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Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

ACTION MINUTES

Location:	Agricultural Commissioner's Office Ag Center Conference Room 1428 Abbott Street Salinas, CA 93901		
Date:	February 28, 2019		
Time:	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.		
Attendees:	<i>Committee Members</i>		<i>Staff & Guests</i>
	Jocelyn Bridson Sherwood Darington Alex Eastman Kurt Gollnick Nick Huntington	Bill Lipe, Chair Matt Shea Dennis Sites Scott Storm Scott Violini Kirk Williams	Nadia Garcia, Associate Planner, RMA Son Pham-Gallardo, Associate Planner Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner Mary Perry, Deputy County Counsel Kathy Nielsen, Administrative Secretary
Absent:	Allen Davis Erik Heacox		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lipe at 2:35 p.m.

II. CONSENT

- 1) Approve the meeting minutes of October 25, 2018;
- 2) Approve the 2019 meeting schedule of the Agricultural Advisory Committee;
- 3) Approve the 2019 meeting schedule of Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Huntington and Eastman, respectively, to approve consent items one through three.

AYES: Bridson, Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Huntington, Lipe, Shea, Sites, Storm, Violini, and Williams

NOES: None

ABSENT: Davis and Heacox

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE

Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner

- **Personnel:** Bob Roach, former assistant agricultural commissioner, retired in December 2018. Our office has been working to fill the assistant's position as well as the ag resources and policy manager, deputy ag commissioner, and weights and measures deputy ag commissioner positions.

- **Pajaro Office:** Our North County branch office is nearing completion with a target move-in at the end of March 2019. The building will be shared with Clinica de Salud;
- **Environmental Justice Workshop:** The event, in partnership with the Department of Pesticide Regulation, will be held in the Ag Conference Center May 1 and 2, 2019, and will include a field demonstration.
 - *Committee Suggestions:* Invite representatives from Region 3; elected officials Mark Stone, Robert Rivas, Bill Monning, and Anna Caballero; contact Chris Rose for names from the Regional Water Board; include Bruce Delgado and Michael Johnston who are Regional Water Board directors.
- **ACP:** Resurgence of the Asian Citrus Psyllid in Soledad. A town meeting at Soledad High School will be held this evening for residents within 400 meters of the find site. Treatment is house by house and is not mandatory;
- **Lettuce Program:** I met with growers at the Grower-Shipper Association office to discuss their request to repeal the ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Norm Groot, Executive Director, Monterey County Farm Bureau

V. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Nadia Garcia, Associate Planner

Son Pham-Gallardo, Associate Planner

Scheid Vineyards Minor Subdivision Tentative Map

Minor Subdivision Tentative Map to allow the division of a 385-acre vineyard (under a Williamson Act Contract) parcel into four parcels of 147, 99, 81 and 52 acres for the purpose of placing crop varieties on separate lots of record.

- Acreage correction from 385 to 373 acres consisting of 149, 94, 68 and 62 acre parcels;
- A new resolution will be developed to reflect the updated numbers;
- Reason for lot line adjustment is to secure financing;
- Subdivision was approved approximately ten years ago; however, certain conditions of approval were not met, and the approval expired;
- Meets acreage requirement and complies with County rules and regulations;
- Each parcel meets the financial requirements of the Williamson Act;
- No land will be removed from the Williamson Act program;
- Subdivision will not result in residential development.

ACTION:

- 1) Review the proposed Minor Subdivision Tentative Map for consistency with the agricultural use of the property and the allowances and restrictions of the Williamson Act Contract; and
- 2) Recommend approval of the Minor Subdivision Tentative Map based on the review; or
- 3) Recommend changes to the project based on the review.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Shea and Sites to recommend approval to the Planning Commission of the minor subdivision tentative map.

- AYES:** Bridson, Darington, Eastman, Huntington, Lipe, Shea, Sites, Storm, Violini and Williams.
- NOES:** None
- ABSENT:** Davis and Heacox
- RECUSED:** Committee member Gollnick removed himself from the dais and recused himself from the discussion and from voting on this item due to a possible conflict of interest.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Committee members voiced concerns over the lack of items being referred to the AAC by RMA-Planning. Associate Planner Nadia Garcia advised that per the 2010 General Plan Policy [AG 1.8](#), *Development projects on lands designated for agricultural use that require a discretionary permit shall be referred to the County's Agricultural Advisory Committee....*
- It was suggested that such items be placed on the agenda under consent. The Committee would have the option of pulling an individual item for further discussion.
- The AAC tasked Ms. Garcia with determining the approximate number of items that might be brought before the AAC.
- This topic will be placed on the agenda for a future AAC meeting.

VI. AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Nielsen
Agricultural Commissioner's Office

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