



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Steve Campbell – HOA Representative
Vacant – Agricultural Economics
Brian Fishback – Commercial Bee Keeping
Morgan Doran – UC Extension Farm Advisor
Charlotte Mitchell – Natural Resources; Poultry
Ken Oneto – Orchards, Vineyards, Row Crops
Brad van Loben Sels – Farm Management
Jim Vietheer – Livestock
Michael Wackman – Natural Resources; Wineries

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2023 6:30 pm

Valley Oak 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 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Fishback, Steve Campbell, Morgan Doran, Charlotte Mitchell, Ken Oneto, Brad van Loben Sels, Jim Vietheer and Michael Wackman.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Parminder Malhi (Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner), and Laura McCready (Clerk of the Committee).

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The April agenda was presented to the Committee for approval. Michael Wackman motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Brad van Loben Sels. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March Committee Meeting minutes were presented to the Committee for approval. Brad van Loben Sels motioned to approve the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Jim Vietheer. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. PUBLIC FORUM – No comments received.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Sacramento County Pesticide Aerial Application Drift Prevention Conditions:

It was suggested to change the aerial pesticide cutoff date of the Sacramento County Pesticide Application Drift Prevention Conditions from February 1st to March 1st. This would still avoid damage to orchards, as bloom usually starts around March 15th.

It was moved by Committee Member Michael Wackman and seconded by Committee Member Charlotte Mitchell, to recommend approval. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. NOMINATION OF CHAIR / VICE CHAIR

It was motioned by Michael Wackman that Ken Oneto remain Chair and Steve Campbell remain Vice Chair. It was seconded by Charlotte Mitchell. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. RATIFICATION OF BYLAWS

The Agricultural Advisory Committee Bylaws presented to the Committee in March were updated to reflect a minor name change. The updated Bylaws were presented to the Committee for approval. Charlotte Mitchell motioned to approve the Bylaws as presented. It was seconded by Steve Campbell. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. INDUSTRY/ASSOCIATION/PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES

No updates given.

7. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER UPDATE

Parminder Malhi informed the Committee on the following items:

- CDFA is doing the Japanese Beetle treatment again in Arden Arcade and Rancho Cordova. Last year there were 7 beetles found in Rancho Cordova and 2 found in Arden Arcade. The treatment will be performed in April / May. If there are no finds this year, treatment will not be required next year.
- Pesticide Recycling Day is Wednesday, April 12th, at KLM Ranches.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

- Morgan Doran – So far submissions on snow geese damage have been light. \$1.2 million in damage has been reported in Sacramento County, \$417,000 reported damage in Yolo, and \$2.7 million damage reported in Solano. A lot of damage is happening adjacent to wildlife preserves.
- Ken Oneto – Pesticide Container Recycling Day is April 12th at KLM Ranches.
- Charlotte – Avian influenza is still a concern. Farmland conservation has a lot of projects happening throughout the Valley, with the exception of Sacramento County.
- Michael Wackman – There is interest in having additional Legacy Pesticide Recycling Events. Water is still a problem throughout the County. Meetings are happening with multiple stakeholders to look at long-term solutions for the Cosumnes.
- Jim Viethier – Pasture grasses took much longer to start growing this year.
- Brian Fishback – Almond growers took a hit this year. Pollination was poor, as the temperatures and rain kept the bees in their boxes during pollination.

9. ADJOURNMENT

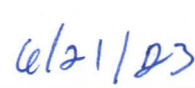
The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on May 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Laura McCready, Agricultural Advisory Committee Clerk, mccreadyl@saccounty.gov

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



Ken Oneto, Chair



Date