



Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

ACTION MINUTES

Location:	<i>Held via Zoom</i>	
Date:	October 28, 2021	
Time:	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
Present:	<i>Committee Members</i>	<i>Staff and Guests</i>
	Sherwood Darington* Michael Ferguson Kurt Gollnick Erik Heacox Nick Huntington Kevin Piearcy** Matt Shea Alex Eastman Scott Storm***	Jose Chang, Assistant Ag Commissioner Nadia Garcia, Ag Programs Manager Crystal Valdez, Office Assistant III Mary Grace Perry, Deputy County Counsel Shawn Archbold, Assistant Planner Kayla Nelson, Assistant Planner Craig Patton, Assistant Planner Anna Quenga, Senior Planner
	Absent: Tony Marci, Kirk Williams and Scott Violini	

*Sherwood Darington left the meeting at 3:14pm after voting on item IV-2022 Williamson Act Applications.

** Kevin Piearcy joined the meeting during IV-2022 Williamson Act Applications.

*** Scott Storm left the meeting after voting on Item VII.F

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Matt Shea at 2:31 p.m.

II. Additions and Corrections

- Letter received after posting of the AAC agenda from Linda De Santiago in regards to the Williamson Act applications, Item VI

III. Consent- Committee Business

1. Approval of minutes from August 26, 2021
2. Approval of FY 2020-21 Annual Report
3. 2022 Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule
4. 2022 AAC Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Kurt Gollnick and Sherwood Darington, subject to correction to the August 26, 2021 minutes noted by Committee Member Gollnick of his attendance in the meeting and **passed** by the following vote to approve Consent-Committee Business items 1-4:

AYES: Sherwood Darington, Alex Eastman, Mike Ferguson, Kurt Gollnick, Erik Heacox, Nick Huntington, Matt Shea, Scott Storm
NOES: None
ABSENT: Kevin Pearcy, Tony Marci, Scott Violini, Kirk Williams
ABSTAIN: None

IV. Public Comment- On items not on the agenda. - None

V. Agricultural Commissioner's Update

Jose Chang, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner

- C DPR will be conducting public webinars to collect input on the design and development of a statewide system to provide notification in advance of pesticide applications. The first meeting is on November 2nd from 9-11:30am in English with Spanish interpretation and on November 3 from 5:30-8pm.
- Reminder that the Monterey County Host Free Periods for Western Celery Mosaic Virus (CMV) and Lettuce Mosaic Virus (LMV) are approaching and run from December 7th through December 21st, unless granted a permit from our office. This allows the virus cycle to break down.
- Industrial Hemp update - Staff recently sample industrial hemp sites for THC content (0.3% to be considered hemp) and all samples were within tolerance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VI. 2022 Williamson Act Applications

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

Consider recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on six (6) 2022 Williamson Act Applications.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION 1: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Kurt Gollnick and Nick Huntington and **passed** by the following vote to approve Williamson Act Applications:

- 2022-02 KVL Holdings
- 2022-03 Nixon Farms
- 2022-04 Fanoie-Johnson
- 2022-05 Martin

AYES: Sherwood Darington, Alex Eastman, Mike Ferguson, Kurt Gollnick, Erik Heacox, Nick Huntington, Kevin Pearcy, Matt Shea, Scott Storm
NOES: None
ABSENT: Tony Marci, Scott Violini, Kirk Williams
ABSTAIN: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION 2: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Kurt Gollnick and Nick Huntington and **passed** by the following vote to approve Williamson Act Application No. 2022-01 Yellow Juliet II.

AYES: Sherwood Darington, Alex Eastman, Mike Ferguson, Kurt Gollnick, Nick Huntington, Kevin Piearcy, Matt Shea, Scott Storm

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tony Marci, Scott Violini, Kirk Williams

ABSTAIN: Erik Heacox

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION 3: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Kevin Piearcy and Kurt Gollnick and **passed** by the following vote to continue Williamson Act Application No. 2022-06 De Santiago to next year's round of applications.

