

COUNTY OF VENTURA
AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes – December 13, 2018

1. 9:07 am – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Committee: Scott Deardorff, District 1
Sanger Hedrick, District 2, Chair
Gordon Kimball, District 3 (entered the meeting at 9:12 a.m.)
Patty Waters, District 4
Bobby Jones, District 5 (entered the meeting at 9:11 a.m.)
Ex-officio: Ed Williams, Agricultural Commissioner

3. Staff/Others Present: Korinne Bell, Francine Kursumis, and Monica Sanoja from the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner's Office; Lynn Jensen, Executive Director of the Ventura County Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business (CoLAB); Clay Downing, Susan Curtis, and Shelley Sussman from the Planning Division, Ventura County Resource Management Agency; others may have been present but did not sign in.

4. CORRESPONDENCE
None.

5. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
None.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sanger Hedrick suggested approval by email for the Minutes from the April 11, 2018 and July 11, 2018 APAC meetings. April minutes were approved at the end of the meeting.

9. PRESENTATION/ACTION

A. Planning Division Staff from the Ventura County Resource Management Agency provided a presentation on the General Plan Update project and development of the General Plan Elements (Case Number PL17-0141). Staff requested input on the following agricultural policy topics approved by the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission at the

November 8, 2018 joint work session for further exploration: Expand agricultural practices to support economic vitality and maintain available water supply for agricultural uses.

Other policy topics, such as exploring adaptation policies for agricultural practices to address climate change, increasing organic farming, and incentivizing soil and land conservation, will be discussed at the January meeting.

Ed Williams, Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner, introduced Annemiek Schilder, Director, UCCE Ventura County/Hansen Agricultural REC.

- B. Lynn Jensen, Executive Director of VC CoLAB, provided a presentation and discussion of items included in SOAR which relate to the General Plan Update.
- C. Ed Williams, Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner, provided an agricultural pest update.

Meeting adjourned by Sanger Hedrick at 12:39 p.m.