COUNTY OF VENTURA

AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes – October 14, 2015

1. 9:08 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
               District 5 - Vacant

   Ex-officio: Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner - Absent
               (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); Tess Harris, Dan Klemann from the Planning Division of the Ventura County Resource Management Agency (RMA). Others may have been present but did not sign in.

4. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

   None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

   None.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   Motion: Approve agenda
   By Hendrick; seconded by Kimball
   Vote: 4–0

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   Approve Minutes of July 8, 2015

   Motion: Approve July minutes.
   By Deardorff; seconded by Kimball
   Vote: 4 – 0
8. PRESENTATION/ACTION

A. Planning Staff from the Ventura County Resource Management Agency presented an overview of the Land Conservation Act (LCA) Program and the proposed LCA Contracts for 2016.

B. Planning Staff from the Ventura County Resource Management Agency presented an overview of the Solar Use Easement Option.

C. Committee directed Staff to examine Open Space Designation and Zoning Allowed by Animal Husbandry Grazing.

Gordon Kimball moved to approve the 2016 LCA Contracts as presented.

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

Scott Deardorff moved to approve solar use easement option.

Motion: Approve solar use easement option.
By Deardorff; seconded by Waters
Vote: 4 – 0

Patty Waters moved to direct staff to examine open space designation and zoning.

Motion: Approve staff directive to examine open space designation and zoning.
By Waters; seconded by Kimball
Vote: 4 – 0

9. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Proposals for future agenda items

1) Finalize definitions for “Crop Production” and “Agricultural Contractor’s Service and Storage Yard”

B. Confirm future meeting dates:
   November 11, 2015: County holiday. Korinne Bell proposed either November 10 or 12 as possible alternative meeting dates. Gordon Kimball will get back to Committee as to his availability on either of these days.
   December 9, 2015: Normally APAC is dark in December. Committee will decide if APAC should be dark when closer to date.

10. Meeting adjourned by Sanger Hedrick at 10:43 am.