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# Agricultural Advisory Committee

## MINUTES

<b>Location:</b>	Agricultural Commissioner's Office Ag Center Conference Room 1428 Abbott Street Salinas, CA 93901	
<b>Date:</b>	April 28, 2016	
<b>Time:</b>	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
<b>Attendees:</b>	<u>Committee Members</u> Jocelyn Bridson Allen Davis Alex Eastman Bill Lipe, Vice Chair Steve Ray Matt Shea Scott Storm Scott Violini, Chair Kirk Williams	<u>Guests</u> Nadia Amador, Resource Management Agency Mike Gilroy, Monterey Bay Air Resources District Eric Lauritzen, Agricultural Commissioner Bob Roach, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner Christina McGinnis, Agricultural Resources and Policy Manager Mary Grace Perry, Deputy County Counsel Kathy Nielsen, Agricultural Commissioner's Office
<b>Absent:</b>	David Costa Steve de Lorimier Kurt Gollnick Nick Huntington	

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Committee Chair Scott Violini.

### II. Approval of Minutes

On motion and second by Bill Lipe and Matt Shea, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of January 28, 2016, as correct.

### III. Public Comment

Lorna Moffatt

### IV. Agricultural Commissioner's Update

*Eric Lauritzen, Agricultural Commissioner*

#### • Pesticide Use Around Schools:

- A pilot project is being developed to provide notification of fumigations near schools.
- Our office is working with the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council and the Monterey Bay Federation of Teachers to develop the pilot program.
- Additionally, the program is receiving a \$75,000 grant from DPR to help fund this project.
- A workshop on the program was held by DPR in Spreckels.
- Regulations have not been released yet by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR).

- Create bilingual website to provide information around pesticide use and other cultural practices around agriculture.
- Create a stakeholder/community work group (teachers, administrators, growers, etc.).
- Farm Worker Advisory Committee:
  - Pilot project close to launching with five growers with the idea of adding the date and time of re-entry.
  - Changing standards regarding durability, visibility; contain training and education component utilizing the farmworker notice card.
- Legislation SB313:
  - Zoning ordinances and school districts;
  - Progressed from Ag Committee to Senator Monning; going through committee over next couple of weeks.
- AB1826:
  - Changes to state's organic program sponsored by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) and authored by Assemblymember Mark Stone.

**V. Agricultural Advisory Committee Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee - Informational**

*Christina McGinnis, Ag Resources and Policy Manager, Ag Commissioner's Office*

*Update provided by Chair Scott Violini*

Solar Panel Update

The AAC received an update of the subcommittee's initial findings from their meeting of March 14, 2016, and possible ways to begin implementation of those findings, as well as anticipated next steps.

Changes to the draft ordinance are being made consistent with the subcommittee's suggestions. Other solar ordinances are being reviewed from other jurisdictions that have the same ag-related issues. Anna Quenga is the solar ordinance planner; Nadia Amador is working on the agriculture portion of the ordinance.

**VI. Resource Management Agency – Planning Department**

*Bob Schubert, AICP, Senior Planner*

RCT Lands, LP (Franscioni)

Tentative Parcel Map and Petition to Cancel Williamson Act Contract

Mic Steinmann, City of Greenfield; Kate McKenna, LAFCO; Sherwood Darington, Ag Land Trust accompanied Mr. Schubert.

Committee member Bill Lipe recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest and left the dais.

**Action:** Request the Agricultural Advisory Committee review the findings and provide comments to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

**Motion:** It was moved by Committee Member Steve Ray, seconded by Committee Member Matt Shea and passed by the following vote to recommend approval of the project as presented by the Planning staff. The Agricultural Advisory Committee is satisfied with the land mitigation based on soil type and increased acreage of protected farm land.

**AYES:** Bridson, Davis, ~~de Lorimier~~, Eastman, Huntington, Ray, Shea Storm, Violini, Williams  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Costa, de Lorimier, Gollnick  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**RECUSE:** Lipe

**VII. Administrative Matters**

**VIII. Agricultural Advisory Committee's Comments**

The committee requested of Norm Groot an update to SGMA be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 26, 2016.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kathleen Nielsen*

*Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner's Office*

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