



# Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

## ACTION MINUTES

<b>Location:</b>	<i>Ag Conference Center, 1428 Abbott Street, Salinas, CA. 93901</i>	
<b>Date:</b>	August 25, 2022	
<b>Time:</b>	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
<b>Present:</b>	<i>Committee Members</i>	<i>Staff and Guests</i>
	Sherwood Darington Alex Eastman (VC) Erik Heacox Nick Huntington Kevin Pearcy* Matt Shea (C) Scott Violini	Jose Chang, Assistant Ag Commissioner Nadia Garcia, Ag Programs Manager Mary Grace Perry, Deputy County Counsel Julianna De La Paz, Admin Secretary-Confidential (AgC) Kayla Nelson, Associate Planner/HCD Liaison Taylor Price, Assistant Planner, HCD Ric Encarnacion, Bureau Chief/ Director EHB Roger VanHorn, REHS EHB Trinh Retterer, JRG
<b>Absent:</b>	Michael Ferguson, Kurt Gollnick, Scott Storm	

C- Chair, VC- Vice Chair

\*K. Pearcy arrived during Item V.

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Matt Shea at 2:44 p.m.

### II. Additions and Corrections

- *None*

### III. Consent- Committee Business

1. Approval of minutes from July 28, 2022

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Darington and passed by the following vote:

**AYES:** Darington, Eastman, Huntington, Heacox, Shea, and Violini

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Ferguson, Gollnick, Storm, Pearcy

**ABSTAIN:** None

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

- *None*

### V. Agricultural Commissioner's Update

*Jose Change, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner*

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*(Minutes approved on September 22, 2022, regularly scheduled meeting)*

- We hired three new inspectors/biologists.
- Weights and Measures Inspector is retiring at the end of September.
- INSV Taskforce reports that the number of infected fields are more than double than this time last year as those fields have a higher level of infestation.
- Organic numbers have been updated. We found out that we were using the wrong table from CDFA to calculate registered organic acres. The information has been corrected online.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- *None*

**VI. Mo. Co. Housing and Community Development – Planning / Mo. Co. Health Department**

**A. Cultivar Inc./Del Real, Ramon and Evangelina- Commercial Cannabis- Existing Structures**

- Project Planner: Kayla Nelson, Associate Planner for Kenny Taylor, Associate Planner
- Project Title: Cultivar Inc/Del Real, Ramon and Evangelina
- Planning File No.: PLN170203
- APN: 137-061-029-000
- Project Location: 28600 Encinal Rd, Salinas, Greater Salinas Area Plan
- Zoning: Farmlands, 40 acres minimum (F/40)
- Project Description: Administrative Permit for commercial cannabis operation for cultivation, nursery, nonvolatile manufacturing, and self-distribution within existing greenhouses/warehouses totaling approximately 295,850 square feet (either standing or previously demolished) with proposal for approximately 284,345 square feet.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Recommend support approval to the HCD Chief of Planning.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *None*

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Heacox and Darington and **passed** by the following vote to recommend approval to the HCD Chief of Planning.

**AYES:** Darington, Eastman, Huntington, Heacox, Shea, Violini, and Pierarcy

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Ferguson, Gollnick, Storm

**ABSTAIN:** None

**B. Updates to Monterey County Code Chapter 15.08: Conditions of Approval Permit Language and Definitions for Agricultural, Domestic and Replacement Wells**

- Project Manager: Roger Van Horn, REHS, Environmental Health Wells Program
- Project Title: Updates to Monterey County Code Chapter 15.08 (Wells and COAs)
- APN: Not Applicable
- Project Location: County-wide

- Project Description: Proposed update to MCC Chapter 15.08 adding definitions for agricultural, domestic and replacement wells and adding standard conditions of approval language for permits.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Review and support, provide comments and input on proposed definitions for agricultural, domestic and replacement wells and the language for standard conditions of approval for permits.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Marc Del Piero, *Ag Land Trust*  
Mike Novo, *Ag Land Trust*  
Adam Secondo  
Norm Groot, *Mo. Co. Farm Bureau*

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Eastman and Huntington to have item **continued** and staff return to AAC at an uncertain date.

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

**C. Workshop- County of Monterey Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program**

- Project Planner: Taylor Price, Assistant Planner for Melanie Beretti, Principal Planner
- Project Title: County of Monterey Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program
- Planning File No.: REF220044
- APN: Not Applicable
- Project Location: Inland areas of the unincorporated Monterey County
- Project Description: Conduct a workshop to receive preliminary policy alternatives and provide direction to staff for developing ordinance(s) to mitigate the loss of agricultural lands due to development in the Inland portions of the unincorporated areas of Monterey County.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Provide direction to staff for developing ordinance(s). This is a second workshop to continue the discussion from July 28, 2022 AAC meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Adam Secondo  
Mike Novo, *Ag Land Trust*  
Marc Del Piero, *Ag Land Trust*  
Tom Ward, *Land Watch*

**MOTION:** *None; Provided feedback to staff. Staff to return to the AAC with suggested updates.*

**D. Vacation Rentals on Agriculturally Zoned Properties- County of Monterey**

- Project Planner: Taylor Price, Assistant Planner for Melanie Beretti, Principal Planner
- Project Title: Vacation Rentals in the Unincorporated County of Monterey
- Planning File No.: REF100042 and REF1300437
- APN: Not Applicable
- Project Location: County-wide unincorporated Monterey County
- Project Description: Receive an update and provide input to staff (specifically on vacation rentals on agriculturally zoned properties) on draft ordinances amending Title 7 (Vacation Rental Operation Permits and Business Licenses), Title 20 (Coastal Zoning), and Title 21 (Inland Zoning) to establish regulations for Vacation Rentals in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Provide direction to staff for developing ordinance(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mike Novo, *Ag Land Trust*

Marc Del Piero, *Ag Land Trust*

**MOTION:** *None; Provided feedback to staff. Staff to return to the AAC with suggested updates.*

**VII. Administrative Matters/Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments**

- *None*

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.