



Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

ACTION MINUTES

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| Location: | <i>Ag Conference Center, 1428 Abbott Street, Salinas, CA. 93901</i> | |
| Date: | April 27, 2023 | |
| Time: | 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. | |
| Present: | <i>Committee Members</i> | <i>Staff and Guests</i> |
| | Sherwood Darington Alex Eastman (VC) Matt Shea (C) Mike Ferguson Erik Heacox Nick Huntington* CJ Miller | Juan Hidalgo, Ag Commissioner Nadia Garcia, Ag Programs Manager Mary Grace Perry, Deputy County Counsel Julianna De La Paz, Admin Secretary-Confidential (AgC) Kayla Nelson, HCD Planning Mary Israel, HCD Planning Dale Ellis, Lombardo & Associates |
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| Absent: | Kurt Gollnick, Kevin Pearcey, Scott Storm, Scott Violini | |

C- Chair; VC- Vice Chair

*Nick Huntington arrived after Item III at 3:02 pm.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Matt Shea at 2:33 pm.

II. Additions and Corrections

- *None*

III. Consent- Committee Business

1. Approval of minutes from January 26, 2023, AAC Meeting

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Eastman and Heacox and **passed** by the following vote:

AYES: Darington, Eastman, Ferguson, Heacox, Shea, and Miller

NOES: None

ABSENT: Gollnick, Huntington*, Pearcey, Storm, and Violini

ABSTAIN: None

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

- *None*

V. Agricultural Commissioner's Update

Juan Hidalgo, Agricultural Commissioner & Nadia Garcia, Ag Programs Manager

- *Winter Storms: Working with Growers on getting flood damage impact data as a result of the March Storms, we are still gathering and putting data together. We will have information within the next couple of weeks, impacts of \$330 million of dollars from January, and with recent March storms damage is expected to increase. We will have more information to share soon.*
- *Ag Pass – Given by Nadia Garcia – adopted last Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors, if you meet certain criteria – SRA and take fire training, you will receive an AG Pass badge that will allow you to evacuate livestock, equipment, crop – all depends on the nature of the disaster. Application deadline is May 26, 2023. Fire and Safety Training will be held on Monday, June 5th or Tuesday, June 6th here at the Ag Conference Center. Application filing and the AG Pass Badges will have no cost to applicant. Each application can have up to 3 badge holders. The program will expand to floodplain areas and will continue to have stakeholder meetings to gather feedback to expand the program from Fire areas.*
- *New AAC Member – CJ Miller appointed by District 2.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- *None*

VI. Monterey County Housing and Community Development - Planning Department

Hermalina Gard PLN210223

- Project Planner: Mary Israel, Supervising Planner
- Project Title: Gard, Hermalina
- Planning File No.: PLN210223
- APNs: 261-101-006-000
- Project Location: 442 Boronda Road, Salinas CA
- Zoning: Boronda Community Area, Greater Salinas Area Plan.
- Project Description: Standard subdivision of a four-acre lot with an existing dwelling and accessory buildings into sixteen new residential lots plus one remainder lot, site improvements including drainage basin & road; and 6,300 cubic yards of grading (3,700 cubic yards fill & 2,900 cubic yards of export). The property is located at 442 Boronda Road, Salinas (Assessor's Parcel Number 261-101-006-000), Boronda Community Area, Greater Salinas Area Plan.

ACTION REQUESTED: Provide recommendations to HCD – Planning Staff regarding conditions and/or mitigation measures as a preliminary review of the applicant's sketch of Agricultural Buffer of less than 200 feet.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- *None*

The AAC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS the following agricultural buffer measures for pesticide drift protection:

- Construction of a 7-foot wall at the 20ft setback line from Boronda Rd for proposed Lot 1 (as presented on Attachment 3, AAC 4.27.2023, Item VI. (Included in the Ag Buffer Easement document)

- In addition to the 7-foot wall described above, vegetative buffer within the 20 foot setback between Boronda Rd and Lot 1 (included in the Ag Buffer Easement document)
- Ag Neighbor relations: To reduce potential conflicts with ag growers in the immediate vicinity, the applicant/developer should engage in conversation with the ag growers in the vicinity (owners and lessees) to inform each other of their activities. Ag growers can advise of their crop operations and activities to reduce incompatible issues.

VII. Administrative Matters/Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments

Consider the nomination of two (2) nominees as the Agricultural Advisory Committee's representatives to the Water Resources Agency (WRA) Board of Directors for a three-year term from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026, pursuant to Sec. 49. Manner of appointment; experience. Section 49 (b) (4) of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Shea and Huntington and **passed** by the following vote to nominate John Baillie and Mitch Moss as the Agricultural Advisory Committee's representatives to the Water Resources Agency (WRA) Board of Directors.

AYES: Darington, Eastman, Ferguson, Heacox, Shea, Miller, and Huntington

NOES: None

ABSENT: Gollnick, Pearcey, Storm, and Violini

ABSTAIN: None

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.