



Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

ACTION MINUTES

Location:	Agricultural Commissioner’s Office Ag Center Conference Room 1428 Abbott Street Salinas, CA 93901		
Date:	February 22, 2018		
Time:	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.		
Attendees:	<i>Committee Members</i>		<i>Staff & Guests</i>
	Jocelyn Bridson Allen Davis Alex Eastman Kurt Gollnick Erik Heacox Val King	Bill Lipe Matt Shea Scott Storm Scott Violini Kirk Williams	Melanie Beretti, RMA Mary Perry, Deputy County Counsel Bob Roach, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner Kathy Nielsen, Agricultural Commissioner’s Office
Absent:	Steve de Lorimier Nick Huntington		

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSENT

Approve the January 25, 2018, meeting minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee;

MOTION: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Gollnick and Bridson, respectively, to approve the January 25, 2018, meeting minutes.

AYES: Bridson, Davis, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, King, Lipe, Shea, Storm, Violini and Williams

NOES: None

ABSENT: de Lorimier, Huntington

III. Public Comment

Adam Pinterits

IV. Agricultural Commissioner’s Update

Bob Roach, Acting Agricultural Commissioner

- The Wildlife Services Program EIR goes to the Board of Supervisors on March 13, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. for certification
- While not announced officially, Henry Gonzales has been selected as the County Ag Commissioner. He is a former employee of Monterey County and is expected to be appointed on February 27, 2018.

V. Short-term Rentals (STRs)

Melanie Beretti, Special Programs Manager, Resource Management Agency

Receive input from the Committee regarding how to address STRs on agricultural lands in the short-term rental ordinance under development; staff plans to develop draft ordinances and present to the Planning Commission in spring 2018.

ACTION: Receive the Agricultural Advisory Committee's input regarding:

- a) Short-term rentals for overnight accommodations in agricultural zones that allow residential uses in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County;
- b) STRs on lands under a Williamson Act contract.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau

Handouts regarding Williamson Act Compatible Uses were provided to the AAC by County Counsel.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee offered the following input regarding STRs:

- Buffer zone
- Rent to different people not under the same contract but at the same time
- Proof of access (roads and easements)
- Adequate parking*
- Ability to rent out multiple dwellings on farms and ranches
- Hunts – some farms and ranches have longstanding traditions

**Per Ms. Beretti, one space for every two rooms; have parking guidelines. Reactive code enforcement, complaints are investigated but STRs are considered a Level 3 Priority and do not receive quick responses. Fines are increased to address recurring problems.*

This item is expected to return to the AAC in approximately two months.

VI. Administrative Matters

None

VII. Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments

None

VIII. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Nielsen

Agricultural Commissioner's Office