

COUNTY OF VENTURA
AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes - July 8, 2015

1. 9:05 am – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Committee: Scott Deardorff, District 1
Sanger Hedrick, District 2, Chair
Gordon Kimball, District 3
Patty Waters, District 4 – Absent at Roll Call but arrived later
District 5 - Vacant

Ex-officio: Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner
(Non-voting) Christopher M. Smith, PhD/Director, University of California Cooperative
Extension for Ventura County

3. Staff/Others Present: Korinne Bell and Tina Hayward from the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner's Office (VCAC); Bill Camarillo from Agromin; Mike Harrison from E.J. Harrison; Jim Harrison and Nan Drake from Harrison Industries; Rob Dalfarra and John Hecht from Sespe Consulting; Tom Figg, Rick Hagle, Ralph Hagle, John Hagle and Patrick Loughman from Hagle Lumber; Rosemary Rowan, Susan Curtis and Kim Prillhart from the Planning Division of the Ventura County Resource Management Agency (RMA); Martin Hernandez from Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long's Office; Lynn Jensen from the Ventura County Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business (VC CoLab); Others may have been present but did not sign in.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Patrick Loughman from Hagle Lumber entered a letter into the record, regarding the presentation made to APAC on June 10, 2015.

5. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve agenda
By Kimball; seconded by Deardorff
Vote: 3-0

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of June 10, 2015

Motion: Approve June minutes.
By Waters; seconded by Kimball
Vote: 4 – 0

9. PRESENTATION/ACTION

- A. Presentation of draft letter to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors (VC BOS) regarding Hagle Lumber's proposal for a General Plan Amendment for the rezoning of their property and APAC's recommendation to continue processing the General Plan Amendment and Rezone.
- B. Committee will sign letter by Staff after changes have been made to subject line to add "General Plan Amendment..." and the word "Board" should be capitalized throughout the letter.
- C. Gordon Kimball recused himself as having a conflict of interest which is not legal in nature according to County Counsel but could be perceived as a conflict with Agromin.
- D. Planning Staff from the VC RMA along with Bill Camarillo for Agromin presented their request to the VC BOS for a pre-screening regarding the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow commercial organics processing operations in the AE zone on IFI land.

Scott Deardorff moved to approve the change in the maximum facility size from 30 to 100 acres.

Motion: Approve change.
By Deardorff; seconded by Waters
Vote: 4 – 0

Scott Deardorff moved to approve 60% as the percentage of finished organics processing products which can be used by agricultural operators in VC.

Motion: Approve percentage.
By Deardorff; All in favor
Vote: 4 – 0

- E. Committee directed Staff to compose letter to VC BOS stating APAC decisions.
- F. Pest Update: Henry Gonzales gave presentations on Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP), Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) and Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB).

10. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Proposals for future agenda items

1) Election of Scott Deardorff as Vice Chair.

B. Confirm future meeting dates:

August 12, 2015 Sanger will not be attending.

September 9, 2015 Patty will not be attending.

11. Meeting adjourned by Sanger Hedrick at 12:27 pm.