



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 January 13, 2021

1. 9:09 a.m. – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

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

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

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

4. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve agenda as-published

By Kimball, seconded by Waters

Vote: 4-0

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approve and archive December 9th APAC meeting minutes

By Waters, seconded by Jones

Vote: 4-0

8. PRESENTATION/ACTION

- A. Agricultural Commissioner staff presented the Somis Fire Station improvements project's landscape plan to solicit APAC comments on compliance with the urban buffer policy.

No action taken.

- B. Arnold Torres presented regarding current, proposed state legislation for a guest-worker program in California.

No action taken.

Public Comments:

- a) Jannette Lombardo: Expressed her disagreement with the speaker's opinion of the UFW and stated that Ventura County is currently incapable of building housing to meet the needs of the proposed program, the federal H2A program already serves the need this program seeks to alleviate, and shipping container housing is un-permittable in Ventura County.

- C. 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

None

- B. Staff

Proposals for future agenda items:

Presentation updating the APAC on the HLB detection dog teams

- 10. Meeting adjourned by Scott Deardorff at 11:45 a.m.