COUNTY OF VENTURA
AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes – September 19, 2019

1. 9:11 a.m. – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Committee: Sanger Hedrick, District 2, Chair
Scott Deardorff, District 1 (not present)
Gordon Kimball, District 3
Patty Waters, District 4 (arrived during Public Comment)
Bobby Jones, District 5

3. Staff/Others Present: Ed Williams, Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner; Korinne Bell, & Alec Thille from the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office; Annemiek Schilder from the UC Cooperative Extension; Justin Bertoline from the Ventura County Resource Management Agency; Robert Levin, M.D., from the Ventura County Department of Public Health; Louise Lampara from the Ventura County Coalition of Labor, Agriculture, and Business; Renee Roth, Anna Jackson, James Importante, Ron Whitehurst, & Anna Hall. Others may have been present but did not sign in.

4. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE
None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS
a. Anna Jackson: Farm to School of Oxnard Union School District is looking to expand local procurement and looking for ways to build a relationship with Ventura County Agriculture.

b. Renee Roth: Ojai Resident who wanted to bring attention to the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) treatments in the Ojai Valley and request the VCAC/APAC do more to inform the public about the content and schedule of applications prior to commencement of the application.

c. Ron Whitehurst: Insectary Owner who wanted to bring attention to the use of biologics as a pesticide alternative and request that more work should be done to re-evaluate the safety of pesticide use.

d. Dr. Annemiek Schilder: Comment to bring attention to and request an update on the Huanlongbing detection dogs that had made positive finds in Ventura County
7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve agenda.
By Kimball; seconded by Jones
Vote: 3-0

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Approve minutes from the May 15, 2019 Special APAC meeting with clerical correction.
By Kimball; seconded by Jones
Vote: 4-0

Motion: Accept minutes from the May 29, 2019 partial APAC meeting into record.
By Kimball; seconded by Hedrick
Vote: None, no quorum for meeting in question

Motion: Accept minutes from the July 10, 2019 partial APAC meeting into record.
By Kimball; seconded by Hedrick
Vote: None, no quorum for meeting in question

9. PRESENTATION/ACTION


Motion: Accept VC Planning recommendation that proposed LCA contracts be approved by the Board of Supervisors.
By Waters; seconded by Jones
Vote: 4-0

B. Cancelled: Planning Staff from the Resource Management Agency presented the proposed Agromin-Limoneira Commercial Organics Processing Operation, Conditional Use Permit Case No. PL17-0154.

No action taken.

A. Ed Williams, Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner, provided an update of agricultural pests, department programs and agricultural issues in Ventura County.

No action taken.
10. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Proposals for future agenda items:
   1) Cancelled presentation by Planning staff

11. Meeting adjourned by Sanger Hendrick at 10:44 a.m.