



## VENTURA COUNTY

### Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee



Sanger Hedrick, Chair, District 2; Scott Deardorff, District 1; Gordon Kimball, District 3; Patty Waters, District 4; Bobby Jones, District 5

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES October 19, 2022

1. 9:05 a.m. – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Committee: Sanger Hedrick, District 2, Chair  
Scott Deardorff, District 1 - late  
Gordon Kimball, District 3  
Patty Waters, District 4  
Bobby Jones, District 5 - absent

Staff/Others Present: Korinne Bell, Alec Thille, & Miriam Mendez from the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner's Office were present; committee members, presenters, members of the public, and representatives of interested parties participated via Zoom.

3. CORRESPONDENCE  
None.
4. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
None.
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Motion: Approve agenda as presented  
By Waters, seconded by Kimball  
Vote: 3-0
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA  
None

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Table the June meeting minutes and approve for archival the August & September minutes as presented

By Waters, seconded by Kimball

Vote: 4-0

8. PRESENTATION/ACTION

A. Adoption of a resolution continuing the authorization of remote teleconference meetings of the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for a 30-day period pursuant to Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

- No public comments.
- Motion: Adopt the resolution  
By Waters, seconded by Kimball  
Vote: 4-0

B. Justin Bertoline, Planner IV, will presented the proposed 2022 Land Conservation Act (LCA) Contract Requests for APAC review.

- No public comments.
- Motion: Adopt the resolution to recommend the LCA contract requests as presented for approval by the Board of Supervisors  
By Kimball, seconded by Deardorff (Waters abstaining)  
Vote: 3-0

C. Applicant and Planning staff for project PL22-0126 presented the project landscape plan for review by APAC as to it's compliance with the Ventura County Agricultural/Urban Buffer policy

- No public comments.
- Motion:  
By Deardorff, seconded by Waters  
Vote: 4-0

D. Annemiek Schilder, Director of the UC Cooperative Extension Ventura County/Hansen Agricultural REC, presented an update on UCCE-VC activities and programs.

- No Public Comment.
- No action taken.

E. Maureen McGuire, CEO of the Farm Bureau of Ventura County, presented an update on FBVC activities and programs.

- No Public Comment.
- No action taken.

F. Korinne Bell, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, presented a department update on activities and programs important to Ventura County agriculture.

- Public Comment:
  - Ellen Brokaw highlighted the work of Ventura County and Ventura County House Farmworkers! to ensure adequate farmworker housing, informing those attending of a presentation by Ventura County Planning Manager Ruchita Kadakia on the County's new Farmworker Housing ordinance. She also informed listeners of the recent ARPA funding awarded to the County and how it is expected to be used.
- No action taken.

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. APAC Members

Future agenda items:

- Presentation by the Ventura County Farm Bureau requestion APAC adopt a resolution advising the BoS on input for upcoming LA Water Board water quality assurance rules for agricultural operators.
- Examination of the feasibility of enshrining agricultural water rights in the Ventura County Right to Farm Ordinance.
- A presentation by VCRMA – Planning Division to educate farmers on how to comply with the General Plan & Zoning Ordinances

### B. Staff

None

10. Meeting adjourned by Sanger Hedrick at 10:35 a.m.