



# AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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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 March 11, 2020 6:30 pm

Valley Oak Room  
4137 Branch Center Rd.  
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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Agricultural Advisory Committee Chair Ken Oneto called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Campbell, Morgan Doran, Brian Fishback, Charlotte Mitchell, Ken Oneto, Brad van Loben Sels, and Jim Vietheer.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Wackman

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Wendy Hartman (Office of Planning and Environmental Review), Mark Michelini (Office of Planning and Environmental Review)

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The March agenda was presented to the Board for approval. Jim Vietheer motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Brian Fishback. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January Committee Meeting minutes were presented to the Board for approval. Brian Fishback motioned to approve the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Steve Campbell. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### 4. PUBLIC FORUM – No comments received.

### 5. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Industrial Hemp Draft Zoning Language and Ordinance Review:**  
Chris Flores provided a PowerPoint overview on Industrial Hemp, and Wendy

Hartman and Mark Michelini presented the feedback that came from the CPAC Committee meetings. Currently the draft ordinance requires licensing and registration through the Agricultural Commissioner's office, a signed compliance agreement with the Agricultural Commissioner, a bond for destruction/abatement purposes, a minimum lot size of 20 acres, outdoor cultivation allowed on General Ag Zones (includes greenhouse/hoophouse plantings), indoor cultivation and processing allowed on Industrial Zones, and the requirement of buffers, signage and security measures.

**B. Apiary Update:**

Laura McCready presented the Apiary Protection Act (AB450) to the Committee. The Administrative Civil Penalty process has been extended from 2020 to 2021, and language has been changed regarding the notification requirement for relocating hives. The Administrative Civil Penalty process can only be applied to violations regarding registrations, relocations, and markings. The apiary regulations in the Food and Ag Code are currently being rewritten. Once updated, an Apiary Ordinance discussion can be addressed if still needed.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Williamson Act Contract Discussion:**

The Agricultural Advisory Committee members went over applicable Government Code sections to determine compatible uses relating to Williamson Act Contracts, and read Sacramento County contract and resolution language. Committee Members are interested in considering an update to the language in Exhibit B regarding compatible uses.

7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Industry Updates:**

- None

**B. Agricultural Commissioner Update:**

- None

**C. Legislative Update:**

Chris Flores updated the Committee on current legislative issues.

- AB 2632 would appropriate an additional \$40 million from the General Fund to the Controller to make subvention payments back to the Counties.
- AB 1919 went before the Committee yesterday. This bill would give the Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) authority to fine \$25,000 per violation without the Agricultural Commissioner's consent. California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) is opposing this bill unless revised with the Agricultural Commissioner's consent.
- AB 2827 would allow hemp-derived CBD to be placed in food and cosmetics legally.
- SB 1398 would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation relating to the reporting of agricultural pesticide use near schools and daycares.

**D. Committee Member Updates:**

- None

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on July 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Laura McCready, Agricultural Advisory Committee Clerk, [mccreadyl@saccounty.net](mailto:mccreadyl@saccounty.net)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

  
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Ken Oneto, Chair

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