



Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

ACTION MINUTES

Location:	Agricultural Commissioner's Office Ag Center Conference Room 1428 Abbott Street Salinas, CA 93901		
Date:	March 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 Erik Heacox	Nick Huntington Bill Lipe, Chair Matt Shea Dennis Sites Scott Violini	Nadia Garcia, Associate Planner, RMA Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner Mary Perry, Deputy County Counsel Kathy Nielsen, Administrative Secretary
Absent:	Allen Davis, Scott Storm, Kirk Williams		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lipe at 2:30 p.m.

II. CONSENT

Approve the meeting minutes of February 28, 2019.

Motion: It was moved by Committee Member Gollnick, seconded by Committee Member Violini and passed by the following vote to approve the February 28, 2019, Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Davis, Storm and Williams

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE

Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner

- **Personnel:** Rob Milner will be the deputy agricultural commissioner for our North County branch office.
- **Environmental Justice Workshop:** The event, in partnership with the Department of Pesticide Regulation, will be held in the Ag Conference Center on May 1 and 2, 2019.
- **ACP:** The Asian Citrus Psyllid is an ongoing issue;

V. HEAD LETTUCE and SALAD PRODUCTS INSPECTION PROGRAM

Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner

Review and discuss information received from the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California to repeal the existing Monterey County Code of Ordinances, Title 10. Health and Safety, Chapter 10.16. Produce Inspection - Head Lettuce as it no longer provides value to the industry.

- Action:**
1. Review and discuss said Ordinance; and
 2. Provide recommendation of repeal to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors; or
 3. Provide other recommendations as necessary

Motion: It was moved by Committee Member Gollnick, seconded by Committee Member Violini and passed by the following vote to recommend repeal of Monterey County Code of Ordinances, Title 10. Health and Safety, Chapter 10.16. Produce Inspection – Head Lettuce in its entirety to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

AYES: Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Huntington, Lipe, Shea and Sites

NOES: None

ABSENT: Allen, Storm, and Williams

ABSTAIN: Bridson, Heacox and Violini

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Discuss Resource Management Agency (RMA) referrals to the Agricultural Advisory Committee and make recommendation(s) to RMA.

Public Comment: Norm Groot, Executive Director, Monterey County Farm Bureau

Motion: It was moved by Committee Member Bridson, seconded by Committee Member Sites and passed by the following vote that all discretionary permits pursuant to Policy No. AG-1.8 shall be reviewed by the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

AYES: Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Huntington, Lipe, Shea, and Sites

NOES: None

ABSENT: Allen, Storm, and Williams

VII. AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

- Committee members requested of the Agricultural Commissioner a status update of DPR-approved materials for cannabis growers.
- Committee members requested of Brandon Swanson an update of the outdoor cannabis pilot program.

Public Comment: Mark McLaughlin, Kleen Globe Crop Protection Services

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Lipe.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Nielsen
Agricultural Commissioner's Office