

COUNTY OF VENTURA
AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes – April 13, 2016

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
Bobby Jones, District 5

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; Rob Roy, president and general counsel of the Ventura County Agricultural Association; Mark Martinez, vice president, public policy of the California Strawberry Commission; Kamrul Bhuiyan from the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR); Lynn Jensen from the Ventura County Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business (VC CoLAB); Jeannette Lombardo from California Food & Ag Advocates (CFAA); Brian Brennan from Ventura County Board Of Supervisor, Steve Bennet's Office; Kim Prillhart, planning director, Ventura County Resource Management Agency; Susan Curtis, planning manager, Ventura County Resource Management Agency. Others may have been present but did not sign in.

4. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE
Letter dated April 8, 2016 to the County Board of Supervisors.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Martinez from the California Strawberry Commission discussed burning of farmworker housing project.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve agenda
By Deardorff; seconded by Kimball
Vote: 5-0

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of March 9, 2016

Motion: Approve March minutes

By Waters; seconded by Deardorff

Vote: 5-0

9. PRESENTATION/ACTION

A. Henry Gonzales, Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner provided an invasive pest update.

B. Public comments were made regarding the "Raising Up Farmworkers" study published by the Central Coast Alliance United for A Sustainable Economy ("CAUSE.") and lack of attendance of CAUSE at the APAC meeting.

C. Kim Prillhart, planning director and Susan Curtis, planning manager of the Ventura County Resource Management Agency provided a review of the General Plan Update.

D. The Committee elected Sanger Hedrick to remain as Committee Chair and Scott Deardorff to remain as Vice Chair.

Motion: To elect Sanger Hedrick as Committee Chair and Scott Deardorff as Committee Vice Chair.

By Kimball; seconded by Waters.

Vote: 5 – 0

E. The Committee will request that since no representatives of CAUSE appeared at this meeting, staff will write another letter to the Board stating that CAUSE should meet with the APAC prior to being accepted on the Board of Supervisors agenda.

Motion: To request that staff will write another letter to the Board stating that CAUSE meet with APAC prior to acceptance on a Board of Supervisors agenda.

By Deardorff; seconded by Waters.

Vote: 5 – 0

10. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Proposals for future agenda items:

- 1) The meaning of "historic" grazing lands will need to be discussed before October.
- 2) The definition of "ag contractor storage yard" will need to be discussed.
- 3) The definition of "agriculture" will be discussed during the General Plan update process.
- 4) Compare SOAR initiatives and offer recommendation by Committee.
- 5) The usage of cargo containers in agriculture will need to be discussed.
- 6) The negative effects of green waste and necessity for control measures will need to be discussed.

B. Future meeting dates confirmed.

11. Meeting adjourned by Sanger Hedrick at 11:27 am.