



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 March 8, 2023 6:30 pm

Valley Oak Room
4137 Branch Center Rd.
Sacramento, California 95827

1. CALL TO ORDER

Agricultural Advisory Committee Chair Ken Oneto called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Campbell, Morgan Doran, Ken Oneto, Brad van Loben Sels, and Jim Vietheer.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Fishback, Charlotte Mitchell, and Michael Wackman.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Irving Huerta, Patricia Lazicki, Austin Miller, Javier Medina, Gilbert Labrie

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November Committee Meeting minutes were presented to the Committee for approval. Jim Vietheer 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. PNL2021-00187 Gutierrez & Garcia Tentative Parcel Map:

Irving Huerta 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 one 56-acre lot into two new parcels in the Agricultural 80 (AG-80) zoning district, Delta Community. The Tentative Parcel Map would divide the existing 56.26-acre

property into two parcels. This proposed parcel split would create two new parcels equaling 2.85 acres and 53.41 acres. A Special Development Permit would allow the minimum lot area for both parcels to be below the required 80-acre minimum for AG-80 zoning districts. A Design Review was requested to verify substantial compliance with Sacramento County Countywide Design Guidelines. After hearing from the applicant and applicant representative, the Committee discussed the merits of the application.

It was moved by Committee Member Jim Vietheer and seconded by Committee Member Brad van Loben Sels, to recommend approval of the parcel split with the stipulation that the larger, 53.41 acre parcel, adhere to Section 6.4.6.I.1(b) of the Zoning Code, conveying the property's primary development rights to the County, so as not to result in an increase in the density of residential uses. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. **UC CAPITAL CORRIDOR ADVISOR INTRODUCTION**

Patricia Lazicki introduced herself as the new UC Cooperative Extension Vegetable Crops Advisor for Sacramento, Yolo, and Solano County. Her first project will be on broomrape, and is looking forward to working with everyone. Please reach out to her if you have any recommendations for future projects and information.

7. **INDUSTRY/ASSOCIATION/PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES**

Austin Miller with the Sloughhouse RCD/Cosumnes Groundwater Authority/Sacramento County Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force:

- The County's Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force is talking about different implementation measures for the draft Climate Action Plan. The big one related to agriculture is Carbon Farming. They are looking forward to future discussions to find ways to make it work in Sacramento County.
- Sloughhouse RCD received a Conservation Planning Grant from CFDA to write Carbon Farm Plans, Soil Health Plans, Irrigation Efficiency and Grazing Management Plans. Looking forward to having funds available to assist growers with writing plans.

8. **AAC PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW GUIDANCE DOC UPDATE**

Chris Flores updated the Committee about the AAC Planning and Environmental Review (PER) Guidance Document. This guidance document clarifies what items need to come before the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

9. **2023 MEETING CALENDAR UPDATE**

It was recommended that the Agricultural Advisory Committee increase the meeting frequency to monthly, to avoid the potential of holding up PER projects. A revised 2023 meeting calendar was presented to the Committee for approval. Brad van Loben Sels motioned to approve the calendar as presented. It was seconded by Steve Campbell. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

10. **AAC BYLAWS UPDATE**

The Agricultural Advisory Committee Bylaws were updated to reflect minor changes to meetings, responsibilities and duties, and amendments sections. The updated Bylaws were presented to the Committee for approval. Brad van Loben Sels motioned to approve the Bylaws as presented. It was seconded by Morgan Doran. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

11. **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER UPDATE**

Chris Flores informed the Committee on the following items:

- The COVID State of Emergency is expected end on March 1, 2023. As such, all Committees that qualify under the Brown Act must follow traditional Brown Act rules and meet in-person. In order for members to participate in a meeting remotely, they must comply with the Brown Act. This includes posting the agenda at the teleconference site, and other requirements. A memo outlining the requirements was given to the members for reference.
- The Reports of Loss from the January storms submitted to the Department totaled over \$38 million. This includes crop loss, property, structure, and machinery damage. There's damage that has not been reported, and some damage is unknown because it is too early to assess. A Disaster Declaration application with the reported data will be submitted to CalOES, even though the Presidential Disaster Declaration provides some relief programs for farmers.
- Bills to watch:
 - AB402: Establishment of the Broomrape Control Board within the Department of CDFA. This would include 12 members on the Board, consisting of at least 3 representatives from each specified geographical district that are recommended by the tomato industry and approved by the Secretary.
 - AB652: Would require Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to establish and convene an Environmental Justice Advisory Committee. The Committee would formally review the activities and programs under the jurisdiction of DPR and would provide recommendations and identify best practices for improving community protections, compliance with regulations, and enforcement with timelines.
 - AB1042: Would require DPR to establish a sustainable pest management workgroup that would identify pathways to minimize the use of toxic pesticides and expand the use of integrated pest management.
 - AB1141: Expands the Livestock Pass program to include all farms.

12. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

- Morgan Doran – Snow geese have been a significant problem through the Yolo Bypass area. They are destroying the forage in grazing lands. Cooperative Extension is trying to quantify the impact of the damage, and was wondering if it is a problem in Sacramento County as well.
- Ken Oneto – Friendly reminder to submit your Form 700. Pesticide Container Recycling Day is April 12th at KLM Ranches.
- Brad van Loben Sels – The cutoff date (February 1st) for applying chemicals listed in the Pesticide Aerial Application Drift Prevention Permit Conditions is too restrictive. Request to reevaluate the Conditions at the next meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on April 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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


Ken Oneto, Chair

4/10/23
Date




COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

March 17, 2023

To: Irving Huerta, Assistant Planner

FROM: Ken Oneto, Agricultural Advisory Committee Chair 

SUBJECT: PLNP 2021-00187; Gutierrez & Garcia Tentative Parcel Map

On March 8, 2023, the Sacramento County Agricultural Advisory Committee heard the above referenced item during their regularly scheduled meeting. The request was a Tentative Parcel Map, a Special Development Permit and a Design Review to divide one 56-acre lot into two new parcels in the Agricultural 80 (AG-80) zoning district, Delta Community. The Tentative Parcel Map would divide the existing 56.26-acre property into two parcels. This proposed parcel split would create two new parcels equaling 2.85 acres and 53.41 acres. A Special Development Permit would allow the minimum lot area for both parcels to be below the required 80-acre minimum for AG-80 zoning districts. A Design Review was requested to verify substantial compliance with Sacramento County Countywide Design Guidelines. The applicant and applicant representatives were in attendance.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee was given project information by Planning and Environmental Review staff and received comments from the applicant. 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 Jim Vietheer and seconded by Committee Member Brad van Loben Sels, to recommend approval of the parcel split with the stipulation that the larger, 53.41 acre parcel, follows Section 6.4.6.I.1(b) of the Zoning Code, conveying the property's primary development rights to the County, so as not to result in an increase in the density of residential uses. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Committee Members present: Steve Campbell, Morgan Doran, Ken Oneto, Brad van Loben Sels, and Jim Vietheer.

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

Cc: Agricultural Advisory Committee