



# Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

## Special Meeting

### ACTION MINUTES

<b>Location:</b>	Agricultural Commissioner's Office Ag Center Conference Room 1428 Abbott Street Salinas, CA 93901		
<b>Date:</b>	April 16, 2019		
<b>Time:</b>	2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.		
<b>Attendees:</b>	<i>Committee Members</i>		<i>Staff &amp; Guests</i>
	Sherwood Darington Kurt Gollnick Erik Heacox Bill Lipe, Chair	Matt Shea Scott Storm Scott Violini	Brandon Swanson, Interim RMA Chief of Planning Nadia Garcia, Associate Planner, RMA Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner Mary Perry, Deputy County Counsel Kathy Nielsen, Administrative Secretary
<b>Absent:</b>	Jocelyn Bridson Allen Davis Alex Eastman	Nick Huntington Dennis Sites Kirk Williams	

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### II. CALIFORNIA AMERICAN (CAL-AM) WATER COMPANY DESALINATION PLANT PROPOSAL

~~Cheryl Ku, Senior Planner, Resource Management Agency—Planning~~  
Brandon Swanson, Interim RMA Chief of Planning

**Planning File No.:** PLN150889

**Location:** 14175 Del Monte Blvd., Marina (APN 229-011-021-000)

**Description:** Use Permit, Administrative Permit and Design Approval for a 6.4 MGD desalination plant as part of the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project. The plant is proposed in the PG/40-D-S District.

Interim RMA Chief of Planning Brandon Swanson, accompanied by Associate Planner Nadia Garcia, presented the project in the absence of Senior Planner Cheryl Ku.

**Applicant Representative:** Tony Lombardo

**Public Comment:** Norm Groot, Melodie Chrislock, Kathy Biala, Eric Tynan

**Motion:** It was moved by Committee Member Gollnick, seconded by Committee Member Violini and passed by the following vote to recommend approval to the Monterey County Planning Commission with additional mitigation measures and project recommendations include the following: 1) that the applicant/owner acknowledge the California Right to Farm Act through a document recorded with the County Recorder, 2) that the siting of the facility is appropriate to the project, 3) that the map in Figure 7 – Farmland Mapping Designations & Williamson Act Contracts contained in the Draft Agricultural Buffer Plan for the Desalination Infrastructure (Updated April 11, 2019) prepared by Denise Duffy & Associates be updated to include the most current map from the Department of Conservation and 4) that in addition to the 200-foot-wide agricultural buffer incorporated into the proposed development from the adjacent designated farmland located west of the project site, the incorporation and maintenance of a 200-foot-wide agricultural buffer to the south of the project site, or as close to 200 feet as possible.

**AYES:** Darington, Gollnick, Heacox, Lipe, Shea, Storm and Violini

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bridson, Davis, Eastman, Huntington, Sites and Williams

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. by Chair Lipe.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen Nielsen*

Agricultural Commissioner's Office