AYES: Sherwood Darington, Alex Eastman, Mike Ferguson, Kurt Gollnick, Erik Heacox, Nick Huntington, Kevin Piearcy, Matt Shea, Scott Storm

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tony Marci, Scott Violini, Kirk Williams

ABSTAIN: Matt Shea

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

A. SkyRose Ranch (Lot Line Adjustment- Not Williamson Act land)

- Project Planner: Kayla Nelson, Assistant Planner
- Project Title: SkyRose Ranch
- Planning File No.: PLN200145
- APNs: 424-421-001-000 and 424-421-015-000
- Project Location: 73841 and 73845 Indian Valley Rd, Parkfield, South County Area Plan
- Zoning: Farmlands, 160-acre minimum (F/160)
 - Project Description: Lot Line Adjustment between two legal lots of record, subject land not in Williamson Act.

ACTION REQUESTED: Make a recommendation to the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Chief of Planning.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Kurt Gollnick and Nick Huntington and **passed** by the following vote to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.

AYES: Alex Eastman, Mike Ferguson, Kurt Gollnick, Erik Heacox, Nick Huntington, Kevin Piearcy, Matt Shea, Scott Storm
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sherwood Darington, Tony Marci, Scott Violini, Kirk Williams
ABSTAIN: None

B. Migotti/Cali Girl Seeds (Commercial Cannabis Operation-Existing Structure)

- Project Planner: Shawn Archbold, Assistant Planner
- Project Title: Migotti/Cali Girl Seeds
- Planning File No.: PLN171039
- APN: 167-041-006-000
- Project Location: 1230 River Rd, Salinas, Central Salinas Valley Area Plan
- Zoning: Farmlands, 40-acre minimum (F/40)
- Project Description: Administrative Permit for a commercial cannabis operation including nursery and self-distribution within an existing 190 square foot metal shed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Make a recommendation to Housing and Community Department (HCD) Chief of Planning.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Michael Ferguson and Nick Huntington and passed by the following vote to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.

AYES: Alex Eastman, Mike Ferguson, Kurt Gollnick, Erik Heacox, Nick Huntington, Kevin Piearcy, Matt Shea, Scott Storm
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sherwood Darington, Tony Marci, Scott Violini, Kirk Williams
ABSTAIN: None

C. Alderete (Commercial Cannabis Operation-Existing structures)

- Project Planner: Kayla Nelson, Assistant Planner
- Project Title: Alderete
- Planning File No.: PLN170288
- APN: 269-061-014-000
- Project Location: 26100 Old Stage Rd, Gonzales, Central Salinas Valley Area Plan
- Zoning: Farmlands, 40-acre minimum (F/40)
- Project Description: Administrative Permit for a commercial cannabis operation using existing structures for cultivation, nursery, processing, non-volatile manufacturing, and self-distribution.

ACTION REQUESTED: Make a recommendation to Housing and Community Development (HCD) Chief of Planning

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Nick Huntington and Michael Ferguson and **passed** by the following vote to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.

AYES: Alex Eastman, Mike Ferguson, Kurt Gollnick, Erik Heacox, Nick Huntington, Kevin Piearcy, Matt Shea, Scott Storm

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sherwood Darington, Tony Marci, Scott Violini, Kirk Williams

ABSTAIN: None

D. Mundo PM LP/ New Leaf Family Farms (Commercial Cannabis Operation-Existing Greenhouses)

- Project Planner: Craig Patton, Assistant Planner
- Project Title: Mundo PM LP/ New Leaf Family Farms
- Planning File No.: PLN170290
- APNs: 137-121-010-000 and 137-121-013-000
- Project Location: 20260 Spence Rd, Salinas, Greater Salinas Area Plan
- Zoning: Farmlands, 40-acre minimum (F/40)
- Project Description: Administrative Permit for a commercial cannabis operation including cultivation, nursery and distribution. The project site has existing greenhouse structures, majority of which are proposed for rebuild.

ACTION REQUESTED: Make a recommendation to Housing and Community Development (HCD) Chief of Planning

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Kurt Gollnick and Nick Huntington and **passed** by the following vote to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.

