



Agricultural Advisory Committee Ad Hoc Subcommittee - (AACS)

ACTION MINUTES

Location:	<i>Ag Conference Center, 1428 Abbott Street, Salinas, CA. 93901</i>	
Date:	May 8, 2023	
Time:	3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	
Present:	<i>Committee Members</i>	<i>Staff and Guests</i>
	Sherwood Darington Marc Del Piero Nick Huntington Norm Groot – VC	Nadia Garcia, <i>AG Commissioner’s Office</i> Julianna De La Paz, <i>AG Commissioner’s Office</i> Mary Grace Perry, <i>Deputy County Counsel</i> Melanie Beretti, <i>Principal Planner, HCD</i> Taylor Price, <i>Assistant Planner, HCD</i> Kathryn Avila, <i>Avila Construction</i> Robert Roach, <i>Ag Land Trust</i> Chris Steinbruner Ben Work
Absent:	Scott Violini - C Kurt Gollnick Mike Ferguson	

C- Chair; VC- Vice Chair

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 3:05 p.m. by Vice Chair Norm Groot.

II. Additions and Corrections

No additions or corrections.

III. Consent – Committee Business

1. Approval of minutes from *April 24, 2023*
2. Receive a copy of the adopted City of Gonzales Ag Land Mitigation Program

MOTION: Approve *Consent Items*. It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Huntington and Del Piero and **passed** by the following vote:

AYES: Del Piero, Huntington, and Groot
NOES: None
ABSENT: Ferguson, Gollnick, and Violini
ABSTAIN: Darington

IV. Public Comment: No public comment

V. Monterey County Housing and Community Development - Planning Department

Agricultural Conservation Mitigation Program

- Project Planner: Melanie Beretti, Principal Planner & Taylor Price, Assistant Planner
- Project Title: Ag Conservation Mitigation Program
- Planning File: REF220044
- APN: Not Applicable
- Project Location: Inland areas of the unincorporated Monterey County
- Project Description: Preliminary Draft Ordinance for mitigation requirements for development on agricultural lands.

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive a presentation on proposed options and consider the Draft Ordinance Adding Chapter 21.92 to Monterey County Code Related to Mitigation Requirements for Development on Farmland; provide input to staff; and recommend staff bring the revised draft ordinance to the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) for consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kathryn Avila, Bob Roach, Chris Steinbruner

MOTION: Motion 1 – Not support staff’s recommendation as shown on slide 11 of the PowerPoint Presentation, and change the ratios to the following:

Outside Community Areas & Rural Center Boundary

- Important Farmland 2:1
- Prime Farmland 2:1.

Inside Community Areas & Rural Center Boundary

- Important Farmland 1.5:1
- Prime Farmland 1.5:1

It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Darington and Del Piero and **failed** by the following vote:

AYES: Darington, Del Piero
NOES: Huntington, Groot
ABSENT: Ferguson, Gollnick, and Violini
ABSTAIN: None

MOTION: Motion 2 – Support staff’s recommendation as shown on slide 11 of the PowerPoint Presentation detailing the following:

Outside Community Areas & Rural Center Boundary

- Important Farmland 1.5:1

- Prime Farmland 2:1.
Inside Community Areas & Rural Center Boundary
- Important Farmland 1.25:1
- Prime Farmland 1.5:1

It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Groot and Huntington and **failed** by the following vote:

AYES: Huntington, Groot
NOES: Darington, Del Piero
ABSENT: Ferguson, Gollnick, and Violini
ABSTAIN: None

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.