



# AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Morgan Doran – UC Extension Farm Advisor  
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  
November 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 6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Campbell, Brian Fishback, Charlotte Mitchell, Ken Oneto, and Michael Wackman.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Morgan Doran, Brad van Loben Sels, and Jim Vietheer.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Nate Doberneck, Jack Scroggs, Sa Vang, William Vang.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The June 21, 2023 meeting minutes were presented to the Committee for approval. Charlotte Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Steve Campbell. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. **APPROVAL OF 2024 MEETING CALENDAR**

The 2024 meeting calendar was presented to the Committee for approval. Michael Wackman motioned to approve the calendar and was seconded by Charlotte Mitchell. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. **NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2024**

Michael Wackman motioned for Ken Oneto to continue as Chair and Steve Campbell to remain as Vice-Chair. It was seconded by Charlotte Mitchell. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PLNP2023-00054 Vang Property Rezone and Parcel Map:**

Nate Doberneck with Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review presented details regarding the request for a Rezone, Tentative Parcel Map, and Design Review to divide two lots totaling 20-acres into four new lots in the Southeast Community. The Rezone would change the lots from AG-80 to AR-5. The Tentative Parcel Map would divide the two existing properties into four new lots, approximately 5-acres each. After hearing from the applicant and applicant representative, the Committee discussed the merits of the application.

It was moved by Michael Wackman and seconded by Steve Campbell, to recommend approval of the request as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

- No comments received.

9. **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER UPDATE**

Chris Flores informed the Committee on the following items:

- The Crop and Livestock Report was presented to the Board of Supervisors yesterday. The overall value for 2022 was \$602 million. The report was well received by the Board of Supervisors.
- The State has found over 600 exotic fruit flies to date. In a typical year they find about 75. The flies respond well to the Male Attractant Treatment (MAT) and the additional delimitation traps deployed. Sacramento County hasn't found any additional Oriental Fruit flies since September.
- No Japanese Beetles were found this season. Treatment might not be necessary next spring.
- Ag Pass is going to the Board of Supervisors on December 5<sup>th</sup>. A training plan is in the process of being developed so it can be implemented once the Ag Pass is approved by the Board. A meeting with Emergency Personnel is scheduled for tomorrow at 3:00p.m. to discuss the training details.
- The Climate Action Plan is still moving forward with the County. It was recommended by the Committee that the Climate Action Plan discussion be added to the January or February 2024 AAC agenda. Invite John Lundgren and Todd Smith to give a CAP update to the Committee.
- DPR is hosting a virtual meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> regarding the pending state-wide Pesticide Notification Project.

10. **COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES**

- Brian Fishback – The bees are shutting down for the season.

- Michael Wackman – Lots of grapes this year. Zero off-contract grapes being sold. OHWD Board meeting coming up. It should give direction whether or not the district is going to expand west of 99, south of Elk Grove’s Sphere of Influence to the Cosumnes River over to I-5. If done, it will double the size of the water district.
- Ken Oneto – Still a log jam on the Cosumnes river by Twin Cities Road. Flooding potential still there for 2024.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee is scheduled for December 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Laura McCready, Agricultural Advisory Committee Clerk, [mccreadyl@sacounty.gov](mailto:mccreadyl@sacounty.gov)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

  
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Ken Oneto, Chair

  
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Date



COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

November 27, 2023

To: Nate Doberneck, Associate Planner

FROM: Ken Oneto, Agricultural Advisory Committee Chair *KSJ*

SUBJECT: PLNP 2023-00054; Vang Property Rezone and Parcel Map

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On November 8, 2023, the Sacramento County Agricultural Advisory Committee heard the above referenced item. The request was a Rezone, Tentative Parcel Map, and a Design Review to divide two lots totaling 20-acres into four new lots in the Southeast Community. The Rezone would change the lots from AG-80 to AR-5. The Tentative Parcel Map would divide the two existing properties into four new lots, approximately 5-acres each. The applicants and their representative were 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 Michael Wackman 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 Michael Wackman.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Flores at 916-875-0538.

Cc: Agricultural Advisory Committee