



# AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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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 January 13, 2021 6:30 pm

Meeting held via GoToMeeting

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/928207901>

### 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, Charlotte Mitchell, Ken Oneto, Brad van Loben Sels, Jim Vietheer, and Michael Wackman.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Morgan Doran.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chris Flores (Agricultural Commissioner) and Laura McCready (Clerk of the Committee).

**ALSO PRESENT:** David Pegos (CDFA), Jason Leathers (CDFA), Lindsey Liebig

### 2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The January agenda was presented to the Board for approval. Brad van Loben Sels motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Brian Fishback. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### 3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

### 4. **APPROVAL OF 2021 MEETING CALENDAR**

The 2021 meeting calendar was presented to the Board for approval. Brad van Loben Sels motioned to approve the meeting calendar and was seconded by Charlotte Mitchell. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### 5. **NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

Michael Wackman made a motion for Ken Oneto to continue as chair. It was seconded by Charlotte Mitchell. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Charlotte Mitchell motioned to have Steve Campbell continue as Vice Chair. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. **PUBLIC FORUM** – No comments received.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Japanese Beetle Outreach:**

David Pegos and Jason Leathers with the California Department of Food and Agriculture gave a Japanese Beetle update and presented a Japanese Beetle Eradication Plan for the areas in Sacramento County requiring treatment this spring.

8. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Agricultural Commissioner Update :**

Chris Flores informed the Committee on the following items.

- As of November 2020, over 1,981 nutria have been trapped in the central valley delta area. The farthest north they have been found is San Joaquin County, with 104 trapped. A federal bill authorizing \$12 million in grant funding was passed last year, to help fund nutria eradication. California Department of Fish & Wildlife will be applying for the grant to continue their Nutria eradication project, in the future.
- Fish Friendly Farming Program in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Delta area.
- Industrial Hemp Ordinance: The ordinance is going before the Board of Supervisors for final approval on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The ordinance was adopted in November, but Supervisor Nottoli suggested a few changes. A permitting system process was recommended for processing on Industrial Light zones. As a result, a zoning administrator permit will now be required and will allow the public to comment. The minimum parcel size was also increased to 40 acres. The Agriculture Department will notify all surrounding neighbors of a license application to get feedback before an application is approved.
- More surgical masks have been requested from CalOES.

**B. Industry Updates:**

Lindsay Liebig updated the Committee with current events within the Sacramento County Farm Bureau.

- The Farm Bureau has been focusing on water-related issues. The Delta Conveyance and technical presentations are being watched. The EIR is expected in 2022.
- The Farm Bureau is watching things wrap up for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). As the basins move in to their 2022 deadline, the focus is seeing how different rate studies will be targeted to agriculture. South American Subbasin is moving towards a hybrid rate approach that would include a per parcel fee and a usage fee. The Farm Bureau is working to negotiate rates to keep agriculture a priority and make it fair and equitable for all.

**C. Committee Member Updates :**

- None

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on March 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

  
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Ken Oneto, Chair

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