



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 September 14, 2022

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 - absent
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; committee members, presenters, 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 presented

By Deardorff, seconded by Kimball

Vote: 3-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approve for archival April minutes as presented
By Kimball, seconded by Deardorff
Vote: 3-0

August & June minutes tabled for required quorum.

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.
- No public comments.
 - Motion: Adopt the resolution
By Kimball, seconded by Deardorff
Vote: 3-0
- B. Alec Thille, Environmental Resource Analyst III, presented the Ventura County Right to Farm Ordinance for APAC review.
- Public comments:
 - Louise Lampara provided suggestions for actions related to updating the VC Right to Farm Ordinance: utilizing Sustainability Council funding to raise awareness of the ordinance, leverage the Right to Farm ordinance to secure agricultural water supplies, & request RMA give a comprehensive presentation of the rules, policies, fees, & costs that apply to agricultural operators to ensure they can remain compliant with the General Plan & Zoning Ordinances.
 - No action taken
- C. Maureen McGuire, CEO of the Farm Bureau of Ventura County, presented an update on FBVC activities and programs.
- No Public Comment.
 - No action taken.
- D. Ed Williams, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, presented a department update on activities and programs important to Ventura County agriculture.
- No Public Comment.
 - No action taken.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

A. APAC Members

None

B. Staff

Future agenda items:

- LCA program review with RMA – PD
- Conditional Use Permit case number PL22-0126

10. Meeting adjourned by Sanger Hedrick at 10:43 a.m.