



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 August 14th, 2024

1. 9:06 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

Staff/Others Present: Committee members, Korinne Bell, Greta Varien, Miriam Mendez, Kristina Boero, & Alec Thille from the County of Ventura 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 Jones
Vote: 5-0

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 June 12, 2024 Meeting
By Tate, seconded by Martinez
Vote: 5-0

8. PRESENTATION/ACTION

- A. Dr. Ruben Alarcon presented a briefing on CSUCI's agricultural education programs and the efforts to expand them.
 - No action taken.
- B. Kristina Boero, Senior Planner, and Alec Thille, Environmental Resource Analyst, presented 2024 Land Conservation Act Contract applications
 - Motion: Recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the 2024 LCA Contract applications for 5 proposed new contracts.
 - By: Jones, seconded by Tate
 - Vote: 4-0 (Martinez abstaining)
- C. Ben Faber, P.h.D. Advisor for the UC Cooperative Extension Ventura County, presented a department update on activities and programs important to Ventura County agriculture.
 - No action taken.
- D. Agricultural Commissioner Korinne Bell 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 staff presentation of a draft a letter of support from APAC for CSUCI's formulation of a Sustainable Agriculture degree.
- A report back from staff regarding the requested cancelation of LCA Contract 9-14.1.
- An introductory presentation from VCSO Homeless Liaison Unit.
- A review of the Ventura County SOAR Ordinance.
- A presentation from VC Watershed Protection District regarding who is responsible for waterway maintenance.
- A presentation from VCAILG staff on the group's activities, membership, and regulatory requirements of membership.
- A presentation on the emergence of e-commerce as a under-regulated mover of plant materials and agro-chemicals

- A presentation from CDFA and/or USDA staff on work being done to identify and prevent the entry of potential pests to California agriculture.

B. Staff

Proposals for future agenda items:

- Review of the Ventura County Agricultural/Urban Buffer policy

10. Meeting adjourned by Scott Deardorff at 11:18 p.m.