



# Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

## ACTION MINUTES

<b>Location:</b>	Via Zoom		
<b>Date:</b>	April 23, 2020		
<b>Time:</b>	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.		
<b>Present:</b>	<i>Committee Members</i>		<i>Staff</i>
	Sherwood Darington Alex Eastman Kurt Gollnick Erik Heacox	Nick Huntington Matt Shea Kirk Williams	Nadia Garcia, Associate Planner Cheryl Ku, Project Planner Yasmeen Hussain, Project Planner Mary Perry, Deputy County Counsel Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner Jose Chang, Assistant Ag Commissioner Kathy Nielsen, Administrative Secretary
<b>Absent:</b>	Tony Marci Dennis Sites	Scott Storm Scott Violini	

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Consent**

Approval of minutes from February 27, 2020.

**Motion:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Shea and Heacox and passed by the following vote to approve the February 27, 2020, meeting minutes.

**AYES:** Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, Huntington, Shea and Williams

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Marci, Sites, Storm and Violini

**III. Consent - Resource Management Agency – Planning**

*Nadia Garcia, Associate Planner*

- **Project Title:** King Ranch LLC
- **Planning File No.:** PLN200011
- **Project Location:** Douglas Road in the Ranchita Canyon Road area of unincorporated Monterey County, East of San Miguel, CA, South County Area Plan
- **Zoning:** Permanent Grazing 160 acre minimum or PG/160
- **Project Description:** Lot Line Adjustment between four (4) lots of record of 22.99 acres (Assessor's Parcel Number 424-404-071-000 [Lot 35]);

20.17 acres Assessor's Parcel Number 424-404-034-000 [Lot 36]); 9.85 acres (Assessor's Parcel Number 424-404-038-000 [Lot 40]) and 9.84 acres (Assessor's Parcel Number 424-404-039-000 [Lot 41]) resulting in the following reconfigured parcels: 22.59 acres (New Parcel 1); 18.93 acres (New Parcel 4); 11.44 acres (New Parcel 3) and 10.75 acres (New Parcel 2). The property is not in Williamson Act.

**Action Requested:** Recommendation to the RMA-Chief of Planning.

**Motion:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Shea and Heacox and passed by the following vote to approve the February 27, 2020, meeting minutes.

**AYES:** Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, Huntington, Shea and Williams

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Marci, Sites, Storm and Violini

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### V. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE

*Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner*

- The Department remains open and engaged in most activities;
- Working with Supervisors Lopez and Alejo, Vintners & Growers Association, Farm Bureau, Grower-Shipper Association and the California Strawberry Commission on COVID-19 recommendations to industry; updates provided as they arise.
- We've been making observations to see if people are following the advisory; results have been mixed.
- A phone survey is being conducted to determine impacts of COVID-19 on growers. Contracts have been rescinded/canceled due to closures of restaurants and schools. An in-depth paper survey will be conducted to find out the impact to various commodities. The county agricultural commissioner is mandated to put together a damage report to address losses with the intent to tap into federal funds.
- Working with OES and the ag industry representatives on ag worker housing due to the pandemic.
- Conducted an in-house survey of exportation that has been affected by COVID-19. Shipments are where they would be at any time of year.

**Public Comment:** Vanessa Tomayo

## VI. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – PLANNING

*Yasmeen Hussain, Project Planner*

*Cheryl Ku, Project Planner*

- **Project Title:** Café Tori Investments (Harvest Moon Agricultural Employee Housing)
- **Planning File No.:** PLN190127
- **Project Location:** West side of North Davis Road at West Rossi Street in the unincorporated Monterey County, Salinas (Greater Salinas Area Plan)
- **APNs:** 261-011-026-000 and 261-011-024-000 (48.65 and 3.25 acres)
- **Zoning:** The parcels are zoned Heavy Industrial, Urban Reserve, Open Space, High Density Residential, and Public-Quasi Public.
- **Project Description:** Use Permit and General Development Plan to allow the Harvest Moon Agricultural Employee Housing Project consisting of the construction of ten (10) two-story apartment style buildings on the 48.65 and 3.25 acre property, consisting of 150 apartment units, five (4) laundry facilities, two (2) manager’s units, three (4) recreation rooms, open space and an informal recreation area. The property is not in Williamson Act.

**Action Requested:** Recommendation to the Monterey County Planning Commission.

**Motion:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Huntington and Shea and passed by the following vote to recommend approval the Monterey County Planning Commission of the Harvest Moon Agricultural Employee Housing

**AYES:** Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, Huntington, Shea and Williams

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Marci, Sites, Storm and Violini

## VII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

AAC At-Large position vacancy.

- A. Michael Ferguson
- B. Amy White

**Action Requested:**

1. Consider applications received for the vacant At-Large position and choose one applicant’s name to submit to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
2. Direct staff to submit the necessary paperwork to complete this process.

**Motion:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Shea and Heacox and passed by the following vote to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the appointment of Amy White to the At-Large position on the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

**AYES:** Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, Huntington, Shea and Williams

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Marci, Sites, Storm and Violini

**VIII. AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Eastman requested that voting on new committee officers be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen Nielsen*

Agricultural Commissioner's Office