



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)

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.