



# Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

## ACTION MINUTES

<b>Location:</b>	<i>Held via Zoom</i> <a href="https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/96716569195">https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/96716569195</a>		
<b>Date:</b>	July 23, 2020		
<b>Time:</b>	2:30 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.		
<b>Present:</b>	<i>Committee Members</i>		<i>Staff and Guests</i>
	Sherwood Darington Alex Eastman Erik Heacox Nick Huntington Tony Marci	Kevin Piearcy Dennis Sites Scott Storm Scott Violini	Jennifer Moonjian, Caltrans District 5 Andrew T. Fisher, Ph.D., UC Santa Cruz Anna Quenga, Senior Planner Mary Perry, Deputy County Counsel Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner Jose Chang, Assistant Ag Commissioner
<b>Absent:</b>	Kurt Gollnick Matt Shea Kirk Williams		

### I. Call to Order

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

### II. Consent

It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Sites and Eastman and passed by the following vote to approve the June 25, 2020, meeting minutes with correction. The motion passed.

**AYES:** Darington, Eastman, Heacox, Huntington, Marci, Piearcy, Sites, Storm and Violini

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Gollnick, Shea and Williams

### III. Public Comment

None

### IV. Agricultural Commissioner's Update

*Henry S. Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner*

- No additional Asian Citrus Psyllid finds this year;
- Pilot Fumigation Notification Project ended June 30, 2020; community is expected to be at the next Board of Supervisors' meeting to request continuing the program;
- 34,595 respirators were received from CAL-OES for distribution;
- 530,000 surgical masks were received from CAL-OES, CDFR and DPR for distribution;
- Conducting interviews for the Ag Resources Program Manager position;
- The Economic Contributions report was presented to the Board. The report is available on our website; hard copies are available in the office.

- The Agricultural Advisory Committee At-Large appointment is in progress.

## V. **Public Comment**

Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau

## VI. **California Department of Transportation**

*Jennifer Moonjian, Advanced and Complex Mitigation Coordinator, Caltrans District 5*  
*Andrew T. Fisher, Ph.D., Earth and Planetary Sciences Department, University of California, Santa Cruz*

Groundwater recharge systems are often used to recharge groundwater in areas that have been depleted to improve groundwater quantity and quality, as well as improve connected aquatic systems such as creeks, rivers, wetlands, and estuaries.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Provide feedback on how these mitigation efforts are perceived and if Caltrans should pursue groundwater recharge as one of the options for future mitigation efforts.

**Public Comment:** Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded by Committee Members Violini and Sites to table this item until the August meeting to allow further review. The motion passed.

**AYES:** Darington, Eastman, Heacox, Huntington, Marci, Pearcey, Sites, Storm and Violini

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Gollnick, Shea and Williams

## VII. **Resource Management Agency – Planning**

*Anna V. Quenga, Senior Planner*

Introduce and receive comments on the Development Evaluation System (DES) final draft ordinance. The DES ordinance implements General Plan Policy LU-1.19 and is applicable to the unincorporated inland areas of the Monterey County only.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Provide comments to staff relative to the exemption process for certain agriculturally related developments, as summarized in staff's memo and found in Section 21.92.F.2 of the draft ordinance.

Anna Quenga, Senior Planner, presented the final draft ordinance.

**Public Comment:** Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau

**Committee Comments:** The only comment made was that staff did an excellent job in proposing the process to exempt specific ag-related development from the DES process.

**VIII. Administrative Matters**

**IX. Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments**

**X. Adjournment**