

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FY 2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT



County of Monterey
Agricultural Commissioner's Office
1428 Abbott Street • Salinas, CA 93901

Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Agricultural Advisory Committee is to advise and recommend to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and other county boards, commissions, and departments on matters affecting or of interest to the agricultural industry.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) consists of 13 members who are residents of the County of Monterey and represent agricultural interests.

During FY 2017-18 Committee Officers were: ***Bill Lipe, Chair*** and ***Dr. Alex Eastman, Vice Chair***.

Supervisors' Appointees

Kurt Gollnick ~ District 1
Dennis Sites ~ District 2
Stephen de Lorimier ~ District 2*
Kirk Williams ~ District 3
Val King ~ District 4
Matt Shea ~ District 5

At-Large Members

Jocelyn Bridson
Alexandra Eastman, DVM
Nick Huntington

Agricultural Association Representatives

Erik Heacox ~ Grower-Shipper Association of Central California
Allen Davis ~ California Strawberry Commission
William (Bill) Lipe ~ Monterey County Farm Bureau
Scott Storm ~ Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association
Scott Violini ~ Monterey County Cattlemen's Association

*Stephen de Lorimier represented District 2 from 2011 through 2018.

Month / Subject	Speaker	Action / Recommendation
August 24, 2017		
<u>Approval</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 22, 2017, meeting minutes FY 2016-17 Annual Report 	<i>Committee</i>	Approved without amendment.
<u>Agricultural Commissioner's Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Annual Cannabis Growers Outreach Session Asian gypsy moth Citrus greening disease 	<i>Bob Roach</i> <i>Acting Agricultural Commissioner</i>	No action necessary.
<u>Wildlife Services Update</u> Status of lawsuit by ALDF, et al, against County of Monterey and the CEQA environmental review.	<i>Bob Roach</i> <i>Acting Agricultural Commissioner</i>	No action necessary.
<u>Biotechnology Innovation Organization</u> Informational presentation on the mission and purpose of the organization as it relates to agriculture.	<i>Barbara LeVake and Frank Plescia</i> <i>Biotechnology Innovation Organization</i>	No action necessary.
<u>Resource Management Agency</u> A. Commercial Medical Cannabis Cultivation Informational update on the status of Medical Marijuana Permitting and Enforcement.	<i>Craig Spencer</i> <i>Associate Planner, Long Range</i>	No action necessary.
B. Cannabis Enforcement Protocol Informational update	<i>Bob Roach</i> <i>Acting Agricultural Commissioner</i>	No action necessary.
<u>Administrative Matters</u> A. Members' Terms Expirations	<i>Informational</i>	No action necessary.
B. Nomination and Election of Committee Officers	<i>Committee</i>	Bill Lipe will remain as Chair. Alex Eastman will remain as Vice Chair.
<i>There were no public comments made during this meeting.</i>		
October 26, 2017		
<u>Approval</u> August 24, 2017, meeting minutes	<i>Committee</i>	Approved without amendment.
Public Comment	<i>None</i>	No action necessary.

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<u>Agricultural Commissioner's Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildlife Services update Public Records Act Request, Animal Legal Defense Fund, et al CSAC Challenge Award for the Farmworker Advisory Committee 	<i>Bob Roach</i> <i>Acting Agricultural Commissioner</i>	No action necessary.
<u>2018 Williamson Act Applications</u> Make recommendations for submission to the Board of Supervisors.	<i>Nadia Amador</i> <i>Associate Planner, RMA</i>	The Committee voted on each application.
<u>City of Salinas Economic Development Element Program Update (EIR)</u> Informational item.	<i>Lisa Brinton, Senior Planner</i> <i>Community Development Dept.,</i> <i>City of Salinas</i>	Report received by the Committee.
Public Comment	<i>Norm Groot, Executive Director</i> <i>Monterey County Farm Bureau</i>	No action necessary.
<u>Water Resources Board of Directors</u> Nominations to the Board of Supervisors from the AAC for a representative on the WRA Board of Directors.	<i>Committee</i>	Committee discussion followed by recommendation of Bill Hammond and Alan Panziera to be nominated as the AAC representative on the WRA Board of Directors. Staff directed to advise the Board of Supervisors.
<u>Administrative Matters</u> A. Proposed bylaws update	<i>Committee</i>	The Committee requested the bylaws change be brought back for further discussion.
B. Term Expirations and Reappointments	<i>Committee</i>	The Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that two At-Large Members, Jocelyn Bridson and Nick Huntington, serve a second term.
January 25, 2018		
<u>Approval</u> A. October 26, 2017, meeting minutes B. 2018 AAC meeting schedule C. 2018 AAC Subcommittee meeting schedule	<i>Committee</i>	Items A-C were approved by the Committee without amendment.

