



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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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 June 21, 2023 6:30 pm Coastal Redwood Room 4137 Branch Center Rd. Sacramento, California 95827

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, and Brad van Loben Sels.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Morgan Doran, Jim Vietheer, and Michael Wackman.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Austin Chan, Lauren Haas, Leanne Mueller, Emma Patten, Austin Miller.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was presented to the Committee for approval. Brian Fishback motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Charlotte Mitchell. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 10, 2023 meeting minutes were presented to the Committee for approval. Charlotte Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Brad van Loben Sels. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. PUBLIC FORUM – No comments received.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. PLNP2022-00320 Leary Road Sanchez & Brouwer Williamson Act Contract Amendment:

Austin Chan with Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review presented details regarding the request of a Board review to amend existing Williamson Act contracts for a property located at 14003 Leary Road in the Delta Community. To be consistent with a proposed lot line adjustment (PLNP2020-00173), the proposal presented would rescind three of the four existing Williamson Act contracts and amend the fourth contract to exclude their property while maintaining the other property owners' contract. The applicants intend to re-enter into two new Williamson Act contracts, one for each property owner, to reflect the new property lines. After hearing the proposal from Planning and Environmental Review staff, the Committee discussed the merits of the application.

It was moved by Committee member Brad van Loben Sels and seconded by Committee member Steve Campbell, to recommend approval of the request as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. PLNP2022-00320 By-Right Supportive Housing Zoning Code Amendment (LEAP Grant):

Lauren Haas with Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review presented details on the By-Right Supportive Housing Zoning Code Amendment. Utilizing the Local Early Action Plan (LEAP) Grant, Planning staff improved definitions and expanded Use Standards for Farmworker Housing. The Committee provided feedback on the proposed changes, including eliminating the language regarding the removal of farmworker housing if a farming operation ceases, and recommending a broader timeframe allowed for on-site recreational vehicles utilized for temporary farmworker housing. The final draft will be completed and presented to the Planning Commission in August.

6. INDUSTRY/ASSOCIATION/PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES

Austin Miller updated the Committee on the Sloughhouse RCD and the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority. Groundwater sustainable Agencies (GSAs) are trying to better understand how to project agricultural growth or shrinkage throughout the County and have a better understanding of what our groundwater conditions are at. Under a new executive order, GSAs have been reviewing agricultural well permits for new wells over 2-acre feet and are playing a regulatory role in groundwater management.

7. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER UPDATE

Chris Flores informed the Committee on the following items:

- A noise complaint has been reported against a dairyman from Galt along an urban/ag interface. The complainant may be invited to have her case heard before the Agricultural Advisory Committee at a later date. It was suggested by the Committee that materials be sent out to educate regulatory officials on the right to farm, and the right to farm ordinance in Sacramento County.
- On Friday June 9th, an A-rated Peach Fruit Fly was found by one of our trappers in North Sacramento. It's a pest of apples, pears, tomatoes, and melons. Additional traps were deployed in the area. No further flies have been found.

- The Japanese Beetle treatment in Arden Arcade and Rancho Cordova was completed at the end of May. No beetles have been found this season. The traps are still deployed and will continue to be monitored through the rest of the season.
- The Department is trapping for Spotted Lantern Fly. Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) is the host species that is used for the traps.
- On May 23rd a Mediterranean fruit fly was trapped on 66th Avenue in Sacramento. The sample was taken to the CDFA lab, where it was determined to be a sterile male. No follow up trapping was required.
- K9 Kernul, handler Michelle King, and inspector Josh Kelley intercepted a package from Florida containing guava. The guava was removed from the package, in violation of the Caribbean Fruit Fly quarantine. Caribbean Fruit Fly larva was later found emerging from the confiscated guava by inspector Kelley.
- CalOSHA is offering training to Agricultural employers through their Consultation Services Branch. Training includes regional safety and health events related to injury and illness prevention, heat illness prevention, protection from wildfire smoke, outdoor ag operations during hours of darkness, first aid, and tractor safety. If interested, contact Chris to get the contact information for the program manager.
- The PD/GWSS Board and Advisory Task Force meeting is scheduled for June 26th. They will be discussing the budget and winegrape assessment rate for next harvest season. They are also sponsoring a research session in Napa on June 29th regarding Pierce's Disease.
- The Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Event held at KLM Ranches on April 12th was very successful, with over 60,000 lbs. recycled. Gary Silva Jr. would like to have another container recycling event held at his location in October.
- Bills of Interest:
 - AB402: Would establish the Broomrape Control Board within CDFA to advise the Secretary regarding Broomrape. The bill has been referred to the Senate Ag Committee. The hearing date is July 3rd.
 - AB652: Would require DPR by Jan 2025 to establish an Environmental Justice Advisory Committee. The Committee would formally review the activities and programs under the jurisdiction of the Department and would provide recommendations to the Department on ways to integrate environmental justice considerations into Department programs, policies, decision-making, and activities. The bill has been referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and will be heard on July 5th.
 - AB1016: Pest Control Applications via Drone Operations
 - AB1042: Would require the Director of DPR to adopt regulations that would govern the use and disposal of seeds treated with pesticides and prohibit the use of such seeds under specified conditions.
 - AB1141: Dahle bill that changes the Livestock Pass Program to the Agricultural Pass Program. The bill has been referred to the Senate Ag Committee and will be heard on July 3rd.
 - AB1752: Would allow a county agricultural commissioner to levy a civil

penalty up to \$3,000 against a pesticide applicator who does not adhere to the process required by regulations to notify registered beekeepers that there is a proposed pesticide application within a mile of an apiary. The bill passed the Senate Ag Committee on June 19th.

8. **COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES**

- Charlotte Mitchell – There's some effort happening within the County to encourage farmland conservation easements via funding resources. Working with Sac Valley Conservancy and California Farmland Trust to ensure that we can protect as much farmland as possible from conversion to urban uses.
- Ken Oneto – Harvest time on cherries is running 2 weeks late this year. 40% of the crop is still on the trees.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on July 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



Ken Oneto, Chair

11/8/23

Date




COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

June 27, 2023

TO: Austin Chan, Assistant Planner

FROM: Ken Oneto, Agricultural Advisory Committee Chair 

SUBJECT: PLNP 2022-00320; Leary Road Sanchez & Brouwer Williamson Act Contract Amendment

On June 21, 2023, the Sacramento County Agricultural Advisory Committee heard the above referenced item. The request was a Board Review to amend existing Williamson Act contracts for a property located at 14003 Leary Road in the Delta Community. To be consistent with a proposed lot line adjustment (PLNP2020-00173), the proposal presented would rescind three of the four existing Williamson Act contracts and amend the fourth contract to exclude their property while maintaining the other property owners' contract. The applicants intend to re-enter into two new Williamson Act contracts, one for each property owner, to reflect the new property lines. The applicants were not in attendance.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee was given project information by Planning and Environmental Review staff. There were no comments received from the public. After discussing the item, the Agricultural Advisory Committee made the following recommendation:

It was moved by Committee Member Brad van Loben Sels and seconded by Committee Member Steve Campbell, to recommend approval of the request as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Committee Members present: Steve Campbell, Brian Fishback, Charlotte Mitchell, Ken Oneto, and Brad van Loben Sels.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Flores at 916-875-0578.

Cc: Agricultural Advisory Committee