

**COUNTY OF VENTURA
AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ACTION MINUTES- OCTOBER 2012**

1. 1:00 P.M. – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Committee Scott Deardorff, District 1
Roll Call: Sanger Hedrick, District 2, Vice Chair
 Bob Pinkerton, District 3, Chairman
 Charles Schwabauer, District 4
 Will Doyle, District 5

Ex-officio: Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner
(non-voting) Richard Enfield, UC Farm Advisor

Committee
Present: Pinkerton, Deardorff, Hedrick, Doyle

Ex-officio
Present: Henry Gonzales

Staff/Others Present: Brittnee Carter, VC Agricultural Commissioner's Office; Nicole Norori and Karey Flock, CEDC; Rene Rodriguez, Abode Communities; Terry Zinger, CCM; Ginger Andersen, Penfield & Smith; Barbara Macri- Ortiz, Attorney at Law; Andrea Ozdy; Daniel Kleman; Winston Wright; Ashley Wagner; Martin Hernandez; Jeanette Lombardo, California Women for Agriculture; and Julie Bulla, Land Use Consultant. Others may have been present and did not sign in.

3. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve agenda as shown
By Hedrick; seconded by Doyle
Vote: 4-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

6. CONSENT ITEM

A. Approve Minutes of August 8, 2012
Motion: Approve August Minutes as written
By Hedrick; seconded by Doyle
Vote: 4-0

7. ADVISORY MATTERS

Contract No. 47-3.8, Marathon Land, Inc.: Marathon Land is proposing a new Land Conservation Act for a 10 year contract on approximately 64.48 acres located in Oxnard for the growth of the row crop strawberries. Maps were presented to show exact location of proposal.

Contract No. 47-6.3, Marathon Land, Inc.: Another proposal by Marathon land for a new Land Conservation Act for a 10 year, 78.92 acre parcel of row crops, mainly strawberries located in Oxnard. Maps provided with exact location. Also provided was evidence of compliance for an LCA which showed why both of these contracts qualify for an LCA.

Motion: To approve contracts 47-3.8 and 47-6.3

By Hendrick; seconded by Doyle

Vote: 4-0

8. PRESENTATION

- A. APN 056-0-113-050: Nicole Norori of Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation presented on proposed low-income housing development located in Piru. The land is located adjacent to Camulos Ranch which they showed on maps and plans to coordinate and notify residents of spray scheduling. They are proposing a 24 unit development, 3 buildings with 8 units and will incorporate vegetative scenery.

Motion: To recommend approval of project in its entirety to include mitigation buffer on architectural schematic, with addition of netting on the fence on the east side of project adjacent to lemon orchards

By Hendrick; seconded by Deardorff

Vote: 4-0

- B. APN 156-0-180-345: Ginger Andersen- taking over for Jennifer Welch who is no longer with the company and Terry Zinger present on the proposed Camarillo Academy High School and Performing Arts Center. They said Camarillo High School is overcrowded and they are losing students to Rio Mesa High School in Oxnard because of it. This new school for 700 students would be on 77.3 acres of agriculture land, leaving 28 acres to remain agricultural use for now and would meet buffer requirements. The school would be surrounded by agricultural land on one side not owned by them. Pinkerton expressed concerns for farming with a school so close. Henry Gonzales followed up with information about dust from the construction excavation and how it could raise pesticide levels (e.g., DDE) causing potential drift to adjacent farm crop land and also be detrimental near schools. He also expressed that air and soil tests should be conducted during and after construction. After some discussion a motion was presented.

Motion: Comments made concerning schools location adjacent to agriculture, strong recommendation made to consider alternative sites

Moved by Pinkerton; seconded by Hedrick

Vote: 4-0

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Committee. None.

- B. Staff. None.

At this time Julie Bulla, through a Speaker's Card requested to address the Committee regarding land use matters in Ventura County. Jeanette Lombardo also commented on agriculture issues.

- C. Confirm Future Meeting Dates

November 14

December- DARK

10. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn at 3:30 P.M.

By Pinkerton; seconded by Doyle

Vote: 4-0