



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2021 6:30 pm

Meeting held via GoToMeeting

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/741006109>

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, Jim Vietheer, and Michael Wackman.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Morgan Doran and Brad van Loben Sels.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jessie Shen (Office of Planning and Environmental Review), Sam Towne (applicant), Lindsey Liebig.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The March agenda was presented to the Board for approval. Michael Wackman motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Charlotte Mitchell. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4. PUBLIC FORUM – No comments received.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. PNL2020-00243; Towne Family Trust Parcel Map:

Jessie Shen with Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review presented details regarding the request of a tentative parcel map, a special development permit, and a design review to divide the parcel located at 14156 State Highway 160 (APN 142-0080-123) into two subsequent lots in the AG-40 zoning district.

After hearing from the applicant, the Committee members discussed the merits of the application.

It was moved by Michael Wackman and seconded by Steve Campbell to approve the tentative parcel map as presented. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Agricultural Commissioner Update :

Parminder Malhi informed the Committee on the following items.

- Industrial Hemp Ordinance: The Board of Supervisors adopted the Industrial Hemp Ordinance on February 9th. It goes into effect 30 days after the approval, which will be March 12th. One staff member will be working primarily in the program, depending on how many applications are received. The forms and guidance documents have been developed and we are working on developing a webpage. Applicants will require a license from our Department and registration with the State before planting.
- Chris Flores has been working with the County Department of Public Health to organize farmworker vaccinations. Walgreens has the Johnson & Johnson vaccine available and can administer approximately 200 shots per day. Lindsay Liebig has been working on coordinating vaccination clinics.
- Our Annual Pesticide Container Recycling Day was held on February 22nd. It was held at KLM Ranches and partnered with Sacramento County Waste Management and Interstate Ag Plastics. Approximately 16,150 pesticide containers were recycled.

B. Industry Updates:

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

- There is a nonstop push to organize vaccination clinics quickly. Walgreens has Johnson & Johnson vaccines available, and the Farm Bureau has coordinated 2 vaccination clinics for this upcoming week on Sunday (March 14) and Monday (March 15) from 8:30 – 2:00 at Greene & Hemly. Additional vaccines will be available in the upcoming weeks. Several additional farms have offered their facilities for mobile clinics.
- The Farm Bureau is watching things wrap up for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). All the farmers in the area will be receiving communication regardless of what basin they are in. We're moving closer to seeing what actual fees will look like, and written chapters of the Sustainability Plan are starting to be released.

C. Committee Member Updates:

- Jim Vietheer: Sacramento Ag Foundation is having a Rib Dinner. Details are available online at the fair website. The County Fair has been approved to open this year, but with restrictions. It will not be open to the public, but will be open to exhibitors and their families. The fair will be called the Livestock Grading and Husbandry Expo. It will be a 2 day sale, and sales will be live and online.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural

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Meeting date: March 10, 2021

Advisory Committee will be held on May 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Laura McCready, Agricultural Advisory Committee
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES



Ken Oneto, Chair

9/8/21

Date