

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.: 06-331

Amend Resolution No. 04-20 and Approve)
the Monterey County Agricultural)
Advisory Committee Bylaws to Confer)
Authority for the AAC to Review and)
Make Recommendations Relative to)
County Development Projects on)
Agricultural Lands)

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of agriculture as an important, complex and vital industry to the economy of Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors established an Agricultural Advisory Committee on April 26, 1965, and amended the establishing resolutions several times, most recently by Resolution 04-20 passed on January 13, 2004;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the dynamic nature of the agricultural industry and desires to obtain its collective opinions and recommendations related to issues, which directly or indirectly, affect the industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby amends Resolution No. 04-20.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the Monterey County Agricultural Advisory Committee for the purpose of advising the Board on matters affecting the agricultural industry.

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

The Agricultural Advisory Committee shall consist of thirteen (13) members, as follows: One (1) member, a Monterey County resident, nominated from each of the following agricultural organizations:

1. Grower-Shipper Association of Central California
2. Monterey County Farm Bureau
3. California Strawberry Commission
4. Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association
5. Monterey County Cattlemen's Association.

Five (5) members appointed by the Board of Supervisors consisting of one (1) member from each Supervisorial District whose primary source of income is derived from an agricultural occupation.

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Three (3) at-large members nominated by the Committee from other segments of the industry such as, but not limited to nursery /flouriculture, labor, organic growers or pest control.

SECTION 2. MEMBER TERM:

Each member shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years and until his or her successor is appointed.

No member shall be appointed for more than two (2) full consecutive terms.

SECTION 3. VACANCIES:

Vacancies and replacements shall be administered as provided for in the Commission Policy Resolution of Monterey County (Resolution 80-12) and the Committee's Bylaws.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS:

The Committee shall meet as necessary in order to fulfill its purposes, but at least bimonthly, upon the call of the Committee Chairperson or upon the call of the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors.

A quorum for the purpose of transacting the business of the Committee shall be a majority of the total current appointed membership. All Committee actions shall be upon the affirmative vote of a simple majority.

SECTION 5. OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Committee is to advise and recommend to the Board of Supervisors, and other county boards, departments and commissions, on matters affecting, or of interest to, the agricultural industry. Specific objectives of the Committee shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (A) To gather information and provide factual data on its own initiative to the Board of Supervisors on items affecting the agricultural industry.
- (B) To provide a resource of agricultural information requested by the Board of Supervisors on which future decisions may be based.
- (C) To supplement the activities of the existing committees of the Board of Supervisors that concern agriculture.
- (D) To advise the Board of Supervisors on matters affecting the agricultural industry.
- (E) To review the following types of development projects and make recommendations to the decision-making body
 1. Projects on lands designated for agricultural use that require a discretionary permit;
 2. General plan amendments or zone changes that may affect agricultural lands;
 3. Subdivision of agriculturally designated lands;
 4. Projects affecting lands under Williamson Act contract; and

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5. Other projects that may support, enhance, or otherwise affect the agricultural industry.

SECTION 6. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Committee may adopt its own rules and develop procedures as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution and not inconsistent herewith, with a view to achieving a reasonable and fair review with a minimum of time and expense to the County.

SECTION 7. COMPENSATION:

Committee members shall receive no compensation, but are entitled to receive reimbursement for reasonable and actual expenses incurred in the course of their official duties as a Committee member.

SECTION 8. RECORDS:

The Committee shall keep a record of its proceedings and shall file a copy of the minutes, recommendations and reports with the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 9. COMMITTEE TERMS:

The Agricultural Advisory Committee shall continue to serve its role until June 30, 2009, providing an opportunity for the Board of Supervisors to consider the usefulness of the Committee. On or before June 30, 2009, the Board may, by resolution, continue, restructure or discontinue the Committee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of November 2006, upon motion of Supervisor Potter, seconded by Supervisor Armenta and carried by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Armenta, Calcagno, Lindley, Potter, and Smith

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Lew Bauman, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof Minute Book 73 on November 14, 2006.

Dated: November 17, 2006

Lew Bauman, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Monterey, State of California.

By 
Darlene Drain, Deputy