



# AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Vacant – Agricultural Economics

## AGENDA

**December 11, 2024; 6:30pm**

**Valley Oak Room**

**4137 Branch Center Rd., Sacramento, California**

*Public testimony will be received on each agenda item as it is called. The applicant is allocated 10 minutes to speak; individual comments are limited to 3 minutes; and individuals representing a group are allocated 5 minutes.*

*Items not on the agenda may be addressed by the general public during Public Forum. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. The Committee reserves the right to waive said rules by a majority vote. Public Forum is for general comments only. No action will be taken on these items unless they are scheduled on a future agenda.*

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes (Meeting of November 13, 2024)
4. Public Forum
5. New Business:

a. **WORKSHOP: PLNP2024-00226 Crowing Fowl Ordinance**

The County is updating the Sacramento County Code and Zoning Code in response to concerns about the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), as well as addressing potential illegal activities and public nuisances related to the keeping of large numbers of crowing fowl, specifically, roosters. Before drafting new regulations, County staff seeks initial feedback from agricultural stakeholders and relevant educational organizations, including, but not limited to, the Agricultural Advisory Committee, Sacramento County Farm Bureau, University Cooperative Extension, 4-H, Future Farmers of America (FFA), and the local farming

community. The primary goal of the proposed Crowing Fowl Ordinance is to protect commercial poultry operations, hobby farmers, and agricultural education programs (such as 4-H and FFA). The Ordinance aims to strike a balance between preserving agricultural rights in the County and addressing the negative impacts of illegal activities and poor animal management practices in both agricultural, rural residential and urban areas.

6. Industry/Association/Partner Agency Updates
7. Agricultural Commissioner Update – Chris Flores
8. Committee Member Updates
9. Adjournment – Next Meeting: January 8, 2025; 6:30 p.m.

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
CALIFORNIA**

To: Agricultural Advisory Committee

Subject: **WORKSHOP**  
**PLNP2024-00226. Crowing Fowl Ordinance (ZOB).** An Amendment To The Sacramento County Code And Zoning Code Pertaining To The Keeping Of Crowing Fowl. Project Is Countywide.

Decision  
Body: Board of Supervisors

APN: Countywide

Supervisory  
District(s): All

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**Details of Request:** This is a Workshop to gather preliminary input to assist in drafting updates to Sacramento County Code and Zoning Code pertaining to keeping of crowing fowl.

1. A **County Code Amendment** To add provisions to the Sacramento County Code to address the keeping of crowing fowl.
2. A **Zoning Ordinance Amendment** To Amend Chapters 1, 3, 5, and 7 of the Sacramento County Zoning Code to address the keeping of crowing fowl.

**Applicants:**

County of Sacramento  
Planning and Environmental Review  
827 7th Street, Room 225  
Sacramento, CA 95814

County of Sacramento  
Agricultural Commissioner  
4137 Branch Center Road  
Sacramento, CA 95827

**Summary of Key Points:**

- This is an informational workshop to initiate the County Code and Zoning Code Update process.
- Dates for additional Stakeholder Meetings and Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) Meetings have not been set, but are expected to occur between January and March of 2025.

- The Board of Supervisor is the final Decision Body for this item. The AAC, CPAC's and Planning Commission's recommendations will be provided to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

### **Purpose of Workshop**

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