



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Brad van Loben Sels – Farm Management
Jim Vietheer – Livestock
Michael Wackman – Natural Resources; Wineries

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2018 6:30 pm

Giant Sequoia Room
4137 Branch Center Rd.
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Agricultural Advisory Committee Chair Ken Oneto called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Campbell, Doug Dransfield, Brian Fishback, Chuck Ingels, Charlotte Mitchell, Ken Oneto, Brad van Loben Sels, and Jim Vietheer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Wackman

STAFF PRESENT: Juli Jensen (Agriculture Commissioner), Chris Flores (Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner), and Laura McCready (Clerk of the Committee)

ALSO PRESENT: Leighann Moffitt (Planning Director – Office of Planning and Environmental Review), Leanne Mueller (Associate Planner – Office of Planning and Environmental Review)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The March agenda was presented to the Board for approval. Jim Vietheer motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Brian Fishback. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January Committee Meeting minutes were presented to the Board for approval. Brian Fishback motioned to approve the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Steve Campbell. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None given.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Planning 101: Leighann Moffitt and Leanne Mueller from the Office of Environmental Review gave a PowerPoint presentation on what their Department is responsible for and what the various processes that are involved. A PowerPoint handout will be provided to the Committee Members at

the next meeting.

- B. South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP): Leighann Moffitt gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the components of the SSHCP. A PowerPoint handout will be provided to the Committee Members at the next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public Testimony Policy Draft: Chris Flores presented a draft version of the Public Testimony Policy for the Committee members to review. It was suggested that the bullet point that states "Committee members and staff will NOT engage in conversation or answer questions when receiving public comment on an agenda item" needs further clarification. The Public Testimony Policy was tabled and to be reviewed and finalized at the next meeting. Committee members were instructed to email Chris with suggestions for the Policy draft.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. County Agricultural Commissioner Report: Juli Jensen informed the Committee on the current issues facing the Department.
- There has been a confirmed Sudden Oak Death (SOD) find at the largest wholesale nursery in Sacramento County. A trace-forward protocol was followed, resulting in 1 positive find at a retail nursery in San Jose.
 - Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) has been found in surrounding Counties around Sacramento, but no finds in Sacramento County. ACP trapping continues in the County.
 - Laura McCready confiscated a shipment from Hawaii during a parcel inspection at the airport. The shipment contained dozens of insects representing 7 different species with the potential to harm California agriculture.
 - Deputy Diana Acosta and an inspector from the Department went out and performed a Cannabis inspection in the City of Sacramento. The inspection went well. The Department has put together a Cannabis Inspection Checklist to assist with the inspection process. Several cannabis growers have gotten their Operator Identification Numbers from the department, for pesticide use.
 - Chris Flores and Juli Jensen attended a Nutria Response Coordination meeting in Los Banos. Nutria has widely infested the East Coast and damages wetlands and levees. A Nutria handout will be emailed to the Committee members. Nutria has been found in 4 California Counties at this time: Tuolumne, Merced, Fresno, and Stanislaus. It is hopeful that eradication efforts will be successful in California.
 - Sacramento Area Beekeepers Association (SABA) had an open house at the Department over the weekend.
 - Juli Jensen and Supervisor Don Nottoli participated in the Capital Corridor Planning meeting for UC Cooperative Extension.
 - The Department has been approached by a gentleman who wants to grow industrial hemp in Sacramento County. The Department has met with County Counsel and is working on drafting a moratorium that will clearly outline no production of cannabis in Sacramento County, regardless of its purpose (including industrial hemp). Moratoriums must be renewed every 45 days, so it will need to go before the Board of Supervisors to keep the moratorium in place until the State Regulations take effect.
 - Juli Jensen is scheduled to give her public testimony on March 22nd before the California State Water Board regarding the California Water Fix Project and its negative impacts on Sacramento County agriculture.

B. Committee Member Comments: The presentations were appreciated and well received by the members.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on May 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Laura McCready, Ag Advisory Committee Clerk,
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES



Ken Oneto, Chair

5/9/18

Date