

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FY 2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT



County of Monterey
Agricultural Commissioner's Office
1428 Abbott Street • Salinas, CA 93901

*Approved by the Agricultural Advisory Committee on August 24, 2017.
Accepted by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on September 26, 2017.*

Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Agricultural Advisory Committee is to advise and recommend to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and other county boards, commissions, and departments on matters affecting or of interest to the agricultural industry.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) consists of 13 members who are residents of the County of Monterey and represent agricultural interests. Each member can serve up to three, three-year terms.

During FY 2016-17 Committee Officers were: ***Bill Lipe, Chair*** and ***Dr. Alex Eastman, Vice Chair***.

Supervisors' Appointees

Kurt Gollnick ~ District 1
Stephen de Lorimier ~ District 2
Kirk Williams ~ District 3
Steve Ray ~ District 4*
Val King ~ District 4*
Matt Shea ~ District 5

Agricultural Association Representatives

David Costa ~ Grower-Shipper Association of Central California
Allen Davis ~ California Strawberry Commission
William (Bill) Lipe ~ Monterey County Farm Bureau
Scott Storm ~ Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association
Scott Violini ~ Monterey County Cattlemen's Association

At-Large Members

Jocelyn Bridson
Alexandra Eastman, DVM
Nick Huntington

**Steve Ray left the Committee in May 2017 at which time Val King was appointed.*

Month / Subject	Speaker	Action / Recommendation
July 28, 2016		
Approval April 28, 2016 meeting minutes	<i>Committee</i>	Approved with amendment.
Public Comments	<i>Norm Groot Executive Director Monterey County Farm Bureau</i>	No action necessary
Agricultural Commissioner's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soberanes Fire • Animal Legal Defense Fund Lawsuit • Pesticides and Schools • Field Posting Pilot Program 	<i>Bob Roach Assistant Agricultural Commissioner</i>	No action necessary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 Crop Report • Solar Ordinance • Integrated Regional Water Management Program • 2016 Weed Symposium • Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary • Countywide initiative called GoGreen 	<i>Christina McGinnis Ag Resources and Policy Manager</i>	No action necessary
Public Comments	<i>Norm Groot Executive Director Monterey County Farm Bureau</i>	No action necessary
<u>Resource Management Agency</u> Commercial Medical Cannabis Cultivation Status update and discussion of Commercial Medical Cannabis (Marijuana) Cultivation in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County.	<i>Craig Spencer Associate Planner, Long Range Planning Team</i>	Committee received the report and provided feedback.
Public Comments	<i>Norm Groot Executive Director Monterey County Farm Bureau</i>	No action necessary
Administrative Matters Elect new Committee Officers	<i>Committee</i>	Committee elected a Chair and postponed election of a Vice Chair.

Month / Subject	Speaker	Action / Recommendation
September 22, 2016		
Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 28, 2016, meeting minutes • FY 2015-16 annual report 	Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved meeting minutes. • Annual report was approved for submission to the Board of Supervisors.
Agricultural Commissioner's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Legal Defense Fund Lawsuit • Schools' Pilot Program • Lawsuit against Dow Chemical • US EPA report on glyphosate • Fumigation notification regulation • Press briefing regarding posting pilot project and farmworker information card 	<i>Eric Lauritzen</i> <i>Agricultural Commissioner</i>	No action necessary
<u>Resource Management Agency</u>		
A. Williamson Act Non-Renewals Received report on three Ag Preserve Land Conservation Contracts not meeting requirements.	<i>Nadia Amador</i> <i>Associate Planner</i>	Committee moved to support staff recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
B. Draft Solar Panel Ordinance Update Received update on ordinance and next steps.	<i>Nadia Amador</i> <i>Associate Planner</i>	No action necessary.
C. Commercial Medical Marijuana Ordinance Options Received report and provided feedback.	<i>Craig Spencer</i> <i>Associate Planner</i>	Committee received the report and provided feedback.
Administrative Matters Elect Committee Chair	<i>Committee</i>	Committee voted to appoint Dr. Alex Eastman as the Vice Chair.
October 27, 2016		
Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 22, 2016, meeting minutes • 2017 Ag Advisory Committee meeting schedule • 2017 Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting schedule 	<i>Committee</i>	Approved meeting minutes and 2017 meeting schedule for the Committee and the Subcommittee.

