VENTURA COUNTY
Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee

Sanger Hedrick, Chair, District 2; Scott Deardorff, District 1; Gordon Kimball, District 3; Patty Waters, District 4; Bobby Jones, District 5

MEETING MINUTES November 17, 2021

1. 9:04 a.m. – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

   Committee: Sanger Hedrick, District 2, Chair
              Scott Deardorff, District 1
              Gordon Kimball, District 3
              Patty Waters, District 4
              Bobby Jones, District 5 - absent

   Staff/Others Present: Ed Williams, Korinne Bell, Alec Thille, Blair Brillante, & Miriam Mendez from the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office were present; members of the public and representatives of interested parties participated via Zoom.

3. CORRESPONDENCE
   None.

4. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
   None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   Motion: Approve agenda as-published
   By Deardorff, seconded by Kimball
   Vote: 4-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
   None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR
   Motion: Approve and archive October 20th APAC meeting minutes
   By Waters, seconded by Kimball
   Vote: 3-0 (Deardorff abstaining)

AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (APAC)
MINUTES November 17th, 2021
8. PRESENTATION/ACTION

A. Adoption of a resolution continuing the authorization of remote teleconference meetings of the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for a 30-day period pursuant to Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Motion: Adopt the resolution  
By Waters, seconded by Kimball  
Vote: 4-0

B. Justin Bertoline of Ventura County Planning presented the proposed landscape plan for Somis Ranch Partners Farmworker Housing Development to request for a site plan modification to allow a dog park to be placed within the agricultural buffer.

Motion: Find the proposed dogpark a low-human intensity use allowable in the setback zone on the condition that the park include signage notifying the residents that the park can be closed at any time due to the proximity to agriculture, will be enclosed by 6ft chain link fencing, and notice will be provided to the residents that the landscape buffer is not for resident &/or dog use,  
By Waters, seconded by Kimball  
Vote: 4-0

C. Agricultural Commissioner Ed Williams presented for discussion a pesticide application notification pilot program in Ventura County.

Motion: Recommend the Agricultural Commissioner’s office move forward with the proposed pilot program  
By Kimball, seconded by Waters  
Vote: 4-0

D. Annemiek Schilder, Director of the Ventura County UC Cooperative Extension, presented an update on UCCE activities and programs.

No action taken.

E. Agricultural Commissioner Ed Williams, Agricultural Commissioner, presented a department update on activities and programs important to Ventura County agriculture.

No action taken.
9. COMMUNICATIONS

A. APAC Members
   None

B. Staff
   Proposal for future agenda items:
   Discussion of a possible host free period for cole vegetables in Ventura County

10. Meeting adjourned by Sanger Hedrick at 12:16 a.m.