



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 May 9, 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, Brian Fishback, Chuck Ingels, Michael Wackman, Ken Oneto, Brad van Loben Sels, and Jim Vietheer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Dransfield, Charlotte Mitchell

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

ALSO PRESENT: Emma Patten (Assistant Planner – Office of Planning and Environmental Review), Lindsey Liebig (Executive Director – Sacramento County Farm Bureau)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The May agenda was presented to the Board for approval. Michael Wackman motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Jim Vietheer. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 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

The following individuals gave public comment to address New Business A. Conditions of Approval for PLNP2017-00081 (Christman Barn Project): Mike Christman, Mary Jean Page, Garrek Page, Murial Thomas, Colette Beloberk, Cindy Christman, Brad Ward, Emily Hageland, Deanna Hageland, Tosha Beloberk, and Joseph Thomas.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Conditions of Approval for PLNP2017-00081 (Christman Barn Project): Emma Patten presented details regarding the application of a Minor Use Permit to allow the keeping of hogs at 5214 Buena Vista Avenue. A draft set of conditions were discussed, and condition #4 was agreed to be modified (removing the option for keeping hogs through the California State Fair.) Emma informed the Committee that the barn is considered an accessory use to the primary residence. The Office of Planning and Environmental Review completed an analysis of the development standards and found that the barn meets their criteria. The Department also analyzed Ag use standards and the conditions presented in the Minor Use Permit will make certain that the use standards are fulfilled. A motion to recommend the approval of the Minor Use Permit with the revised conditions was made by Jim Vietheer and seconded by Brian Fishback. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Sacramento County Farm Bureau Update: Lindsey Liebig updated the Committee on current Farm Bureau details.
- The South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP) is rapidly moving forward towards adoption. This will most likely happen by this summer. The Farm Bureau spoke in opposition of the SSHCP at the Planning Commission in April.
 - The Farm Bureau testified at the California Water Commission last week in support of the South County Ag Program, a conjunctive use program with Regional Sans recycled groundwater project. The project was approved at that meeting for \$280 million. (Comes from Prop 1 funding).
 - The Farm Bureau is ramping up the Farm Bureau University Program, trainings, seminars, informational workshops, and will be at the Sacramento County Fair.
 - AgSafe will be hosting a Produce Safety Training at the Farm Bureau on May 11, 2018
- B. County Agricultural Commissioner Report: Chris Flores informed the Committee on what was happening in the department.
- Juli Jensen is on vacation in Scotland until May 22.
 - Chris Flores attended an AgSafe Produce Safety Training in Amador County
 - Chris Flores will be attending the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) Conference on Juli's behalf May 20 – May 25
 - California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is bumping up their response to the nutria infestation. Currently there are 6 Counties with positive nutria identifications: Merced, Stanislaus, Fresno, Tuolumne, San Joaquin and Mariposa. The USDA trappers based out of our office will be conducting training with Sacramento County Parks and Rec staff and their volunteers, as well as the Ag department staff on what to look for so they will be able to educate the public.
 - The Delta Conservancy Board approved the CDFW request for grant money (\$1.1 million) for the nutria response
 - Legislative Updates:
 - SB 1459 amends FAC 2279 to allow Cannabis to be reported in County crop reports. Added language says it would be an addendum to the crop report.
 - AB 2468 makes it unlawful to maintain an apiary that's not registered with the County Ag Commissioner
 - AB 2422 would have prohibited anticoagulants in California (including farm use). Ag Commissioners were opposed to this bill. The bill died in Committee.

- C. Committee Member Comments: Chuck Ingels expressed interest in hearing a presentation from the Pear Board. A Harvest and Orchard Mechanization Tour is planned in the South Sacramento and Linden area on June 26th for growers that are interested. Contact Chuck for more details.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on July 11, 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

Date