

**COUNTY OF VENTURA
AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ACTION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2010**

1. 1:00 P.M. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.
2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE.

Committee Vacant, District 1
Roll Call: 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

Present: Hedrick, Pinkerton, Schwabauer, Doyle

Staff/Others Present: Rita Graham, Agricultural Commissioner's Office; Kent Field, APCD; Mitch Kahn, Brian Catalde and Rick Conrad representing Paragon Company; Julie Bulla, consultant. Others may have been presented and did not sign in.

3. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Motion: Approve agenda as presented.
By Pinkerton; seconded by Doyle

Vote: 4-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mitch Kahn introduced himself as the attorney and drafter of Paragon Company's proposed amendment to the AE zone to allow permanent filming. He said he would have to leave before the item was heard.

6. CONSENT ITEM.
 - A. Approve Minutes of September 8, 2010

Motion: Approve.
By Pinkerton; seconded by Hedrick

Vote: 4-0

7. PRESENTATION.

- A. Kent Field of Ventura County Air Pollution Control District presented information related to agricultural burn permits and took committee members' questions. Mr. Field explained how APCD, Air Resources Board, and the Fire Dept. interact daily to allow burn days for farmers. Mr. Field said farmers on tight schedules should call him directly for assistance at 805/662-6960.
 - B. Paragon Company presented pre-submittal information related to a proposal to allow Permanent Filming in the AE zone. Representatives Brian Catalde and Rick Conrad discussed a specific property in the Tapo Canyon area that has been used for Temporary Filming. He said permanent sound stages are desired via CUP, which would require a text amendment to allow the use without changing the zoning. Mr. Conrad also explained how the change would work around the county on other properties. The proposal would exclude parcels smaller than 240 acres and properties with farmable land. Questions and comments were posed and Mr. Catalde was thanked for the presentation.
8. COMMUNICATIONS.
- A. APAC Members. Mr. Hedrick suggested a future presentation concerning assessment appeals on LCA contracted land. He said his 900 sq ft farm worker house received a very high assessment because it had to be appraised separately and with in-town comps. The LCA action triggering the appraisal occurred in 2007 which was the housing market peak. Mr. Hedrick complimented the assessor staff but said the state rules they must follow are harsh for farm worker housing versus mobile homes.
 - B. Staff. None
 - C. Future Meetings. The next APAC meetings are: January 12, February 9, and March 9.
9. MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 4:15 p.m.