



Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

ACTION MINUTES

Location:	<i>Held via Zoom</i>			
Date:	October 22, 2020			
Time:	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.			
	<i>Committee Members</i>	<i>Staff and Guests</i>		
	Present:	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border-right: 1px dotted black; padding-right: 5px;"> Sherwood Darington* Alex Eastman Michael Ferguson** Kurt Gollnick Nick Huntington </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding-left: 5px;"> Erik Heacox Tony Marci Matt Shea Scott Violini </td> </tr> </table>	Sherwood Darington* Alex Eastman Michael Ferguson** Kurt Gollnick Nick Huntington	Erik Heacox Tony Marci Matt Shea Scott Violini
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Absent:	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border-right: 1px dotted black; padding-right: 5px;"> Kevin Piearcy Scott Storm </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding-left: 5px;"> Kirk Williams </td> </tr> </table>	Kevin Piearcy Scott Storm	Kirk Williams	
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*left meeting early | **arrived 3:25 pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Huntington at 2:45 p.m.

II. Consent

A. Approval of minutes from September 24, 2020

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Shea and passed by the following vote to approve the September 24, 2020, meeting minutes.

AYES: Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Huntington, Shea and Violini

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ferguson, Heacox, Storm, Piearcy and Williams

ABSTAIN: Marci

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Agricultural Commissioner's Update

Henry S. Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner

- Civil penalties were issued for priority pesticide use investigations resulting in significant fine amounts;
- Safe Ag Safe Schools, an anti-pesticide group coordinated by the Berkeley-based Californians for Pesticide Reform, requested that County Agricultural Commissioners post Notices of Intent on their respective websites.

V. 2021 Williamson Act Applications

Nadia Garcia, Ag Resources and Policy Manager, Agricultural Commissioner's Office

Consider recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on eight (8) 2021 Williamson Act Applications.

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff is requesting that the Agricultural Advisory Committee consider each of the eight applications and provide their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Eastman and passed by the following vote to recommend approval of the eight (8) 2021 Williamson Act Applications to the Board of Supervisors.

AYES: Eastman, Gollnick, Huntington, Marci, Shea and Violini

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ferguson, Heacox, Pearcy, Storm and Williams

ABSTAIN: Darington

(Committee Member Ferguson joined the meeting after Item V.)

(Committee Member Darington was present but was not audible; County Counsel recommended his vote be entered as an abstention)

VI. Resource Management Agency – Planning

Leavens Ranch

Jamie Scott Guthrie, Associate Planner

- Project Title: Leavens Ranch
- Planning File No.: PLN190018
- APN: 216-013-034-000
- Project Location: Corner of River Road and Escolle Road, Soledad area, Central Salinas Valley Area Plan
- Zoning: Farmlands, 40 acre minimum or F/40
- Project Description: Use Permit for removal of 22 oak trees to accommodate installation of ground-mounted solar panels over an area of approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre (.72 acres) to support over 400 acres of agricultural operations (row crop and orchards) on the subject property and adjacent properties.

ACTION REQUESTED: Make a recommendation to the Monterey County Planning Commission.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Gollnick and Marci and passed by the following vote to recommend approval to the Monterey County Planning Commission.

AYES: Eastman, Ferguson, Gollnick, Huntington, Marci, Shea, Violini

NOES: None

ABSENT: Darington, Heacox, Pearcy, Storm and Williams

VII. Administrative Matters

None

VIII. Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments

None

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.