



Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

ACTION MINUTES

Location:	Via Zoom		
Date:	June 25, 2020		
Time:	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.		
Present:	<i>Committee Members</i>		<i>Staff</i>
	Sherwood Darington Alex Eastman Kurt Gollnick Erik Heacox Nick Huntington Tony Marci	Kevin Piearcy Matt Shea Dennis Sites Scott Violini Kirk Williams	Cheryl Ku, Project Planner Mary Perry, Deputy County Counsel Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner Jose Chang, Assistant Ag Commissioner Kathy Nielsen, Administrative Secretary
Absent:	Scott Storm		

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent

Approval of minutes from April 23, 2020.

Motion: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Sites and Huntington and passed by the following vote to approve the April 23, 2020, meeting minutes.

AYES: Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, Huntington, Marci, Shea, Sites, Violini and Williams

NOES: None

ABSENT: Storm and Piearcy

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE

Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner

- On June 23, 2020, the 2019 Crop Report was presented at a Zoom media event and later in the day to the Board of Supervisors. The theme for 2019 was Invasive Species. A video on this topic also was released. The first Cannabis Crop Report was presented at the same time as a separate publication;
- We have received complaints about growers not enforcing COVID-19 safety protocols, which were referred to the Health Department for follow up;

- A credit-card sized information card is being distributed to farmworkers indicating they are essential workers. The card includes information on COVID-19 symptoms and resources available;
- Face masks were received from CDFA and the County for distribution to farmworkers;
- About 20% of our staff are working from home.

V. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – PLANNING

A. Montanez & Gonzalez Use Permit

- *Project Planner*: Son Pham-Gallardo
- *Project Title*: Montanez & Gonzalez Use Permit to clear code enforcement violation to allow a farm equipment storage facility.
- *Planning File No.*: PLN190374
- *APN*: 107-011-005-000
- *Project Location*: 10 Zabala Rd., Salinas in the Greater Salinas Area Plan
- *Zoning*: Farmlands, 40 acre minimum or F/40
- *Project Description*: After-the-fact Use Permit to clear a Code Enforcement violation (19CE00432) to allow a farm equipment storage facility. The property is not in Williamson Act.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to the Zoning Administrator.

Motion: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Gollnick and Violini and passed by the following vote to recommend approval to the Zoning Administrator.

AYES: Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, Huntington, Marci, Piearcy, Shea, Sites, Violini and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: Storm

B. Wireless Communication Facility (Tower)

- *Project Planner*: Cheryl Ku
- *Project Title*: Use Permit for new 125-foot-tall AT&T wireless communication facility (tower)
- *Planning File No.*: PLN200073
- *APN*: 257-041-012-000
- *Project Location*: 31450 Highway 101, Gonzales in the Central Salinas Valley Area Plan
- *Zoning*: Farmlands, 40 acre minimum or F/40

- **Project Description:** Construction of a new 125-foot tall monopole wireless communications facility and 21 by 28-foot equipment area on a property that currently contains an ag processing facility. The property is not in Williamson Act.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to the Zoning Administrator.

Motion: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Huntington and passed by the following vote to recommend approval to the Zoning Administrator.

AYES: Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, Huntington, Marci, Piearcy, Shea, Sites, Violini and Williams

NOES: None

ABSENT: Storm

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- A. AAC At-large position vacancy. Re-consider applications for at-large vacancy, provide direction to staff, and forward recommendation regarding filling of vacancy to Board of Supervisors.

1. Michael Ferguson
2. Amy White

Motion 1: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Huntington and Violini to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Mike Ferguson be appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee At-large position.

AYES: Darington, Huntington, Marci, Violini and Williams

NOES: Gollnick, Heacox, Piearcy, Shea and Sites

ABSTAIN: Eastman

ABSENT: Storm

Motion Failed.

Motion 2: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Gollnick and Sites to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Amy White be appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee At-large position.

AYES: Gollnick, Heacox, Piearcy, Shea and Sites

NOES: Darington, Huntington, Marci, Violini and Williams

ABSTAIN: Eastman

ABSENT: Storm

Motion Failed.

Motion 3: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Huntington to request the Board of Supervisors make the decision of who will fill the At-large position vacancy on the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

AYES: Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, Huntington, Marci, Shea, Sites, Violini and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: Storm

B. Committee Officer Selections for Chair and Vice Chair

Motion: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Eastman and Violini to appoint Committee Member Huntington as Committee Chair.

AYES: Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, Huntington, Marci, Piearcy, Shea, Sites, Violini and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: Storm

Motion: It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Huntington and Sites to appoint Committee Member Eastman as Committee Vice Chair.

AYES: Darington, Eastman, Gollnick, Heacox, Huntington, Marci, Piearcy, Shea, Sites, Violini and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: Storm

VII. AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committee Member Violini recognized Committee Member Shea, who will not be renewing his appointment to the Committee, for the great job he has done on the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Nielsen

Agricultural Commissioner's Office