

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.