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Agricultural Commissioner's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticides and Schools • Animal Legal Defense Fund Lawsuit 	<i>Bob Roach</i> <i>Assistant Agricultural Commissioner</i>	No action necessary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illegal firebreak on private property • Weather data conference 	<i>Christina McGinnis</i> <i>Ag Resources and Policy Manager</i>	No action necessary
<u>Resource Management Agency – Planning</u> 2017 New Williamson Act Applications Consider recommendation of applications Provide input and recommendations for a separate application	<i>Nadia Amador</i> <i>Associate Planner</i>	Committee voted on each application.
February 23, 2017		
Consent October 27, 2016, meeting minutes	<i>Committee</i>	Approved
Agricultural Commissioner's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Supervisors Special Meeting • Wildlife Services Update • Farmworker Advisory Committee 	<i>Eric Lauritzen</i> <i>Agricultural Commissioner</i>	No action necessary.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 Crop Report • Development Review Committee meetings • World Heritage Animal Genomic Repository & Veterinary Institute 	<i>Christina McGinnis</i> <i>Ag Resources and Policy Manager</i>	No action necessary.
<u>Resource Management Agency</u> A. Replacement of Bridges on Williamson Act Land Provide input on mitigation options.	<i>José Gomez</i> <i>Assistant Engineer/Project Manager,</i> <i>Public Works</i>	Committee provided input.
Public Comment	<i>Sherwood Darrington</i> <i>Ag Land Trust</i>	No action necessary.
B. Brown Bulb Ranch, LTD Rezone	<i>N/A</i>	Item pulled

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C. Alderson Trust Lot Line Adjustment Lot line adjustment between four lots of record under Ag Preserve Land Conservation Contract	<i>Nadia Amador</i> <i>Associate Planner</i>	Committee recommended the Planning Department move forward with the application with stipulation it be compatible with the Williamson Act findings.
June 22, 2017		
Call to Order Introduction of new committee member Val King who replaced Steve Ray.	<i>Committee</i>	No action necessary.
Consent February 23, 2017, meeting minutes	<i>Committee</i>	Approved
Agricultural Commissioner's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Services CEQA Environmental Review • Farmworker Advisory Committee • 2016 Crop Report Release 	<i>Bob Roach</i> <i>Assistant Agricultural Commissioner</i>	No action necessary.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short film to be shown at Crop Report release 	<i>Christina McGinnis</i> <i>Ag Resources and Policy Manager</i>	No action necessary.
<u>Resource Management Agency</u>		
A. Commercial Medical Cannabis Cultivation	<i>N/A</i>	Item pulled
B. Combined Development Permit Use Permit for 22,052 square foot agricultural support facility and use permit for 159,721 square feet of non-soil dependent breeding greenhouses and screen houses upon completion of two-stage build-out.	<i>Nadia Amador</i> <i>Associate Planner</i>	Stephen de Lorimier recused himself from this item. Committee recommended approval of this development project as it met General Plan policies AG1.4, AG2.4, AG2.6 and AG3.3.
C. Casa Boronda Farmworker Housing Project Combined development use permit for construction of 75-unit Ag Employee Housing Complex, General Development Plan and a lot line adjustment.	<i>Nadia Amador</i> <i>Associate Planner</i>	Committee recommended to the Planning Department acceptance of this project.

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D. Interlake Tunnel Economic Study Receive verbal report, provide input and recommendations to help shape the Request for Proposal for the study.	<i>Christina McGinnis</i> <i>Ag Resources and Policy Manager</i>	Committee provided input and made recommendations for consideration by MCWRA.

End of report