RESOLUTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR A 30-DAY PERIOD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953,
SUBDIVISION (e), OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT

WHEREAS, the County of Ventura ("County") is committed to preserving and
nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Agricultural Policy Advisory
Committee ("APAC");

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), of the Brown Act,
authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use remote teleconferencing in
meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of
Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3), subject to the existence of certain
conditions;

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the
Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of
conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the
state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558;

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or
recommended measures to promote social distancing;

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in Ventura County, specifically, Governor
Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
on March 4, 2020 ("State of Emergency");

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, Dr. Robert Levin, Ventura County Health
Officer, issued a recommendation to continue practicing social distancing measures
throughout Ventura County communities, including to continue to implement 100 percent
remote meetings of all legislative bodies in Ventura County, to prevent and minimize the
spread of COVID-19 ("Recommendation to Promote Social Distancing");

WHEREAS, the APAC does hereby find that it has reconsidered the circumstances
of the State of Emergency, the State of Emergency remains active and continues to
directly impact the ability of its members and attendees to meet safely in person, and that
the Ventura County Health Officer, Dr. Robert Levin, continues to recommend measures
to promote social distancing to minimize the spread of COVID-19 including that all
legislative bodies in Ventura County continue to meet remotely, as further explained in
his Recommendation to Promote Social Distancing, which has not been rescinded and
remains in effect;

WHEREAS, the APAC does hereby find that it shall conduct its meetings without
compliance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3), as authorized by
subdivision (e), of Government Code section 54953, and that APAC shall comply with the requirements set forth in Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(2); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by APAC as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. Staff supporting the APAC are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including conducting open and public meetings of APAC in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) November 19, 2021, or such time as APAC adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(3), to extend the time during which APAC may continue to teleconference without compliance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3).

Upon motion of [Signature], seconded by [Signature], and duly carried, APAC hereby adopts this resolution on October 20, 2021.

Sanger Hedrick, Chair
APAC

ATTEST: ED WILLIAMS
Agricultural Commissioner
Clerk ex officio of APAC
County of Ventura, State of California