



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Agricultural Advisory Committee DRAFT Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2020 6:30 pm

Meeting held via GoToMeeting

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/918844589>

1. CALL TO ORDER

Agricultural Advisory Committee Chair Ken Oneto called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Morgan Doran, Charlotte Mitchell, Ken Oneto, Brad van Loben Sels, Jim Viethier, and Michael Wackman.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Fishback and Steve Campbell.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Kimber Gutierrez (Office of Planning and Environmental Review), Lindsay Liebig, Gabriel Bercea (applicant representative).

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The July agenda was presented to the Board for approval. Morgan Doran motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Charlotte Mitchell. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4. PUBLIC FORUM – No comments received.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. PLNP2018-00352; Prestige Senior Care:

Kimber Gutierrez with Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review presented details regarding the request for a Use Permit to allow a congregate

care facility in the AR-2 zone, and a request for a Special Development Permit to allow the proposed project to deviate from development standards. After hearing from the applicant, the Committee members discussed the merits of the application.

It was moved by Committee Member Michael Wackman and seconded by Committee Member Charlotte Mitchell, that the project does not show an impact on commercial agriculture. As such, the Agricultural Advisory Committee does not have any recommendation on the project. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Agricultural Commissioner Update :

Chris Flores informed the Committee on the current events in the Department.

- Our office just received over 60,000 N95 masks for the agricultural industry this morning. Lindsay Liebig and our Galt and Walnut Grove offices are spreading the word. They are to be used for pesticide applications. We also received another shipment of 46,000 3-ply surgical masks to distribute to fieldworkers and agricultural processors within the County. If you know of anyone who is in need of these masks, have them contact our office.
- Our Department is still primarily working from home. Galt and Walnut Grove staff are working from the office. Field staff are still able to conduct field inspections. Staff is limiting exposure, avoiding office time, wearing masks, and social distancing. This will most likely continue until a vaccine is available. Most services are able to be done electronically or by appointment.
- There have been 86 Japanese Beetle finds to date in Sacramento County. There are breeding populations in two different locations. 60 adults have been trapped in Rancho Cordova, and 26 have been trapped in the Arden/Arcade area. Intense trapping is underway to pinpoint where the source is coming from before a targeted treatment can be done.
- Industrial Hemp is scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors on July 14th.
- On June 1st, CDFA released the regional quarantine in Southern California for Virulent Newcastle Disease.
- Legislative bill to watch – SB1429: Proposing to amend the Fish and Game Code to impose penalties on cultivators of industrial hemp that violate provisions of the law that protect fish and wildlife, water, or other natural resources.
- No update on nutria at this time. An update will be given at the next meeting.

B. Committee Member Updates :

- Jim Viether: Last weekend at the livestock auction in Sonora, an animal rescue group was allowed to take a market hog from a buyer post-sale. Prior to the auction, a young man sent a letter to animal rights groups that he didn't want his pigs sold. The family received multiple calls from the animal rights group, subsequently changed their mind, and decided

to sell the pigs in the auction. The animal rights group went to the Governor's Office, the Governor's office went to CDFA (Karen Ross), and the livestock auction was directed to give the hog to the animal rescue organization.

- Morgan Doran: Cooperative Extension is working remotely as well. Assistance is being given via calls and emails. Offices remain closed.

C. Industry Updates:

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

- The Farm Bureau office is back open as of Memorial Day. The office is operating primarily virtually, though the office is open for those who need to come in.
- The primary role of Farm Bureau through COVID-19 has been to provide resources and outreach to members to ensure they remain in compliance.
- The office is putting out information regarding CalOSHA inspections ramping up.
- A notice will be sent out tomorrow regarding the availability of N95 masks.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on September 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Laura McCready, Agricultural Advisory Committee Clerk, mccreadyl@sacounty.net

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



Ken Oneto, Chair

9/9/20

Date