



# AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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*Steve Campbell – HOA Representative*  
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*Ken Oneto – Orchards, Vineyards, Row Crops*  
*Brad van Loben Sels – Farm Management*  
*Jim Vietheer – Livestock*  
*Michael Wackman – Natural Resources; Wineries*

## Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2018 6:30 pm

Valley Oak Room  
4137 Branch Center Rd.  
Sacramento, California 95827

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Agricultural Advisory Committee Chair Ken Oneto called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ken Oneto, Steve Campbell, Brian Fishback, Charlotte Mitchell, and Brad van Loben Sels

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Doug Dransfield, Michael Wackman, Jim Vietheer and Chuck Ingels.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chris Flores (Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner), and Laura McCready (Clerk of the Committee)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Leanne Mueller (Associate Planner – Office of Planning and Environmental Review), Lindsey Liebig (Executive Director – Sacramento County Farm Bureau), Kevin Fryer, Chris Butcher, Robert Edgerton.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The July agenda was presented to the Board for approval. Brad van Loben Sels motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Brian Fishback. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May Committee Meeting minutes were presented to the Board for approval. Brian Fishback notified the Committee of an incorrect bill number in the May minutes. Steve Campbell motioned to approve the minutes as amended. It was seconded by Brian Fishback. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None received

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Conditions of Approval for PLNP2018-00159 (Spangler Williamson Act Contract):** Leanne Mueller presented details regarding the request to modify an existing Williamson Act contract

from rice to managed marsh for the purpose of habitat mitigation. After hearing from the applicants, the Committee Members discussed the merits of the proposal. Ms. Mueller informed the Committee that the proposal before the Committee was to rescind the original Williamson Act contract, enter into a new Williamson Act contract for the 40 acres that will remain in rice production, and allow the applicants to enter into a new, Open Space Easement Agreement for the remaining 195 acres.

A motion was made by Charlotte Mitchell to recommend the approval of the Spangler Williamson Act Contract amendment to open space with the caveat that the Board of Supervisors recognizes the net loss of valuable farmland being taken away from production agriculture. It was seconded by Brian Fishback. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. (See attached AAC Recommendation)

## 6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### A. **Sacramento County Farm Bureau Update:** Lindsey Liebig updated the Committee on current Farm Bureau details.

- The Farm Bureau gave public comment in Phase One and Phase Two in support of the South County Ag Program to the California Water Commission, a conjunctive use program with Regional Sans recycled groundwater project. The project has been approved for over \$290 million.
- The Farm Bureau gave public comment at the Elk Grove City Council in support of the mitigation amendment to the Van Vleck proposal for the development property in Elk Grove
- The Farm Bureau was involved at the Sacramento County Fair and held a Business member appreciation luncheon.
- The Farm Bureau is gearing up for the LegislaTour on August 1, 2018. All levels of Legislative representatives have been invited, from the Board of Supervisors to the Congressional level.

### B. **County Agricultural Commissioner Report:** Chris Flores informed the Committee on what was happening in the department.

- The Sacramento County Agriculture Commissioners Office will have a Cannabis Education and Outreach Training on Pesticide Enforcement and Regulation on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 150 growers from within the City of Sacramento have been invited to attend. Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) employees will be in attendance as well.
- USDA Wildlife Services staff provided nutria training to the Sacramento County Animal Care and Regulation staff, Regional Parks staff and some of our Agricultural Department staff.

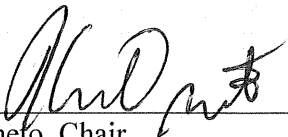
### C. **Committee Member Comments:** None.

## D. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on September 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Laura McCready, Agricultural Advisory Committee Clerk,  
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

  
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Ken Oneto, Chair

9/12/18  
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Date



COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

July 17, 2018

To: Leanne Mueller, Associate Planner

FROM: Ken Oneto, Agricultural Advisory Committee Chair *LSU*

SUBJECT: PLNP 2018-00159; Spangler Williamson Act Contract

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On July 11, 2018, the Sacramento County Agricultural Advisory Committee heard the above referenced project during their regularly scheduled meeting. The request is to amend an existing Williamson Act Contract (No. 70-AP-038) located on the east side of Power Line Road approximately 2800 feet north of W. Elverta Road in the Natomas area, to allow approximately 195 acres of agricultural land to be converted to managed marsh, and recognize the open space use as a compatible use within the existing contract. It was noted that approximately 40 acres of the existing contract would remain in commercial agricultural production. The applicants were in attendance. The Agricultural Advisory Committee was given project information by planning staff, took comments from the applicants, and after discussion, made the following recommendation:

It was moved by Committee Member Charlotte Mitchell and seconded by Committee Member Brian Fishback, to recommend approval of the request to amend an existing Williamson Act Contract (No. 70-AP-038) to allow approximately 195 acres to be converted to managed open space, with the caveat that the Board of Supervisors recognize the net loss of valuable farmland that is permanently being removed from agricultural production. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Committee Members present: Steve Campbell, Brian Fishback, Charlotte Mitchell, Ken Oneto, and Brad van Loben Sels.

If you have any questions, please contact Juli Jensen or Chris Flores at 916-875-6603.

Cc: Agricultural Advisory Committee