AYES: Alex Eastman, Mike Ferguson, Kurt Gollnick, Erik Heacox, Nick Huntington, Kevin Piearcy, Matt Shea, Scott Storm

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sherwood Darington, Tony Marci, Scott Violini, Kirk Williams

ABSTAIN: None

E. FL Rish Farms (Commercial Cannabis Operation-Existing Greenhouses)

- Project Planner: Craig Patton, Assistant Planner
- Project Title: FLRish Farms
- Planning File No.: PLN170272 • APNs: 149-031-038-000

- Project Location: 26889 Encinal Rd, Salinas, Greater Salinas Area Plan
- Zoning: Farmlands, 40-acre minimum (F/40)
- Project Description: Administrative Permit for a commercial cannabis operation including cultivation, nursery, manufacturing, and processing. The project site has existing greenhouse structures, several proposed for demolition and reconstruction.

ACTION REQUESTED: Make a recommendation to Housing and Community Development (HCD) Chief of Planning.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Eric Heacox and Nick Huntington and **passed** by the following vote to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.

AYES: Alex Eastman, Mike Ferguson, Kurt Gollnick, Erik Heacox, Nick Huntington, Kevin Piearcy, Matt Shea, Scott Storm

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sherwood Darington, Tony Marci, Scott Violini, Kirk Williams

ABSTAIN: None

F. Rich/ Monterey Commercial (Commercial Cannabis Operation-Existing Greenhouses and Warehouse Structures)

- Project Planner: Shawn Archbold, Assistant Planner
- Project Title: Rich/Monterey Commercial
- Planning File No.: PLN200133
- APNs: 137-051-025-000
- Project Location: 23760 Potter Rd, Salinas, Central Salinas Valley Area Plan
- Zoning: Farmlands, 40-acre minimum (F/40)
- Project Description: Administrative Permit for a commercial cannabis operation including cultivation, nursery, self-distribution, non-volatile manufacturing, and processing in existing greenhouses and warehouses.

ACTION REQUESTED: Make a recommendation to Housing and Community Development (HCD) Chief of Planning

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Nick Huntington and Eric Heacox and **passed** by the following vote to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.

AYES: Alex Eastman, Kurt Gollnick, Erik Heacox, Nick Huntington, Kevin Piearcy, Matt Shea, Scott Storm

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sherwood Darington, Tony Marci, Scott Violini, Kirk Williams

ABSTAIN: Michael Ferguson

VIII. Administrative Matters/Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments

- AB 361- Brown Act Legislative Bodies and Teleconferencing during COVID-19 Pandemic
Mary Grace Perry, Deputy County Counsel, Office of the County Counsel.

ACTION REQUESTED:

- a. Receive October 28, 2021 Memo Re. AB 361 with Attachments 1-3 (1. AB 361, 2. Health Officer Recommendation, 3. AB 361 Meeting Schedule for 2021 to 1-1-2024 with excerpts from AB 361).
- b. Discuss AB 361.
- c. Provide direction to staff regarding whether the AAC would like to (i) continue to meet remotely per AB 361, (ii) resume in-person meetings, or (iii) conduct teleconference meetings according to pre-pandemic Brown Act requirements which require notice of teleconference meeting locations and public access to teleconference meeting locations.
- d. If remote meetings per AB 361 are directed, set a series of Special Meetings to adopt AB 361 findings no later than November 27, 2021 (i.e., November 18, 2021) and within every 30 days thereafter (i.e., December 16, 2021 and within every 30 days thereafter) and cancel December 2, 2021 meeting.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Kurk Gollnick and Eric Heacox and **passed** by the following vote to have the AAC meet in person beginning at the regularly scheduled December 2, 2021 meeting.

AYES: Alex Eastman, Kurt Gollnick, Erik Heacox, Nick Huntington, Kevin Piearcy, Matt Shea, Scott Storm

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sherwood Darington, Tony Marci, Scott Storm, Scott Violini, Kirk Williams

ABSTAIN: None

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.