



# 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>	April 25, 2019		
<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 Nick Huntington Bill Lipe, Chair	Matt Shea Dennis Sites Scott Storm Scott Violini Kirk Williams	Nadia Garcia, Associate Planner, RMA Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner Mary Perry, Deputy County Counsel Kathy Nielsen, Administrative Secretary
<b>Absent:</b>	Sherwood Darington, Allen Davis, Kurt Gollnick		

### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

### II. CONSENT

#### A. March 28, 2019, meeting minutes

**Motion:** It was moved by Committee Member Violini and passed by the following vote to approve the March 28, 2019, Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Darington, Davis, Gollnick

#### B. April 16, 2019, Special Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** It was moved by Committee Member Shea and passed by the following vote to approve the April 16, 2019, Agricultural Advisory Committee Special Meeting Minutes.

**AYES:** Eastman, Heacox, Huntington, Lipe, Shea, Sites, Storm, Violini and Williams

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Darington, Davis, Gollnick

**ABSTAIN:** Bridson

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### IV. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE

*Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner*

- On Tuesday (April 30, 2019) at the request of Supervisor Lopez, we expect the Board of Supervisors to approve our department entering into an MOU with the Salinas Valley Fair in the amount of \$10,000 to support agricultural education;
- Repeal of Monterey County Code of Ordinances, Title 10. Health and Safety, Chapter 10.16. Produce Inspection - Head Lettuce is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors on May 14, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. with the actual repeal on the Board's consent agenda two weeks later.
- A new agriculture programs manager has been hired and expected to start soon. Her name is Shandy Carroll.

### V. Resource Management Agency - Planning

#### A. Project Title: Cahoon

*Nadia Garcia, Associate Planner*

**Planning File No.:** PLN180238

**Project Location:** 38900 E. Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel Valley (APN 418-301-011-000), Cachagua Area Plan

**Project Description:** Lot Line Adjustment between two lots of record under Williamson Act contract.

Associate Planner Nadia Garcia presented the project to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

**Applicant Representative:** Alec Arago

**Motion:** It was moved by Committee Member Violini and passed by the following vote to recommend approval of the Cahoon lot line adjustment.

**AYES:** Bridson, Eastman, Heacox, Huntington, Lipe, Shea, Sites, Storm and Violini

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Darington, Davis, Gollnick

**ABSTAIN:** Williams

#### B. Project Title: Echenique Ranch

*Nadia Garcia, Associate Planner*

**Planning File No.:** PLN180517

**Project Location:** Lockwood-San Lucas Rd, San Lucas (APNs 421-121-053; -056; -058), South County Area Plan

**Project Description:** Lot Line Adjustment between four lots of record under Williamson Act contract.

**Motion:** It was moved by Committee Member Sites and passed by the following vote to recommend approval of the Echenique Ranch lot line adjustment.

**AYES:** Bridson, Eastman, Heacox, Huntington, Lipe, Shea, Sites, Storm and Violini

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Darington, Davis, Gollnick

**ABSTAIN:** Williams

**C. Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation Pilot Program**

*Brandon Swanson, RMA Interim Chief of Planning*

**Project Title:** Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation Pilot Program

**Planning File No.:** REF150048

**Project Location:** Big Sur, Cachagua and Carmel Valley Areas

**Project Description:** Draft ordinances which would amend Title 20 and Title 21 of the Monterey County Code to establish a five-year pilot program for permitting and regulation of limited outdoor cannabis cultivation only in certain zoning districts of the Big Sur Land Use Plan area, Carmel Valley Master Plan Area, and Cachagua Area Plan of unincorporated Monterey County. The purpose of the pilot program is to gather data and gain experience for future consideration of long-term regulations for outdoor cultivation at the end of the five-year period.

**Motion:** After discussion and amendment, a motion by Committee Member Violini was adopted to recommend approval to the Planning Commission of the pilot program's draft ordinances with the following mitigations: 1) maintain ten-acre minimum; 2) comply with county slope ordinance; 3) require on-site residency; 4) include discussion to limit permitting to existing medical permit holders and existing holders of Operator Identification Numbers obtained through the Agricultural Commissioner's Office; 5) recommend discussion by the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and or County Counsel to include the addition of RC and F40 zoning in the Cachagua land use area, and 6) a portion of revenues collected to be invested in the program community.

**AYES:** Bridson, Eastman, Heacox, Huntington, Shea, Storm, Violini and Williams

**NOES:** Lipe and Sites

**ABSENT:** Darington, Davis, Gollnick

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

None

**VII. AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Lipe.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen Nielsen*  
Agricultural Commissioner's Office