



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 October 9th, 2024

1. 9:01 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 - late

Staff/Others Present: Committee members, Korinne Bell, Greta Varien, Miriam Mendez, Leticia Ramirez, Justin Bertoline & Alec Thille from the County of Ventura were present. 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: Martinez, seconded by Tate
Vote: 4-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
None

7. CONSENT CALENDAR
Motion: Approve for archival the minutes of the September 11, 2024 Meeting
By Martinez, seconded by Tate
Vote: 4-0

8. PRESENTATION/ACTION

A. Alec Thille, Environmental Resource Analyst, presented PL24-0065, a 2024 Land Conservation Act Contract application for partial non-renewal.

- Motion: Recommend the Board of Supervisors Approve the application for non-renewal.

By: Tate, seconded by Jones

Vote: 5-0

B. Dr. Annemiek Schilder, Director of Hansen Agricultural Research and Extension Center, presented an update on Hansen REC programs and activities.

- No action taken.

C. 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 presentation from VC Watersheds on the 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.
- A presentation from VC CEO-Sustainability Division staff regarding agriculturally relevant activities of the Division.
- A presentation regarding Heat Illness prevention and regulation

B. Staff

Proposals for future agenda items:

- Committee review of the Board-requested LCA Guidelines update to allow agricultural contracts on OS-zoned land
- Discussion of a proposed Pesticide Resistance Advisory Committee
- Discussion of revisions to the LCA Guidelines enforcement section.
- Review of the Ventura County Agricultural/Urban Buffer policy

10. Meeting adjourned by Scott Deardorff at 10:35 a.m.