



VENTURA COUNTY

Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee

Scott Deardorff, Chair, District 1; Patty Martinez, District 2; Lisa Tate, Vice-Chair, District 3;
Josh Waters, District 4; Bobby Jones, District 5

MEETING MINUTES June 12th, 2024

1. 9:09 a.m. – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Committee: Scott Deardorff, District 1, Chair
Patty Martinez, District 2
Lisa Tate, District 3, Vice-Chair
Josh Waters, District 4
Bobby Jones, District 5 - absent

Staff/Others Present: Committee members, Korinne Bell, Greta Varien, Blair Brillante, & Alec Thille from the County of Ventura, Robert DeLaCedra from Ventura County Sheriff's Office, and members of the public were present. Other members of the public and representatives of interested parties participated via Zoom.

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

Louise Lampara – VCCOLAB: Bring attention to Ventura County Board of Supervisors seeming appetite for a reworking of the Ventura County SOAR ordinance and encourage APAC to be proactive in the process.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approve for archival the minutes of the March 13, 2024 Meeting

By Tate, seconded by Deardorff

Vote: 4-0

8. PRESENTATION/ACTION

A. APAC held elections of the Committee office(s).

- Motion: Elect Member Deardorff as Chair and Member Tate as Vice-Chair
By: Martinez, seconded by Waters
Vote: 4-0

B. Ventura County Sheriff's Detective Robert DeLaCerde presented an overview of the Agricultural Crimes Unit of the Major Crimes Bureau.

- No action taken.

C. APAC review of a letter of recognition honoring Sanger Hedrick for his service as an APAC member.

- Motion: Direct staff to transmit the signed letter of the record to the Board of Supervisors.
By: Tate, seconded by Waters
Vote: 4-0

D. Shannon Klisch, Area Director for UC Cooperative Extension in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties, and Dr. Annemiek Schilder, Director of Hansen Agricultural Research and Extension Center, presented an update on UCCE and Hansen REC programs and activities.

- No action taken.

E. Maureen McGuire of the Farm Bureau of Ventura County provided an update on FBVC programs and activities and items of importance to Ventura County agriculture.

- Continued due to presenter absence.

F. Agriculture/Weights & Measures staff 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:

- A presentation from VC Watersheds on the regarding who is responsible for waterway maintenance.

- A presentation from CSUCI staff on their efforts to expand agricultural educational offerings at the university.
- An introductory presentation from VCSO Homeless Liaison Unit.
- A review of the Ventura County SOAR Ordinance.

B. Staff

Proposals for future agenda items:

- Review of the Ventura County Agricultural/Urban Buffer policy

10. Meeting adjourned by Scott Deardorff at 12:20 p.m.