



# Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

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## ACTION MINUTES

<b>Location:</b>	Agricultural Commissioner’s Office Ag Center Conference Room 1428 Abbott Street Salinas, CA 93901		
<b>Date:</b>	September 27, 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 Alex Eastman Erik Heacox Bill Lipe	Dennis Sites Scott Storm Scott Violini Kirk Williams	Joann Iwamoto, Cannabis Coordinator John Dugan, Resource Management Agency Brandon Swanson, RMA Services Manager Kelly Donlon, Deputy County Counsel Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner Bob Roach, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner Kathy Nielsen, Agricultural Commissioner’s Office
<b>Absent:</b>	Allen Davis Kurt Gollnick	Nick Huntington Matt Shea	

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Lipe at 2:35 p.m.

Chair Lipe welcomed new Committee Member Dennis Sites representing District 2.

**II. CONSENT**

Approve the May 24, 2018, meeting minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Eastman, respectively, to approve the May 24, 2018, meeting minutes.

**AYES:** Bridson, Eastman, Heacox, Lipe, Sites, Storm, Violini, Williams

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Davis, Gollnick, Huntington, Shea

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**IV. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER’S UPDATE**

*Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner*

I am pleased to be in front of this committee and to be back in Monterey County where I started my career.

**Public Comment**

Committee member Violini thanked Bob Roach for all he did during the interim of no agricultural commissioner.

**V. CANNABIS UPDATE** (*Informational*)

Bob Roach, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner, County of Monterey  
Joann Iwamoto, Cannabis Coordinator, County of Monterey  
Resource Management Agency Staff  
Brandon Swanson, RMA Services Manager, County of Monterey  
John Dugan, Deputy Director of Land Use & Development, County of Monterey

The Committee received an update of the Monterey County Cannabis Program and was shown a PowerPoint presentation outlining the program's strategic plan goals, accomplishments, performance measures and hemp land use.

**VI. INDUSTRIAL HEMP UPDATE** (*Informational*)

*Bob Roach, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner, County of Monterey*

The Committee received an update on industrial hemp.

**Public Comment – Items V. and VII.**

Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau  
Wayne Richman, California Hemp Association  
Keston Giudici, L.A. Hearne Company  
Richard D'Andrade, Solare, Inc.  
Josh Chase, Kumbaya  
Michelle House, Monterey County Health Department

**VII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

*A. Agricultural Advisory Committee FY 2017-18 Annual Report*

- ACTION:** 1) Review and approve the Annual Report;  
2) Direct staff to submit the report to the Board of Supervisors.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Eastman and Bridson, respectively, to approve the annual report and direct staff to submit the report to the Board of Supervisors.

**AYES:** Bridson, Eastman, Heacox, Lipe, Sites, Storm, Violini, Williams  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Davis, Gollnick, Huntington, Shea

*B. Vacancies*

As their appointees to the Agricultural Advisory Committee have resigned, District 4, represented by Val King, and the California Strawberry Commission, represented by Allen Davis, are seeking new representatives.

*C. Bylaws*

The bylaws changes were approved by the Board of Supervisors.

**VIII. Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments**

Committee Member Violini commented on the agricultural community's responsibility to clean up debris that falls off the farming vehicles.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen Nielsen*  
Agricultural Commissioner's Office