



# Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

## ACTION MINUTES

<b>Location:</b>	Agricultural Commissioner's Office Ag Center Conference Room 1428 Abbott Street Salinas, CA 93901		
<b>Date:</b>	January 25, 2018		
<b>Time:</b>	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.		
<b>Attendees:</b>	<i>Committee Members</i>		<i>Staff &amp; Guests</i>
	Jocelyn Bridson	Val King	Mary Grace Perry, Deputy County Counsel Bob Roach, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner Kathy Nielsen, Agricultural Commissioner's Office
Steve de Lorimier	Bill Lipe		
Alex Eastman	Matt Shea		
Kurt Gollnick	Scott Storm		
Erik Heacox	Scott Violini		
Nick Huntington	Kirk Williams		
<b>Absent:</b>	Allen Davis		

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Lipe at 2:30 p.m.

### II. CONSENT

- A. Approve the October 26, 2017, meeting minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee;
- B. Approve the 2018 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting schedule;
- C. Approve the 2018 Agricultural Advisory Committee Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting schedule

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Shea and Eastman, respectively, to approve items A, B and C.

**AYES:** Bridson, de Lorimier, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, Huntington, King, Lipe, Shea, Storm, Violini and Williams

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Davis

### III. Public Comment

None

*Item VI. Water Resources Board of Directors was moved up on the agenda at Committee's request.*

**IV. Water Resources Board of Directors**

Nominations to the Board of Supervisors from the Agricultural Advisory committee for the Water Resources Agency Board of Directors.

**ACTION:** 1) Discuss proposed nominees and decide upon two names for submission;  
2) Direct Agricultural Commissioner's staff to prepare and send a recommendation letter to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Committee.

Four people applied for the position left vacant by the passing of David Hart:

1. Kevin Healy
2. Bill Hammond
3. John Baillie
4. Benny Jefferson

Chair Lipe asked the two applicants who were at the meeting (Kevin Healy and Bill Hammond) to introduce themselves and provide some background.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Colby Perreira

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Lipe and Storm, respectively, to nominate Bill Hammond as the primary nominee and Kevin Healy as the secondary nominee.

**AYES:** Bridson, de Lorimier, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, Huntington, King, Lipe, Shea, Storm, Violini and Williams

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Davis

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Lipe and Eastman, respectively, to direct the Agricultural Commissioner's staff to submit a letter nominating Bill Hammond and Kevin Healy to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Committee.

**AYES:** Bridson, de Lorimier, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, Huntington, King, Lipe, Shea, Storm, Violini and Williams

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Davis

**V. Agricultural Commissioner's Update**

*Bob Roach, Acting Agricultural Commissioner*

- Announcement of Eric Lauritzen's new position with CDPR;
- Wildlife Services update;
- Cannabis;
- Maintenance of Effort;
- Organic certification workshop to be held on March 7, 2018.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Colby Perreira

**VI. Administrative Matters**

A. Proposed Bylaws Update

**ACTION:** 1) Review and discuss proposed bylaws change;  
2) Direct Agricultural Commissioner's staff to submit updated bylaws to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors for approval.

- The Committee discussed the proposed changes and received explanation as to the changes in the bylaws;
- Committee members will need to take it upon themselves to step down from their appointments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

B. Term Expirations and Reappointments

Committee members were reminded of their term expiration dates and encouraged to complete their required ethics training in a timely manner.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**IX. Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments**

None

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen Nielsen*  
Agricultural Commissioner's Office