



Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

ACTION MINUTES

Location:	<i>Ag Conference Center, 1428 Abbott Street, Salinas, CA. 93901</i>	
Date:	October 27, 2022	
Time:	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
	<i>Committee Members</i>	<i>Staff and Guests</i>
	Present: Kurt Gollnick Mike Ferguson Erik Heacox Nick Huntington* Kevin Pearcey Matt Shea (C) Scott Violini	Henry S. Gonzales, Ag Commissioner Rich Ordonez, Chief Deputy Ag Commissioner Nadia Garcia, Ag Programs Manager Mary Grace Perry, Deputy County Counsel Julianna De La Paz, Admin Secretary-Confidential (AgC) Crystal Valdez, Office Assistant III (AgC) Ric Encarnacion, Bureau Chief/ Director EHB Roger VanHorn, REHS EHB Tim Baldwin, Noland, Hamerly, Etienne & Hoss Nick Davis, Brigantino Co Kristina Nunes, Nunes Co Robert Roach John Baillie Wendy Strimling, Deputy County Counsel
Absent:	Sherwood Darington, Alex Eastman (VC), Scott Storm	

C- Chair; VC (Vice Chair)

*Nick Huntington arrived after Item III, 2:35 pm.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Matt Shea at 2:33 p.m.

II. Additions and Corrections

- *None*

III. Consent- Committee Business

1. Approval of minutes from August 25, 2022, AAC Meeting
2. Approval of FY 2021-22 Annual Report
3. 2023 Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule
4. 2023 AAC Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Gollnick and Ferguson and **passed** by the following vote:

AYES: Gollnick, Ferguson, Heacox, Shea, Pearcey and Violini
NOES: None

ABSENT: Darington, Storm, Eastman, Huntington
ABSTAIN: None

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

- *None*

V. Agricultural Commissioner's Update

Henry S Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner

- The county is recruiting for a successor ag commissioner. The county plans to have someone in place by the end of December.
- The lettuce mosaic virus host free period is from Dec 7 – 21. No lettuce is allowed to be grown above ground in the principal lettuce growing areas of the county to reduce the incidence of lettuce mosaic virus in the environment. Ag Inspector/Biologists will be surveying the county for lettuce during this period.
- The celery mosaic virus host period is Jan 1 – 31. No celery is allowed to be grown to reduce the incidence of celery mosaic virus in the environment. Ag Inspector/Biologists will be surveying the county for celery during this period.
- The exotic/invasive pest detection season wrapped up no finds.
- We received a restricted materials permit challenge from Earthjustice. The challenge is for permits issued within one mile of 3 schools in North county.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- *None*

VI. 2023 Williamson Act Applications

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

ACTION REQUESTED: Make recommendation to approve applications: 1 (Pura), 2 (Nunes), 4 (Solari), 5 (Cauley), 6 (SkyRoseRanch), 7 (Wayland), and 8 (Storm) to the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None*

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Piearcy and Gollnick to approve applications: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and **passed** by the following vote to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.

AYES: Gollnick, Ferguson Huntington, Shea, Piearcy and Violini

NOES: None

ABSENT: Darington, Storm, Eastman

ABSTAIN: Heacox (recused on Application No. 7 for Wayland)

ACTION REQUESTED: Make recommendation to approve Willoughby, Application 3, as a whole application and include all APNs and legal lots of record which involves Parcels I, II, and III to the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tim Baldwin, Bob Roach

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Pearcey and **passed** by the following vote to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.

AYES: Gollnick, Ferguson, Huntington, Heacox, Shea, Pearcey and Violini

NOES: None

ABSENT: Darington, Storm, Eastman

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION REQUESTED: Make recommendation to deny without prejudice De Santiago application no. 9 to the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None*

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Gollnick and Heacox and **passed** by the following vote to recommend denial without prejudice to the Board of Supervisors.

AYES: Gollnick, Ferguson, Huntington, Heacox, Pearcey and Violini

NOES: None

ABSENT: Darington, Storm, Eastman

ABSTAIN: Shea (recused for De Santiago)

VII. Mo. Co. Health Department

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.

MOTION: Workshop and no motion needed.

VII. Administrative Matters/Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments

Reappointment of John Baillie as the Agricultural Advisory Committee's representative to the Water Resources Agency (WRA) Board of Supervisors for a three-year term from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026.

ACTION: Consider the reappointment of John Baillie to the WRA Board of Directors and direct staff to submit a letter of recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Heacox and Violini to approve the reappointment of John Baillie to the WRA Board of Directors and direct staff to submit a letter of recommendation of his appointment to the County Board of Supervisors.

AYES: Gollnick, Ferguson, Huntington, Heacox, Shea, Piearcy and Violini

NOES: None

ABSENT: Darington, Storm, Eastman

ABSTAIN: None

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.