

COUNTY OF VENTURA
AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes - January 14, 2015

1. 9:05 am – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Committee: Scott Deardorff, District 1
Sanger Hedrick, District 2, Vice Chair
District 3 – Vacant
Patty Waters, District 4 (absent)
Will Doyle, District 5

Ex-officio: Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner
(Non-voting) Christopher M. Smith, PhD/Director, UC Cooperative Extension

3. Staff/Others Present: Korinne Bell and Debi Markley from the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office (VCAC); Brian Baca and Kristina Boero of Ventura County Planning.

Tim Cohen of the Piru Neighborhood Council; Matt Freeman of Camulos Ranch; Karen Flock and Miguel Garcia of CEDC, Barbara Macri-Ortiz, CEDC Attorney; Jeanette Lombardo of CA Food and Ag Advocates and Lauren Swift of Ventura County CoLAB.

4. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Henry Gonzales - Our Chief Deputy Rudy Martel has gone to Santa Barbara County, and we will be recruiting a replacement.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeanette Lombardo – last Thursday started a Pumping Trough Pipeline user’s group. We developed a charter and our next meeting is February 12, and we will be setting up a board at that meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve agenda as shown.

By Deardorff; seconded by Doyle

Vote: 3 – 0

7. CONSENT ITEM

Approve Minutes of December 10, 2014

Motion: Approve October minutes as written.

By Deardorff; seconded by Doyle

Vote: 3 – 0

8. PRESENTATION/ACTION

A. Presentation of planned development Permit No. PL12-0163 for the construction of a 24-unit multi-family affordable housing project in Piru by the Ventura County Planning Department was made.

B. Request for support of appeal to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors regarding Planned Development Permit No. PL12-0163 for the construction of a 24-unit multi-family affordable housing project in Piru by the Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation

No motion was made.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Proposals for future agenda items

Chris Smith - Proposed we address the Ag-urban interface buffer zone

B. Chris Smith - the University will close escrow on the Saticoy property today or tomorrow; and the money from that sale will hopefully serve as seed money for a UC facility in the County. The University has not made a decision on moving forward with the development of a center and its location.

C. Korinne other proposals we had discussed for future agenda items:

1) Review of the By-laws

2) Annual update by County Counsel on the Brown Act

3) Agromin Project was going to be presented in February, but that has been postponed indefinitely.

D. Confirm future meeting date:

February 11, 2015.

10. Meeting adjourned by Sanger Hedrick at 12:20 pm.