



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 September 14, 2022 6:30 pm

Valley Oak Room
4137 Branch Center Rd.
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Agricultural Advisory Committee Chair Ken Oneto called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Morgan Doran, Brian Fishback, Charlotte Mitchell, Ken Oneto, Jim Vietheer, and Michael Wackman.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Campbell, Brad van Loben Sels.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Nate Doberneck, Julie Newton, Salomon Gutierrez, Robert Snow, Amber McDowell.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The September agenda was presented to the Committee for approval. Jim Vietheer motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Morgan Doran. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4. PUBLIC FORUM – No comments received.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Planning 101 Presentation:

Nate Doberneck with Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Planning Division, outlined the 2030 General Plan and how

it is implemented using the Zoning Code, and the process required for discretionary project approval specifically as it pertains to Agriculture.

B. PNLP2022-00117 Gutierrez Rezone & Tentative Parcel Map:

Nate Doberneck with Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review presented details regarding the request of a Rezone, Community Plan Amendment, Tentative Parcel Map, and a Design Review to divide one 20-acre lot into four 5-acre parcels in the Southeast Area Community. The Rezone would change the 20-acre lot from AG-20 to AR-5. The Community Plan Amendment would change the land use of the property from AR-10 to AR-5. The Tentative Parcel Map would divide the existing 20-acre property into four 5-acre parcels. A Design Review was requested to verify compliance with Sacramento County Countywide Design Guidelines. After hearing from the applicant and applicant representative, the Committee discussed the merits of the application.

Charlotte Mitchell motioned to deny the request. The motion to deny the request was not seconded. Motioned failed. It was motioned by Committee Member Michael Wackman and seconded by Committee Member Jim Vietheer, to support the project if a 200 foot building setback is placed along the southern property lines of the two southern parcels to create a buffer between any incompatible uses and the commercial agricultural operation to the south. The motion passed by voice vote. Committee Member Charlotte Mitchell opposed the motion and stated, on the record, that she was opposed to the project.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Industry Updates:

Amber McDowell updated the Committee with current events within the Sacramento County Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau has just hired a new employee, and is currently working on the Delta Tunnel Project and the Sacramento County Ag Pass.

Austin Miller introduced himself as the District Manager for the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District, and the Plant Manager for the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Austin was selected as a County Climate Emergency Mobilization Taskforce Member and will be working with John Lundgren.

B. Agricultural Commissioner Update:

Chris Flores informed the Committee on the following items:

- Two new employees, Griffith Evans and Jorge Garibay, are working in the South Office in Galt. One more employee will be moved to the Galt office soon.
- Two more positions are in the process of being filled. The Department will be fully staffed for the first time in 5 years.
- A Regional Pesticide Disposal Event will be held November 2-4 at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. This will be funded by the Department of Pesticide Regulation and is for growers in Sacramento, Yolo, San Joaquin, Amador, and Calaveras Counties. The event is free, and is an amnesty program allowing growers to dispose of unneeded pesticides.
- The Department is working with Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services on the Ag Pass Program. This Plan will be similar to the Livestock Pass that was approved by the State legislature, but will allow growers to access their lands in disaster areas as well.
- The Crop and Livestock Report is almost completed. The 2021 theme is 'Celebrating our Agricultural Workforce.' Staff interviewed growers and workers in the field, and they will be highlighted in the Report.
- Wilton Oriental Fruit Fly Delimitation: 4 Oriental Fruit Flies were found back in

July. There have been no further finds. CDFA performed a Male Attractant Treatment (MAT) in the area, and was very effective in preventing a quarantine. Traps are still being inspected regularly in the area.

- Japanese Beetle Delimitations: The last Japanese Beetle found in Arden Arcade was July 6th, and the last Japanese Beetle trapped in Rancho Cordova was July 23rd. Another treatment will be required next spring in these delimitation areas to eliminate the pest.
- Another case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza has been detected in El Dorado County in a backyard flock.
- The County is working on a Livestock Evacuation Mapping Program. A consultant has been hired to write the Plan.
- Chris has talked with the new Director of Planning about the role of the Agricultural Advisory Committee in regards to projects that have the potential to impact agricultural operations. It might mean that the Committee needs to meet more often.

C. Committee Member Updates:

- Morgan Doran with UC Cooperative Extension announced that the Food Systems Advisor position in Solano County has been filled. The individual hired for the Environmental Horticulture position will be starting next month. Interviews for the Vegetable Crops Advisor position will be held next week.
- Michael Wackman reported the affects seen in his vineyards after the heat spell last week.
- Ken Oneto informed the Committee that the Department of Fish and Wildlife sent out access permits a few months ago. Cameras and traps will be placed to assist with detecting nutria in Sacramento County.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on November 9, 2022 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

11/9/22

Date