



## 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 February 14th, 2025

1. 9:13 a.m. – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

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

Staff/Others Present: Committee members, Korinne Bell, Greta Varien, Miriam Mendez, Melonie Morgan, & Alec Thille from the County of Ventura AWM, Nicholas Cleary from Ventura County Fire Department, and Farm Bureau of Ventura County CEO Maureen McGuire. 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: Martinez, seconded by Waters  
Vote: 3-0
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approve for archival the minutes of the December 3, 2025 Meeting

By Tate, seconded by Deardorff

Vote: 3-0

8. PRESENTATION/ACTION

- A. VC Fire Department Battalion Chief Nicholas Cleary presented an overview of the Agricultural Pass Program and debrief on the program's operation during the 2024 Mountain Fire.
  - No action taken.
- B. 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.
  - No action taken.
- C. 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.
- D. Agriculture/Weights & Measures staff will present 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 regulator requirements of membership.
- A presentation on the emergence of e-commerce as an 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 regarding Heat Illness prevention and regulation.
- A presentation from the Farmworker Resource Program.
- A presentation on how agricultural operations can reduce wildfire spread and damage
- A presentation on how agricultural operations can protect and promote native species and habitats.

- A presentation from 805 UndocuFund regarding Boarder Control/ICE activity in Ventura County.
- Report back on efforts to procure federal funds for an agricultural dog detection team.

B. Staff

Proposals for future agenda items:

- Review of the Ventura County Agricultural/Urban Buffer policy.
- A California Department of Pesticide Regulation presentation regarding the IPM Roadmap.
- Review of the Ventura County 'Mulch Ordinance'

10. Meeting adjourned by Lisa Tate at 10:59 a.m.