

**COUNTY OF VENTURA
AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ACTION MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2010 SPECIAL MEETING**

1. 3:30 P.M. MEETING CALL TO ORDER.
2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE.

Committee: Vacant, District 1
 Sanger Hedrick, District 2
 Bob Pinkerton, District 3, Vice-Chair
 Charles Schwabauer, District, 4, Chairman
 Will Doyle, District 5

Ex-officio: Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner
(non-voting) Rose Hayden-Smith, UC Farm Advisor

Absent: District 1 appointee, Henry Gonzales, Rose Hayden-Smith

Staff/Others Present: Agricultural Commissioner's Office: Rita Graham and Kerry Dufrain; Environmental Health Division: Melinda Talent, Darrell Siegrist and Robert Gallagher; Fire Protection District: Larry Williams; Farm Advisor's Office: Ben Faber.

3. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Motion: Approve agenda, but change Item # 7 to Presentation instead of Advisory Matter. Comments are individual, not by the committee as- a-whole.

By Pinkerton; seconded by Doyle

Vote: 4-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

None

6. CONSENT ITEM.

A. Minutes of March 10, 2010

Motion: Approve. By Pinkerton; seconded by Doyle

Vote: 4-0

7. PRESENTATION.

A. Draft Ordinance related to Mulch and Solid Waste. Melinda Talent of the Environmental Health Division provided a history and overview of the mulch section of the solid waste ordinance. Individual members of APAC

commented. EHD, Fire, Farm Advisor and Ag Dept representatives also commented. Conversation focused on Fire's desire for a 3 inch depth-of-spread and Ag Dept / Farm Advisor recognition that common ag-spread depths are 6-8 inches. Mr. Williams said that outside high fire hazard zones, which are mapped, the Fire Dept is willing to allow, upon application and consultation, but without a permit, up to 8 inch spread depths. The draft ordinance requires approval by the Ag Commissioner also, for depths over 3 inches. EHD sent notices of the draft ordinance to Agromin, Limoneira and Waste Management who are mulch providers in Ventura County. EHD intends to meet with Henry Gonzales as well as the Farm Bureau on this subject.

8. COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. APAC Members. 1) Future Agenda Item: Mr. Doyle asked to consider moving APAC meetings to late afternoons rather than 8:30 a.m.
- B. Staff. None
- C. Future Meetings. Confirmed: No meeting in May. Next meeting is June 9.

9. MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 5:20 p.m.