



## 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

## MEETING MINUTES April 13, 2022

1. 9:20 a.m. – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

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

Staff/Others Present: Ed Williams, Alec Thille, Blair Brillante, & Miriam Mendez from the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, County Counsel Eric Walts, and UCCE Hansen Agricultural Research Center Director Annemiek Schilder were present; 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 with presenter correction

By Kimball, seconded by Deardorff

Vote: 3-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Merrill Berge – Introduced herself and her working history. She expressed concern regarding the potential for groundwater contamination due to drilling of wells for oil & gas, especially in critically overdrawn groundwater basins. She gave a brief summary of Measures A and B on the upcoming primary ballot and advocated for their passage.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approve and archive February 16<sup>th</sup> APAC meeting minutes

By Deardorff, seconded by Kimball

Vote: 3-0

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.

Motion: Adopt the resolution

By Kimball, seconded by Deardorff

Vote: 3-0

- B. County Counsel Eric Walts presented a Brown Act refresher for the committee.  
No action taken.

- C. The committee discussed election of the committee Chair and Vice Chair  
Motion: Reconfirm the current Chair, Sanger Hedrick, and Vice Chair, Scott Deardorff

By Kimball, seconded by Deardorff

Vote: 3-0

- D. Annemiek Schilder, Director of the UCCE Ventura County/Hansen Agricultural REC presented industry feedback on methods to address Diamondback Moth infestation of cole crops in Ventura County.  
No action taken.

- E. Korinne Bell, Agricultural Commissioner, presented an update on the Ventura County Pesticide Use Notification Pilot Program.  
No action taken.

- F. Director Annemiek Schilder presented an update on UCCE activities and programs.  
No action taken.

- G. Ed Williams, Agricultural Commissioner, presented a department update on activities and programs important to Ventura County agriculture.  
No action taken.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

A. APAC Members

Proposals for future agenda items:

- Continue the resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings
- An informational presentation expanding on the topic of the public comment
- An update on the Ventura County SALC grant activities

B. Staff

Proposals for future agenda items:

- A presentation by Maureen McGuire to introduce her role as CEO of the Ventura County Farm Bureau and update the committee on Bureau activities
- A presentation for recommendation by the APAC on a request for permit modification of a Condition Use Permit (project number PL22-0048)

10. Meeting adjourned by Sanger Hedrick at 10:51 a.m.