Roach, Cat Mineo, Norm Groot, Bill Lipe, Christopher Bunn

**MOTION:** Recommend approval of an ordinance amendment for the expansion of commercial cannabis cultivation in greenhouses subject to the following:

1. Only allow expansion of greenhouses on properties that already contained one or more greenhouses legally established prior to January 1, 2016; and
2. Require new construction to meet all zoning and building standards including the 50% lot coverage limitation applicable to greenhouses within the Farmland zoning designation (21.30.060.D); and
3. Water that is used for irrigating cannabis to be recycled and reused.

It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Gollnick and Ferguson and **passed** by the following vote to recommend approval.

**AYES:** Darington, Ferguson, Gollnick, Huntington, Shea, Storm,  
**NOES:** Heacox, Pearcy  
**ABSENT:** Eastman, Marci, Violini, Williams  
**ABSTAIN:** None

### **III. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.