



# 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>	October 24, 2019		
<b>Time:</b>	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.		
<b>Present:</b>	<i>Committee Members</i>		<i>Staff</i>
	Jocelyn Bridson Erik Heacox Nick Huntington Bill Lipe, Chair	Tony Marci Matt Shea Scott Storm Scott Violini	Nadia Garcia, Associate Planner Mary Perry, Deputy County Counsel Jose Chang, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner Shandy Carroll, Ag Resources & Policy Manager Kathy Nielsen, Administrative Secretary
<b>Absent:</b>	Sherwood Darington Alex Eastman Kurt Gollnick		

### I. Call to Order

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

### II. Consent

#### A. **Committee Business**

1. September 26, 2019, Minutes
2. ~~FY 2018-19 Annual Report~~ *Item pulled by Chair Lipe.*
3. 2020 Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule
4. 2020 Agricultural Advisory Committee Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee Schedule

**Motion:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Shea and Bridson and passed by the following vote to approve Consent Items A. 1, 3, and 4.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Sites and Williams

#### **Item A. 2. FY 2018-19 Annual Report**

Chair Lipe thanked Kathy Nielsen for putting together the Annual Report.

**Motion:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Shea and passed by the following vote to approve Consent Item A. 2.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Sites and Williams

**B. Resource Management Agency – Gonzalez**

*Nadia Garcia, Associate Planner*

1. Tusji (Coasta Bella) Administrative Permit
2. Luiz (Coasta Bella) Administrative Permit
3. Luiz (Coasta Bella) Administrative Permit

**Action Requested:** Recommend approval to the Monterey County Zoning Administrator.

**Motion:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Shea and Bridson and passed by the following vote to approve Consent Items B. 1 through 3.

**AYES:** Bridson, Heacox, Huntington, Lipe, Marci, Shea and Storm

**NOES:** Violini

**ABSENT:** Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Sites and Williams

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Norm Groot

**IV. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER’S UPDATE**

*Jose Chang, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner*

- Agricultural Commissioner Gonzales is at the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) conference this week;
- On October 15<sup>th</sup> before the Board of Supervisors, the agricultural commissioner gave a presentation on and received approval for repeal of the head lettuce ordinance. The revised ordinance will be on the Board’s November 19<sup>th</sup> consent calendar;
- Industrial Hemp Update: Eight applicants registered for the pilot program for a total of 610 acres planned for outdoor growing; two research operations plan to use 110 acres for outdoor growing and 11 applications were denied (seven out of the HMP district and four due to non-consent from neighboring cannabis production); 80 people were interested in the cultivation of hemp in Monterey County.

**V. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - PLANNING**

*Nadia Garcia, Associate Planner*

Consider recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on eleven (11) 2020 Williamson Act Applications.

**Action Requested:** Staff is requesting that the Agricultural Advisory Committee consider each of the 11 applications and provide their recommendations to the RMA Chief of Planning.

Application No.	Recommended Action by the AAC
2020-001	<p><b>Public Comment:</b> Michael Klein, Applicant Representative</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Storm and passed by the following vote to recommend approval of application 2020-001.</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Bridson, Huntington, Lipe, Marci, Shea, Storm and Violini  <b>NOES:</b> None  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> Heacox  <b>ABSENT:</b> Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Sites and Williams</p>
2020-002	<p><b>Public Comment:</b> None</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Bridson and Storm and passed by the following vote to recommend approval of application 2020-002.</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Bridson, Huntington, Lipe, Marci, Shea, Storm and Violini  <b>NOES:</b> None  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> Heacox  <b>ABSENT:</b> Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Sites and Williams</p>
2020-003	<p><b>Public Comment:</b> None</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Bridson and Violini and passed by the following vote to recommend approval of application 2020-003.</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Bridson, Huntington, Lipe, Marci, Shea, Storm and Violini  <b>NOES:</b> None  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> Heacox  <b>ABSENT:</b> Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Sites and Williams</p>
2020-004	<p><b>Public Comment:</b> None</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Heacox and passed by the following vote to recommend approval of application 2020-004.</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Bridson, Heacox, Lipe, Marci, Shea, Storm and Violini  <b>NOES:</b> None  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> Huntington  <b>ABSENT:</b> Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Sites and Williams</p>
2020-005	<p><b>Public Comment:</b> None</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Shea and Heacox and passed by the following vote to recommend approval of application 2020-005.</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Bridson, Heacox, Huntington, Lipe, Marci, Shea, Storm and Violini  <b>NOES:</b> None  <b>ABSENT:</b> Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Sites and Williams</p>

Application No.	Recommended Action by the AAC
<p>2020-006 Refund Request</p>	<p><b>Public Comment:</b> None</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Bridson and Violini and passed by the following vote to follow Resolution No. 01-486 and recommend denial of the refund for application 2020-006.</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Bridson, Lipe, Marci, Shea, Storm and Violini  <b>NOES:</b> Huntington  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> Heacox  <b>ABSENT:</b> Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Sites and Williams</p>
<p>2020-007</p>	<p><b>Public Comment:</b> Cody Phillips, Applicant Representative</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Heacox and Storm and passed by the following vote to recommend approval of application 2020-007.</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Bridson, Heacox, Huntington, Lipe, Marci, Shea, Storm and Violini  <b>NOES:</b> None  <b>ABSENT:</b> Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Sites and Williams</p>
<p>2020-008</p>	<p><b>Public Comment:</b> None</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Heacox and passed by the following vote to recommend approval of application 2020-008.</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Bridson, Heacox, Huntington, Lipe, Marci, Shea, Storm and Violini  <b>NOES:</b> None  <b>ABSENT:</b> Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Sites and Williams</p>
<p>2020-009</p>	<p><b>Public Comment:</b> Linda De Santiago, Applicant</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Bridson and passed by the following vote to recommend continuance of application 2020-009 until the map can be finalized and brought back to the AAC.</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Bridson, Heacox, Huntington, Lipe, Marci, Storm and Violini  <b>NOES:</b> None  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> Shea  <b>ABSENT:</b> Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Sites and Williams</p>

Application No.	Recommended Action by the AAC
2020-010	<p><b>Public Comment:</b> None</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Marci and passed by the following vote to recommend approval of the application for APN 422-121-004, 232.1 acres, and denial of the application for APNs 422-121-005 and 032.</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Bridson, Heacox, Huntington, Lipe, Marci, Shea, Storm and Violini</p> <p><b>NOES:</b> None</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Sites and Williams</p>
2019-011 Continuance	<p><b>Public Comment:</b> Cody Phillips, Applicant Representative</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Shea and Huntington and passed by the following vote to recommend approval of application 2019-011.</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Bridson, Heacox, Huntington, Lipe, Marci, Shea, Storm and Violini</p> <p><b>NOES:</b> None</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Sites and Williams</p>

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

None

**VIII. AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen Nielsen*

Agricultural Commissioner's Office