COUNTY OF VENTURA
AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes – January 24, 2019

1. 9:10 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 (not present)
   Bobby Jones, District 5
   Ex-officio: Ed Williams, Agricultural Commissioner

3. Staff/Others Present: Korinne Bell and Monica Sanoja from the Ventura County
   Agricultural Commissioner’s Office; Clay Downing, Shelley Sussman and Lynn Socha from
   the Ventura County Resource Management Agency; Kira Rude from Rincon- Vitova
   Insectaries; Alegra Roth from the Community Environmental Council; Matt Guthrie from
   the County Supervisor’s Office District 3; Tracy Gallaher from the County Supervisor’s
   Office District 5; Kathy Nolan from Studio Landscape; Lynn Jensen from the Ventura
   County Coalition of Labor, Agriculture, and Business; Others may have been present but
   did not sign in.

4. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
   None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE
   None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS
   None.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   Motion: Approve agenda
   By: seconded by Kimball
   Vote: 4-0
8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Approve minutes
By Kimball; seconded by Jones
Vote: 4-0

9. PRESENTATION/ACTION

A. Eryn Wingate from Tri-Tech Ag Products, Inc. presented Promoting Soil Health on Ventura County Farms.
B. The Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee and Shelley Sussman from the Ventura County Resource Management Agency discussed the issues of exploring adaptation policies for agricultural practices to address climate change, increase organic farming and incentivize soil and land conservation, as they relate to the Goals and Policies of the Ventura County General Plan Update. “How to support and incentivize science-based data driven agricultural innovation.”
C. Ed Williams, Ventura County Commissioner, provided an agricultural pest update. Information received regarding hemp registration and new state regulations.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

A. February 13, 2019 future meeting confirmed.
B. Continue discussions regarding General Plan additions, potential programs, climate change and contractor’s storage yards.
C. State requested programs for bees safe, bees thefts, perform abatement on abandoned orchards, trash in orchards, green waste transportation and regulations

11. Meeting adjourned by Sanger Hedrick at 12:01 p.m.