



# Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

## ACTION MINUTES

<b>Location:</b>	<i>Held via Zoom</i>	
<b>Date:</b>	July 22, 2021	
<b>Time:</b>	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
	<i>Committee Members</i>	<i>Staff and Guests</i>
<b>Present:</b>	Sherwood Darington Alex Eastman Michael Ferguson Kurt Gollnick Erik Heacox Tony Marci Kevin Pearcy* Matt Shea Scott Violini Kirk Williams	Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner Jose Chang, Assistant Ag Commissioner Nadia Garcia, Ag Programs Manager Jennifer Fahselt, Admin. Secretary-CNF Crystal Valdez, Office Assistant II Mary Grace Perry, Deputy County Counsel Sandra Villatoro, HCD Assistant Planner
<b>Absent:</b>	Nick Huntington and Scott Storm	

\*Committee Member Kevin Pearcy joined the meeting at 3:17 p.m. during Item V- Agricultural Commissioner's Update

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Eastman at 2:36 p.m.

### II. Additions and Corrections

No Additions or Corrections

### III. Consent- Committee Business

- Approval of minutes from May 27, 2021

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Shea and Heacox and passed by the following vote:

**AYES:** Eastman, Ferguson, Gollnick, Heacox, and Shea

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Huntington, Pearcy and Storm

**ABSTAIN:** Darington, Marci and Violini

### IV. Public Comment- On items not on the agenda.

No Public Comment.

## V. **Agricultural Commissioner's Update**

*Henry S. Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner*

- UCCE INSV Training July 14 in Spreckels. Ag Commissioner's office using weed whackers to remove INSV host weeds from a Monterey County property known as the Firestone stockpile.
- King City Office update
- C-19 mask update
- Ag Conference Center closed until further notice
- Budget approved for AgKnowledge, Ag Education, 4H Council, 2 fairs, RCD Arundo removal funding

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

## VI. **Mo.Co. Housing and Community Development- Planning**

### A. **ECCA Investments (Commercial Cannabis)**

- Project Planner: Sandra Villatoro, Assistant Planner
- Project Title: ECCA Investments
- Planning File No.: PLN170322
- APN: 137-051-027-000
- Project Location: 23640 Potter Road, Salinas, Greater Salinas Area Plan
- Zoning: Farmlands, 40-acre minimum (F/40)
- Project Description: Administrative Permit to allow the establishment of a commercial cannabis cultivation operation including cultivation/nursery in four existing greenhouse structures and warehouse space totaling 283,702 square feet and self-distribution within existing warehouses within the Farmlands Zoning [F/40] District.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Make a recommendation to the Mo. Co. Director of Planning.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Bob Roach with Mo. Co. Cannabis Industry Association commented on the Mo. Co. Agricultural Commissioner's condition of approval for this project requiring enforced communication "good neighbor communication" between agricultural neighbors (cannabis and non-cannabis) and agrees with the principle of good neighbor relations but does not agree with an imposed condition of approval requiring communication.
- Jennifer Rosenthal commented on the Mo. Co. Agricultural Commissioner's "good neighbor communication" condition that it be consistent throughout cannabis applications.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Ferguson and Gollnick and **passed** by the following vote to recommend approval to the Mo. Co. Director of Planning with the proposal to review and comment on the proposed Mo. Co. Agricultural Commissioner's communication with neighbor condition, at a later date.

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

**B. Uchida (Commercial Cannabis)**

- Project Planner: Sandra Villatoro, Assistant Planner
- Project Title: Uchida
- Planning File No.: PLN200189
- APN: 137-141-005-000
- Project Location: 2338 Alisal Rd, Salinas, Greater Salinas Area Plan
- Zoning: Farmlands, 40-acre minimum (F/40)
- Project Description: Use Permit to allow for cannabis cultivation, distribution, manufacturing, and processing at location that includes existing greenhouses, residence, a warehouse, several auxiliary buildings, and a proposal to rebuild a previously demolished greenhouse, that will result in over fifty percent of site coverage. The commercial cannabis cultivation operations include cultivation/nursery in five existing greenhouse structures and warehouse space totaling approximately 275,300 square feet (sixty-eight percent coverage of the site) within the Farmlands Zoning [F/40] District.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Make recommendation to the Mo. Co. Planning Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Public Comment

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Darrington and Shea and **passed** by the following vote to recommend approval of the project to the Planning Commission, including Ag Commissioner's change to the proposed "good neighbor" condition eliminating the 2-mile contact requirement.

**AYES:** Darrington, Eastman, Ferguson, Gollnick, Heacox, Pearcy, Marci, Violini, Shea and Williams

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Huntington and Storm

**ABSTAIN:** None

**VII. Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments**

Jennifer Fahselt with the Ag Commissioner's office reminded the Committee that pursuant to Agricultural Advisory Committee By-laws, Section 7 states that "The Committee shall select a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, who shall be elected at the July meeting or at its first meeting of each year. Officers shall serve for a one (1) year term from July 1<sup>st</sup> and shall serve until his or her successor is appointed. Officers may be re-elected by the Committee to serve more than one term." She notified the Committee members that we will be adding the voting for new Officers to the July agenda.

None.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.