



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 December 9th, 2020

1. 9:03 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

Staff/Others Present: Ed Williams, Korinne Bell, & Alec Thille 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
a. Ron Whitehurst – Announcing that he is working on a pilot program testing a fiber-based alternative to plastic mulch coverings as used by strawberries and similar cropping patterns and solicited agricultural collaborators interested in participating in the test.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve agenda as-published
By Deardorff, seconded by Waters
Vote: 5-0

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approve and archive September 16th APAC meeting minutes

By Kimball, seconded by Waters

Vote: 3-0, Hedrick & Jones abstaining

Motion: Approve and archive October 14th APAC meeting minutes

By Deardorff, seconded by Waters

Vote: 4-0, Kimball abstaining

8. PRESENTATION/ACTION

- A. Ali Ghasemi from the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) gave a presentation on the Ventura County APCD Clean Air Incentive Grants for the Agricultural Sector and Other Businesses:

- http://www.vcapcd.org/grant_programs.htm
- <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/moyer.htm>
- <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/guidelines-carl-moyer>
- <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/farmer-program>
- <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/community-air-protection-incentives>

No Action

- B. Ruchita Kadakia from the Ventura County Resource Management Agency-Planning Division gave a presentation on the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Farmworker Housing Regulations in the Non-Coastal Areas of the County

No Action

- C. Ed Williams, Agricultural Commissioner, presented a department update on activities and programs important to Ventura County's agriculture.

No Action

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. APAC Members

None

- B. Staff

Proposals for future agenda items:

Presentation updating the APAC on the HLB detection dog teams

10. Meeting adjourned by Scott Deardorff at 11:13 a.m.