



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 March 13, 2019 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 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Oneto, Steve Campbell, Brian Fishback, Doug Dransfield, Michael Wackman, Charlotte Mitchell, and Jim Vietheer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brad van Loben Sels

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

ALSO PRESENT: Lindsey Liebig (Executive Director – Sacramento County Farm Bureau), Todd Smith (Planning & Environmental Review), John Lundgren (Planning & Environmental Review)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3.1 NOMINATIONS

Charlotte Mitchell motioned to retain Ken Oneto as Chair of The Agricultural Advisory Committee and Steve Campbell as Vice-Chair. Brian Fishback seconded the nomination. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None received

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. General Plan Policy AG-5 Review:

John Lundgren and Todd Smith presented the details of General Plan Policy AG-5. A staff report from the Office of Planning and Environmental Review was written to request that General Plan Policy AG-5 be put on the Agricultural Advisory Committee agenda.

- On a project by project basis, the Office of Planning and Environmental Review looks at whether stacking (the practice of combining biological and farmland mitigation lands) is appropriate.
- Projects resulting in converting 50 or more acres of farmland shall be mitigated per the AG-5 policy, although land outside of Sacramento County may be considered.

After thorough discussion, it was motioned by Michael Wackman and seconded by Charlotte Mitchell that the Agricultural Advisory Committee recommend that the Board of Supervisors make the Implementation of Measure J.1 (the establishment of a farmland mitigation policy) their upmost priority. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. A motion was made by Charlotte Mitchell and seconded by Jim Vietheer that the Agricultural Advisory Committee would like additional time to revisit the AG-5 policy and give a recommendation by September 11, 2019. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. Other Industry Updates:

Lindsay Liebig updated the Committee on current Farm Bureau details.

- Legislative day with California Farm Bureau was March 12th.
- Legislators are back in session. Expect to see a lot of drinking water bills set as a priority this year. Tunnels in the Delta are still an issue.
- Water and water resources will continue to be a huge priority with this Governor.
- Farm Bureau priorities will focus on Wildfire Prevention measures and Forest management practices, and rural California.
- Farm Day next Friday, March 22nd for over 1,000 elementary school students at California Farm Bureau.
- Farm Bureau will be participating in Capitol Ag Day next Wednesday, March 20th.

B. SSHCP Implementation Review Committee Update:

Juli Jensen informed the Committee that applications were available to apply to be on the SSHCP Implementation Review Committee. Two agricultural positions and two alternates are available. Board of Supervisors will ultimately appoint the individuals. The Farm Bureau is spreading the word as well. A link to the application will be provided on the County Agriculture Department website.

C. Nutria Update:

Since February, 386 Nutria have been trapped. None have been trapped in Sacramento County. It has been trapped as far north as San Joaquin County. Nutria Pocket Guides have been printed and will be distributed to the district offices in Galt and Walnut Grove. We will have them available at the next Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting.

D. Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner Report:

Juli Jensen informed the Committee on the current events in the Department.

- School Notification Program for Pesticide Use Enforcement is going very smoothly.
- The Agriculture Department is doing outreach to the Cannabis growers. The Department of Pesticide Regulation is providing additional funds to conduct this outreach.
- Container recycling program was very successful, with over 12,000 containers recycled. Thank you to Ken Oneto for providing the site for the event. The goal this year is to set up a permanent site to recycle pesticide containers at the Kiefer Landfill. Diana Acosta will be making this a priority.
- Paraquat changes are coming. The label will indicate the type of closed system required and only certified applicators can make applications. Changes expected in 2020.
- BeeWhere and Bee Safe Program. Funding came from unclaimed gas tax, CAPCA, and the Almond Board to do more apiary work within the County. Software is now available to alert Pest Control Advisors and Growers if there is a registered colony within one mile of a pesticide application site. It will not divulge the location of the hives. Only contact information will be given to alert the beekeeper of the application.
- DPR is looking into a reevaluation of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticide (SGAR). Public comment period ended in January. Over 17,000 letters were received.
- Dog Handler Jennifer Berger has accepted a position in Butte County. Her dog Yeti was returned to the USDA training center in Georgia. Interviews were held and Michelle King has been hired to take her place. She has to wait until a National Detector Dog Training Center has a course available to be paired with her canine partner.
- Agricultural Aides have all been hired for the trapping season
- EGVM trapping begins Monday, March 18th
- Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) has finally been trapped in Sacramento County. Conveniently it was found very closely to the Oriental Fruit Fly finds. Treatments will be happening soon.
- This single ACP find moves us into Zone 2 for nursery stock. Any citrus producers need to have a Compliance Agreement if transporting or selling nursery stock. Citrus produce needs to be under a Compliance Agreement as well, and needs to remove the stems and leaves.
- Mexico has removed its Oriental Fruit Fly restrictions it previously had on the entire County, and has limited the quarantine to CDFA's designated areas.
- Village Nurseries had more Sudden Oak Death finds in Camellias. Destruction of the affected plants will be happening soon.
- Sacramento County will be applying for a weed grant for the control of Japanese Dodder
- Egg Blitz was held during the week of February 11th. Multiple egg inspections were done at retail sites. No noncompliance was found.
- A Small Egg Producers Workshop will be held at Sacramento Environmental Management Department on July 18, 2019. More information will be posted on our website.
- Juli Jensen is retiring. Chris Flores will be the interim Agricultural Commissioner for the time being.

E. Committee Member Comments:

It was requested by Ken Oneto that the County put trapper identification on the side of the trapping trucks to let him know who is in his orchards. Juli Jensen was thanked for her

years of service as the County Agricultural Commissioner. Charlotte Mitchell informed the Committee that Newcastle Disease has recently been found in Tracy, CA. Additionally, Charlotte Mitchell wanted to reiterate the importance of protecting the productive agricultural lands within the County. She would like to make it a mission of the Committee to ensure that the protection is bolstered in a way that is appropriate. There needs to be some effort in the AG-5 policy and the implementation measures that follow that allow for agriculture being protected for its farmland value.

F. Committee Member Photo:

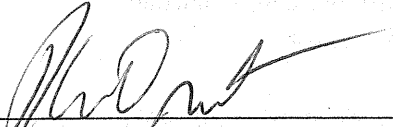
A Committee member photo was taken with the members present.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on May 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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



Ken Oneto, Chair

7/10/19

Date