

**COUNTY OF VENTURA  
AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ACTION MINUTES- APRIL 10, 2013**

1. 1:05 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)     Dr. James Downer, Acting County Director/Farm Advisor  
                          University of California Cooperative Extension

Committee  
Present:           Scott Deardorff, Sanger Hedrick, Bob Pinkerton, Will Doyle

Ex-officio  
Present:           Henry Gonzales

3. Staff/Others Present: Korinne Bell, Henry Gonzales, Rudy Martel, and Luz Villavicencio from the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office; Scott Powers from the County Executive Office; Martin Hernandez from Supervisor Kathy Long’s Office; Lynn Jensen from the Ventura County Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business (COLAB); Matthew Freeman from Camulos Ranch; John Schaap from Giumarra Avocados; Brent Van Wagner from Giumarra Agricom; Captain Monica McGrath from the Ventura County Sheriff’s Department-Fillmore Station; Jeanette Lombardo from California Women for Agriculture; Andrea Ozdy from Ventura County Planning; Patty Waters; Greg Lewis and Thomas Govette from Duda Farms; and Fred Strickland from Fillmore Piru Citrus. Others may have been present and did not sign in.

4. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve agenda as shown  
By Sanger; seconded by Deardorff  
Vote: 4-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeanette Lombardo shared her perspective of the recent article in the Ventura County Star regarding the Marz Farms investigation.

7. CONSENT ITEM

A. Approve Minutes of February 13, 2013  
Motion: Approve February Minutes as written  
By Deardorff; seconded by Hedrick  
Vote: 4-0

8. PRESENTATION

- A. Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner, provided an update about the ACP. Mr. Gonzales explained the seriousness of the ACP detections and evidence of breeding populations. He also briefed those present about the necessity of recent abatement measures taken.  
Mr. Gonzales welcomed and answered questions from the public and members of the committee.
- B. Scott Powers from the County Executive office provided a presentation of the Piru Bike Trail project on behalf of the Ventura County Transportation Commission.  
Mr. Powers welcomed comments and answered questions from the public.

At this time the floor was opened for questions and comments from the public.

Lynn Jensen from the Ventura County Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business (COLAB), provided another perspective and alternative option for the Piru Bike Trail project.

Ms. Jensen, Mathew Freeman from Camulos Ranch, Jeanette Lombardo from California Women for Agriculture, John Schaap from Giumarra Avocados, Fred Strickland from Fillmore Piru Citrus, Greg Lewis from Duda Farms, and Captain Monica McGrath from the Ventura County Sheriff's Department all expressed numerous concerns and disagreement with the project as it was presented.

The committee members voiced their concerns and opposition to the project as it was presented.

Committee Chair Bob Pinkerton requested that his statements be documented:

*"APAC being brought in at this point is almost next to worthless..."*

*"...putting growers and the public at risk and liability...food safety risks and liability"*

*"It's too bad that a rep from the Ventura County Transportation Commission is not here to feel the angst..."*

*"It takes one case of contamination and the production of that commodity is dead for one year..."*

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. APAC Members. No comments.
- B. Staff.
- C. Confirm Future Meeting Dates

May 8, 2013

10. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn at 3:20 P.M.  
By Pinkerton.