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Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

ACTION MINUTES		
Location:	*Ag Conference Center, 1428 Abbott Street, Salinas, CA. 93901*	
Date:	May 28, 2026	
Time:	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
Present:	***Committee Members***	***Staff and Guests***
	Scott Violini -*Chair* Alex Eastman -Vice Chair Sherwood Darington Marc Del Piero Nick Huntington Kevin Piearcy Otto Kramm Erik Heacox Kurt Gollnick	Juan Hidalgo, Agricultural Commissioner, ACO Berlina Espinoza, Administrative Secretary-Confidential, ACO Mary Perry, Deputy County Counsel Kayla Nelson, Associate Planner, HCD Norm Groot, *Monterey County Farm Bureau* Bill Lipe, *MC Resident* Denise Duffy, *DD&A* Judy Vasquez, *Pajaro Sunny Mesa* Steve Mason, *HCD* Billie Jo Garcia, *HCD* Conor O'Toole, *Applicant Rep*
Absent:	Scott Storm, Mike Ferguson, CJ Miller	

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Scott Violini at 2:30 pm.

II. Additions and Corrections

None

III. Consent- Committee Business

A. Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2026

MOTION 1: Item III. A was moved and seconded by Committee Heacox and Del Piero and passed by the following vote to approve Minutes from February 26, 2026:

AYES: **Violini, Darington, Del Piero, Heacox, Huntington, Kramm, Eastman, Gollnick and Piearcy**
NOES: **None**
ABSENT: **Storm, Miller, Ferguson**
ABSTAIN: **None**

IV. Public Comment- On items not on the agenda.

- None.

V. Agricultural Commissioner's Update

- The invasive Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) has been detected on some plant shipments sold at select Northern California Costco locations.
  - Violation in protocol in Fresno County Nursery
  - Costco is working with our office – may have to confiscate plants
  - Our office issued a public alert on May 27
- Budget hearings – May 27
  - 5.3 million Ag Comm budget – Approved for 75 staff – 12 programs

VI. County of Monterey Housing and Community Development – Planning PLN250195 - Extraordinary Development Application

Project Planner: Kayla Nelson, Associate Planner

Planning File No.: PLN250195

APNs: Various APNs

Project Location: Along Salinas Road, Highway 1, Hilltop Road, Jensen Road, Bluff Road, Trafton Road, and Struve Road within the North County Area Plan, North County Land Use Plan, Coastal Zone and Inland Zone.

Project Description: Extraordinary Development Application for a Combined Development Permit to allow the consolidation of the Pajaro Water System, the Sunny Mesa Water System, and the Springfield Water System, as well as the various water connections in the North of Moss Landing area into a single water system in two phases to be owned and operated by the Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District. Permit includes 1) a Coastal Development Permit and Use Permit for construction of public utilities and related infrastructure including approximately 65,650 Linear Feet (LF) of pipeline, a 24 foot tall 125,000 gallon storage tank and new pump station at Bluff and Jensen Road (Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 117-033-005-000), demolition of existing piping, fencing, and a light pole and construction of a 14 foot tall 10,000 gallon tank with iron and manganese treatment system and a new 9 foot tall 1,808 square foot structure, an access ramp, and retaining walls at 136 San Juan Road (APN 117-351-032-000), new Transmission Booster Pump Station including construction of a 9 foot tall 419 square foot structure at APN 117-121-003-000 (on Elkhorn Road near intersection with Hudson Landing Road); project also includes new service to eight parcels with of a Sphere of Influence Amendment and Service Area Annexation requiring Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) approval and total grading estimated as 53,130 cubic yards cut and 53,144 cubic yards fill; 2) Coastal Development Permit for development within 750 feet of known archaeological resources, 3) Coastal Development Permit for development on slopes (approximate cubic yards TBD), 4) Coastal Development Permit for development within 100 feet of Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (pond, wetland, riparian and habitats of special status species), 5) Coastal Development Permit for development within 150 feet of perennial waterways, 6) Coastal Development Permit for conversion of 0.4 acres prime and unique agricultural land to non-agricultural use, and 6) Coastal Development Permit for removal of two oak trees.

ACTION REQUESTED:

1) Review the proposed project for consistency with agricultural operations surrounding the proposed project sites;
2) Recommend support approval by the Planning Commission of the proposed water system consolidation and infrastructure upgrade project; and
3) Recommend changes or conditions to the project based on the AAC's review

Proposed CEQA Action: Consider the environmental effects described in the final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Pajaro Sunny Mesa Springfield Area Consolidation Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2025110647) adopted by the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District (Resolution No. 02-02-26).

MOTION: Item VII was moved and seconded by Committee Members Del Piero and Piearcy and unanimously passed by the following vote to recommend support approval by the Planning Commission of the proposed water system consolidation and infrastructure upgrade project.

AYES:	**Violini, Darington, Del Piero, Heacox, Huntington, Kramm, Eastman, Gollnick and Piearcy**
NOES:	**None**
ABSENT:	**Storm, Miller, Ferguson**
ABSTAIN:	**None**

Public Comment

- Norm Groot, MCFB
- Bill Lipe, MC Resident
- Denise Duffy, DD&A

VII. Communications
County of Monterey Staff Comments: AB 1548 (Pellerin)

Public Comment

- Norm Groot, MCFB
- Bill Lipe, MC Resident

VIII. Administrative Matters

- None.

IX. Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments

X. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

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