

COUNTY OF VENTURA
AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes – March 13, 2019

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
Patty Waters, District 4
Bobby Jones, District 5

Ex-officio: Ed Williams, Agricultural Commissioner
Annemiek Schilder, Director UCCE/HAREC (not present)

3. Staff/Others Present: Korinne Bell and Francine Kursumis from the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner's Office; Steve Sprinkel, Proprietor of Farmer and Cook; Eric Walts, Assistant County Counsel; Matt Guthrie from Supervisor Kelly Long's Office; others may have been present but did not sign in.

4. HANDOUTS

CCOF Foundation 2019 Benefits Report: Steve Sprinkel
39th Annual EcoFarm Conference 2019 Schedule of Events: Steve Sprinkel

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Korinne Bell sent out the ethics link.

6. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of July 11, 2018

Motion: Approve July minutes
By Deardorff; seconded by Kimball
Vote: 5 – 0

Approve Minutes of January 24, 2019

Motion: Approve January minutes

By Kimball; seconded by Jones

Vote: 5 – 0

10. PRESENTATION/ACTION

- A. Eric Walts, Assistant County Counsel, provided an overview of the Brown Act.
- B. Nominations and Elections of Chair and Vice Chair for the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee were held.

Motion: Approve existing slate

By Waters; seconded by Jones

Vote: 5 - 0

- C. Ed Williams, Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner provided an update on discussions about Chlorpyrifos and alternatives to pesticides. Moving forward, there will be quarterly meetings with open discussions about pesticides.

New positions are being requested for new programs, including a new Deputy Agricultural Commissioner.

Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner will be the Registration Agent for Industrial Hemp. State registration regulations have been sent to the Office of Industrial Law and should be finished April 3, 2019.

On the March 19th Board of Supervisors Agenda, in conjunction with State Ag Week, Ventura County will recognize March 25-30 as Farm Week.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Proposals for future agenda items:
 - 1) Ag Element
 - 2) April meeting – Presentation by Melissa Livingston on Farmworker Resource Program
 - 3) May meeting – Presentation on Mulch by Ben Favor
 - 4) Presentation by Kim Prillhart about her role
- B. A future meeting date was not confirmed.

12. Meeting adjourned by Sanger Hedrick at 10:09 a.m.