MONTEREY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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ANNUAL REPORT: JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014

Month / Subject	Speaker	Action/Recommendation
AUGUST 2013		
PUBLIC COMMENTS Monterey County Fair	Scott Violini	Urged support of the Fair's livestock auction.
 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE Release of CA Dept. of Public Health two-year study on pesticide use near public schools Right to Farm Ordinance status LBAM staffing and funding 	Bob Roach Assistant Agricultural Commissioner	No action required.
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY Bike Path Update on three projects: Castroville Bicycle/Pedestrian Path & Railroad Crossing Davis Road Class II Bicycle Lane Moss Landing path	Ogarita Caranza Management Analyst III/Project Manager	Informational item. No action required.
LONG VALLEY PARTNERS – LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT Consistency with the Williamson Act and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors	Steve Mason for Ashly Nakamura, Land Use Technician	Recommend approval of the LLA as proposed as long as it meets the findings under the Williamson Act (Government Code) Section 51257.

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PROPOSED FARMWORKER HOUSING COMPLEX IN SOUTH COUNTY Migrant farmworker housing complex to be located approximately one mile north of the City of Soledad Concern was raised regarding the size and location of the complex outside of urban limit lines	Steve Mason Assistant Planner	Recommend supporting the continuation of the Valley Village Housing Project through the planning process.
HILLSLOPE RUNOFF PROTECTION MANUAL This draft manual was prepared in response to the AAC request for guidance with regard to hillslope runoff	Paul Robins Monterey County Resource Conservation District (RCD)	No formal action required.
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS 2012-2013 Annual Report	Bob Roach Assistant Agricultural Commissioner	The AAC voted to approve the 2012-2013 annual report for submission to the Board of Supervisors.
DECEMBER 2013		
PUBLIC COMMENT Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting to consider revisions to outdoor burning regulations	Scott Violini	No action required.
 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE Continuing education classes for restricted materials permits Risk mitigation with chloropicrin and possible further regulation by DPR Right to Farm Act heard by the AAC Subcommittee and then will go to the Planning Committee Workshop. Staff to return to the AAC with draft ordinance CA Dept. of Public Health study on pesticide use near schools is still under development Continuing work with CDFA and USDA regarding LBAM quarantine restrictions to Canada and Mexico 	Eric Lauritzen Agricultural Commissioner	No action required.

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SALINAS RIVER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE Development of a management plan to provide for the needs of all stakeholders	Rob Johnson Assistant General Manager Water Resources Agency	Informational item. No action required.
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS Strawberry Commission and District 3 committee representation	Bob Roach Assistant Agricultural Commissioner	No action required.
February 2014		
PUBLIC COMMENT Members of the public spoke to the committee regarding fracking concerns	Public	No action required.
 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE USEPA's proposed revision top federal work protection standards Farm Worker Advisory Committee formation Center for Investigative Reporting public records request Stewardship project 	Eric Lauritzen Agricultural Commissioner	No action required.
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY Pedrazzi Parcel Subdivision Subdivision into six parcels	Joe Sidor Associate Planner	Staff was asked to bring this item back to the AAC in March with additional mapping and clarification.
SMD Vineyards Subdivision into three parcels and a Williamson Act Contract Amendment	Joe Sidor Associate Planner	It was voted to support the application.
Right to Farm Draft Ordinance Methods of disclosure	Nadia Amador Associate Planner	Due to a document error, no official action was taken.

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 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS Term expiration Strawberry Commission vacancy District 3 Cattlemen's Association renominated Scott Violini 	Bob Roach Assistant Agricultural Commissioner	No action required.
MARCH 2014		
 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE AgKnowledge 2014 SB1411 (pesticides around schools) to go before the Senate Ag Committee Farm Worker Advisory Committee 2013 Crop Report scheduled release 	Eric Lauritzen Agricultural Commissioner	No action required.
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY Pedrazzi Parcel Subdivision Subdivision into six parcels; clarification of Williamson Act Contract	Joe Sidor Associate Planner	Support of the subdivision as presented on the map on both sides of River Road.
Right to Farm Draft Ordinance Methods of disclosure	Nadia Amador Associate Planner	Recommend to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors approval of the draft Right to Farm Ordinance in substantially the same form as presented.

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MAY 2014		
 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE 2013 Crop Report release date Farm Worker Advisory Committee kick off reception Mexican officials tour of strawberry operations postponed Release of the CDPH report "Ag Pesticide Use Near Public Schools in CA" Information gathering by Center for Investigative Reporting regarding use of fumigants near schools Powdery/downy mildew growth chamber 	Eric Lauritzen Agricultural Commissioner	No action required.
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY Guzik's Good Humus Composting Facility Request for a retroactive use permit by facility owner	Bob Schubert Senior Planner	Recommend the Zoning Administrator approve the Use Permit.
RIGHT TO FARM DRAFT ORDINANCE Notification methods revised	Nadia Amador Associate Planner	Recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the revised draft Right to Farm Ordinance.
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS Committee members with expiring terms of service	Bob Roach Assistant Agricultural Commissioner	No action required.

Meetings Cancelled

July 2013
September 2013
October 2013
November 2013 (no meeting scheduled)
January 2014
April 2014
June 2014