



Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

ACTION MINUTES

Location:	<i>Held via Zoom</i>	
Date:	February 25, 2021	
Time:	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
Present:	<i>Committee Members</i>	<i>Staff and Guests</i>
	Sherwood Darington Alex Eastman* Michael Ferguson Erik Heacox Nick Huntington Tony Marci Scott Storm Scott Violini	Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner Jose Chang, Assistant Ag Commissioner Nadia Garcia, Ag Programs Manager Mary Perry, Deputy County Counsel Son Pham-Gallardo, Associate Planner Victoria Kim, Assistant Planner
Absent:	Kurt Gollnick, Kevin Pearcy, Matt Shea, Kirk Williams	

*arrived after roll call at approximately 2:34 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Huntington at 2:31 p.m.
(Committee Member Storm joined the meeting after Item I.)

II. Consent- Committee Business

1. Approval of minutes from December 3, 2020

MOTION: Committee Member Sherwood Darington confirmed his absence during the 1st half of the meeting on December 3, 2020 and voted to approve the 2nd half of December 3, 2020 minutes. It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Heacox. Item II passed by the following vote:

AYES: Darington, Eastman, Ferguson, Heacox, Huntington, Marci, Storm, and Violini
NOES: None
ABSENT: Gollnick, Pearcy, Shea, and Williams
ABSTAIN: None

III. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

IV. Agricultural Commissioner's Update

Henry S. Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner

- Commissioner Gonzales reports he has been working with the Mo. Co. Board of Supervisors and ag industry representatives on a plan for administering Covid-19 vaccinations for farmworkers. A partnership between *Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas* and the *Grower-Shippers Assn.* formed and have started the inoculations to farmworkers.
- The Ag Commissioner's Office recently held two very successful Covid-19 PPE distribution events. Staff handed out 13,160 hand sanitizer bottles of 16.5 ounces and 628,000 surgical disposable masks. The recipients of these PPEs were 83 growers with 15,086 employees and 25 farm labor contractors with 9,450 employees that are getting ready to distribute these PPEs to farmworkers during this crop season.
- A letter of concern was sent to the Mo. Co. Board of Supervisors by the Monterey Peninsula city mayors and the City of Salinas mayor. The letter addressed concerns regarding the influx of farmworkers coming to the Salinas Valley from other states and Mexico for the agricultural season and that they would bring more Covid-19 to the area infecting residents. County leaders and departments continue to do their part to protect against Covid-19 by providing PPEs and getting more farmworkers inoculated.
- Bilingual (English and Spanish) Advisory to agricultural employers on how to protect their workers against contracting Covid-19 was developed over a year ago and has been recently updated and re-distributed. The advisory was developed in partnership by Commissioner Gonzales, Norm Groot (Farm Bureau), Supervisors Alejo and Lopez, Aaron Johnson (Coastal Growers), Kim Stemler (Mo. Co. Vintners and Growers) Eric Lauritzen (Ca. Strawberry Commission), and Chris Valadez (Grower Shipper Assn).
- Notice on the efforts to prevent the spread of Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus (INSV) released and staff continues to work those problem areas.
- Ag Commissioner has received a directive from Ca. Dept of Pesticide Regulation regarding priority investigations. A priority investigation is when a minimum of 5 persons report symptoms of pesticide exposure. The directive given to the Ag Commissioner is to contact the District Attorney for the opportunity to join into the investigation of potential pesticide exposure and the opportunity to have the District Attorney prosecute in a civil or criminal manner if merited.

V. Mo.Co. Housing and Community Development- Planning

A. Avila Trust

- Project Planner: *Son Pham-Gallardo, Associate Planner*
- Project Title: Avila Trust
- Planning File No.: PLN200176
- APNs: 423-091-025-000, 423-091-038-000, 423-091-041-000 and 424-081-012-000
- Project Location: 101 South Highway 101, San Ardo & 72125 Jolon Road, Bradley, near Nacimiento Lake Drive, South County Area Plan
- Zoning: Permanent Grazing, 40-acre minimum (PG/40) and Farmlands, 40-acre minimum (F/40)
- Project Description: Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) between four legal lots of record under Williamson Act contract. The LLA would consist of: Parcel 1: 636.8 acres (Assessor's Parcel

Number: 423-091-025-000), Parcel 2; 211.9 acres (APN: 423-091-038-000); Parcel 3: 321.1 acres (APN: 423-091-041-000) and Parcel 4; 222.6 acres (APN: 424-081-012-000). The adjustment would result in four parcels of: 519.7 (Parcel A), 329 (Parcel B), 486.1 (Parcel C) and 57.6 (Parcel D), respectively.

ACTION REQUESTED: Make a recommendation to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Norm Groot, Farm Bureau commented that it appeared Parcel 1 was currently undeveloped and if the lot line adjustment, extending Parcel 1 into Parcel 2, would result in a developable situation. Attorney Blohm representing the project, answered the intent is to keep the existing vineyards intact and no proposal for development and ascertained Parcel 1 has no structural development (only vineyards and fencing).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Eastman and passed by the following vote to recommend approval.

AYES: Darington, Eastman, Ferguson, Heacox, Huntington, Marci, Storm, and Violini
NOES: None
ABSENT: Gollnick, Pearcy, Shea, and Williams
ABSTAIN: None

B. Sanders Family Vineyards LLC

- Project Planner: *Victoria Kim, Assistant Planner*
- Project Title: Sanders Family Vineyards LLC
- Planning File No.: PLN190283
- APNs: 422-311-009-000 and 422-081-064-000
- Project Location: 48251 Lockwood-Jolon Road, Lockwood, South County Area Plan
- Zoning: Rural Grazing, 40-acre minimum (RG/40) and Permanent Grazing, 40-acre minimum (PG/40)
- Project Description: Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) between two legal lots of record, one of which is under Williamson Act contract. The LLA consists of transferring approximately 70 acres from Parcel 1 (Assessor's Parcel Number 422-311-009-000; approximately 160 acres) to Parcel 2 (Assessor's Parcel Number 422-081-064-000; approximately 160 acres), resulting in two parcels of approximately 90 acres (adjusted Parcel 1) and approximately 230 acres (adjusted Parcel 2).

ACTION REQUESTED: Make a recommendation to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

MOTION: After discussion regarding if the existing Williamson Act contract would get amended to now include the parcel that is not under Williamson Act, Counsel Perry responded that the non-Williamson Act land would need to be added to the Williamson Act Contract by amending the existing Williamson Act Contract to include the new 70 acres. It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Gollnick and Heacox and passed by the following vote to

recommend approval of the project subject to a condition to amend the existing Williamson Act Contract to include the 70 acres of land currently not in Williamson Act.

AYES: Darington, Eastman, Ferguson, Heacox, Huntington, Marci, Storm, and Violini
NOES: None
ABSENT: Gollnick, Piearcy, Shea, and Williams
ABSTAIN: None

VI. Administrative Matters

- Nadia Garcia will be reviewing ethics training records and sending reminders and links to those AAC members that are due to complete their training again.
- 700 Form requests may have gone out to AAC Members for completion by the Monterey County Clerk of the Board, but AAC Members are not required to complete these and Nadia Garcia has notified the Clerk of the Board of this.
- Refresher on the AAC Committee dates vs. the Subcommittee dates and the function of the Subcommittee and member make up.

VII. Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments

No AAC comments.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.