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<p><i>This item was moved at the Committee's request.</i></p> <p>Water Resources Board of Directors Discuss proposed nominees and decide upon two names. Direct Ag Commissioner's staff to prepare and send the necessary documentation.</p>	<p><i>Committee</i></p>	<p>Committee discussion followed by recommendation of Bill Hammond and Kevin Healy to be nominated as the AAC representative on the WRA Board of Directors. Staff was directed to complete the necessary documentation.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p><i>Colby Perreira</i></p>	<p>No action necessary.</p>
<p>Agricultural Commissioner's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of Eric Lauritzen's new position with CDPR • Wildlife Services update • Cannabis update • Maintenance of Effort • Organic certification workshop on 3/7/18 	<p><i>Bob Roach</i> <i>Acting Agricultural Commissioner</i></p>	<p>No action necessary.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p><i>Colby Perreira</i></p>	<p>No action necessary.</p>
<p>Administrative Matters A. Proposed Bylaws Update B. Term Expirations and Reappointments</p>	<p><i>Committee</i></p>	<p>Items reviewed and discussed.</p>
<p>February 22, 2018</p>		
<p>Approval January 25, 2018, meeting minutes</p>	<p><i>Committee</i></p>	<p>Approved without amendment.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p><i>Adam Pinterits</i></p>	<p>No action necessary.</p>
<p>Agricultural Commissioner's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Services Program EIR update • New Ag Commissioner 	<p><i>Bob Roach</i> <i>Acting Agricultural Commissioner</i></p>	<p>No action necessary.</p>
<p>Short-Term Rentals (STRs) Receive input from the AAC</p>	<p><i>Melanie Beretti</i> <i>Special Programs Manager, RMA</i></p>	<p>Committee provided input regarding STRs in agricultural zones and on lands under the Williamson Act.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p><i>Norm Groot, Executive Director</i> <i>Monterey County Farm Bureau</i></p>	<p>No action necessary.</p>

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<u>Administrative Matters</u> None	<i>Committee</i>	No action necessary.
<u>Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments</u> None	<i>Committee</i>	No action necessary.
AAC Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee ~ April 9, 2018		
<u>Consent</u> September 12, 2016, meeting minutes	<i>Committee</i>	Approved without amendment.
Public Comment	<i>None</i>	No action necessary.
<u>Williamson Act Compatible Uses</u> Review, discuss, and edit the proposed guidelines regarding Compatible Uses as required under the Williamson Act.	<i>Christina McGinnis Ag Programs Manager</i>	Reviewed, discussed, and provided feedback to proposed guidelines.
May 24, 2018		
<u>Consent</u> February 22, 2018, meeting minutes.	<i>Committee</i>	Approved without amendment.
Public Comment	<i>None</i>	No action necessary.
<u>Agricultural Commissioner's Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannabis • Industrial Hemp 	<i>Bob Roach Assistant Agricultural Commissioner</i>	No action necessary.
<u>Water Resources Board of Directors</u> 1) Discuss proposed nominees and decide upon two names for submission; 2) Direct Ag Commissioner's staff to prepare and send a recommendation letter to the Board of Supervisors on the Committee's behalf.	<i>Committee</i>	1) The Committee voted to submit the names of Benny Jefferson and John Baillie as equally weighted candidates to the Board of Supervisors. 2) Staff was directed to prepare and send a letter to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Committee.
Public Comment	<i>Abby Taylor-Silva Grower-Shipper Association</i>	No action necessary.

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<u>Administrative Matters</u> 1) Vote upon reappointments of members whose terms end on June 30, 2018. 2) Submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.	<i>Committee</i>	The Committee recommended to the Board of Supervisors the reappointment of At-Large Member Alexandra Eastman, DVM, with a term of July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2021.
<u>Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments</u> None	<i>Committee</i>	No action necessary.

Canceled Meetings:

July 27, 2017

September 28, 2017

November (no meeting scheduled)

December 7, 2017

March 22, 2018

April 26, 2018

End of report