

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

- A. Planning Staff from the Resource Management Agency, Justin Bertoline, presented the proposed 2019 Land Conservation Act (LCA) Contract Requests.

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.