



Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

ACTION MINUTES

Location:	<i>Held at Monterey Conference Room, Government Center, 168 West Alisal Street, CA. 93901</i>	
Date:	February 24, 2022	
Time:	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
Present:	<i>Committee Members</i>	<i>Staff and Guests</i>
	Sherwood Darington Eric Heacox Kevin Pearcy Tony Marci Matt Shea (C) Scott Storm Scott Violini Michael Ferguson	Jose Chang, Assistant Ag Commissioner Nadia Garcia, Ag Programs Manager Crystal Valdez, Office Assistant III Mary Grace Perry, Deputy County Counsel Craig Patton, Assistant Planner Ashley Paulsworth, Sustainable Program Manager Hannah Kornfeld, Ascent Environmental Trinh Retterer, JRG
Absent:	Alex Eastman (VC), Kurt Gollnick, Nick Huntington	

C- Chair
 VC- Vice Chair

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Shea at 2:34 p.m.

II. Additions and Corrections

None

III. Consent- Committee Business

1. Approval of minutes from January 27, 2022

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Heacox and passed by the following vote, subject to correction of Committee Member Tony Marci spelling of name:

AYES: Darington, Ferguson, Heacox, Shea, and Violini

NOES: None

ABSENT: Eastman, Gollnick and Huntington

ABSTAIN: Pearcy, Marci and Storm

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

- None

V. Agricultural Commissioner's Update

Jose Chang, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner

- On 2.3.2022, distribution event in King City. Distributed 8,952 bottles of hand sanitizers, 512,000 surgical masks, and 48,000 N95 respirators- Serving 30 growers, 27 Farm Labor Contractors, and 1 PCB
- On 2.10.2022, held second distribution even in Salinas distributing: 17,256 bottles of hand sanitizers- Serving 42 growers, seven Farm Labor Contractors and 1 PCB
- Ca Dept of Pesticide Regulations is in early development of statewide system providing info to the public about pesticides around them. On 2.3.2022, CDPR announced voluntary partnership with four County Ag Commissioners- Riverside, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, and Ventura- to launch a pilot project to support DPR development of a statewide pesticide application notification system. Pilot program to launch between February to July 2022 and will help inform the design and implementation of this notification system.
- I reported an ACP find last time, no new finds to report this time around and our office has taken over the servicing of the traps - 113 traps.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

Driscoll Strawberry Affiliates-Coastal Farms LLC (Commercial Cannabis Operation- Existing Structures)

- Project Planner: Craig Patton, Assistant Planner
- Project Title: Driscoll Strawberry Affiliates-Coastal Farms LLC
- Planning File No.: PLN170225
- APN: 267-012-009-000
- Project Location: 65 Kortright Lane, Aromas, North County Area Plan
- Zoning: Farmlands, 40-acre minimum (F/40).
- Project Description: Administrative Permit to allow the establishment of a commercial cannabis operation inclusive of cultivation, nursery, processing and distribution in existing greenhouses and structures totaling 12,000 square feet.

ACTION REQUESTED: Support approval by the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Chief of Planning.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Darington and Ferguson and **passed** by the following vote to support approval by the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Chief of Planning.

AYES: Darington, Ferguson, Heacox, Pearcy, Marci, Shea, Storm and Violini
NOES: None

ABSENT: Eastman, Gollnick and Huntington
ABSTAIN: None

VII. Mo. Co. Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs Office, Sustainability Program

County Climate Action Plan and Municipal Climate Action Plan

- County Staff: Ashley Paulsworth, Sustainability Program Manager

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive a presentation from Ascent Environmental regarding the County Climate Action Plan and Municipal Climate Action Plan; Discuss the greenhouse gas inventory and any feedback from stakeholders; and Provide comments to staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Norm Groot, Joe Desmond, Kim Stemler, Ben Gould, Debra McAlahney, Bob Roach.

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 February 24, 2022, 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 in person as directed during the October 28, 2021 meeting, (ii) adopt AB 361 findings and resume meeting remotely via Zoom only due to Agricultural Conference Room technical limitations, or (iii) conduct teleconference meetings according to pre-pandemic Brown Act requirements which require notice of teleconference meeting locations to be published on meeting agendas, to include the publication of addresses for teleconference meeting locations and public access to teleconference meeting locations.
- d. If remote meetings per AB 361 are directed, adopt AB361 findings as summarized in February 24, 2022 Memo Re. AB 361 and set a series of Special Meetings to adopt AB 361 findings set forth in Attachment 3 of said Memo.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Storm and Darington and **passed** by the following vote to continue to meet in person.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.