



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Brad van Loben Sels – Farm Management
Jim Vietheer – Livestock
Michael Wackman – Natural Resources; Wineries

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 11, 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 6:42 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Morgan Doran, Doug Dransfield, Brian Fishback, Ken Oneto, Jim Vietheer, and Michael Wackman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Campbell, Charlotte Mitchell, Brad van Loben Sels

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The September agenda was presented to the Board for approval. Morgan Doran motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Brian Fishback. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July Committee Meeting minutes were presented to the Board for approval. Michael Wackman motioned to approve the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Jim Vietheer. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None received.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sacramento County Apiary Ordinance Discussion

Sacramento County does not currently have an Apiary Ordinance. The keeping of bees is only addressed in the Sacramento County Urban Ag Ordinance for bee keeping on residential or commercial properties. The code is silent in regards to commercial beekeepers on ag zoned land. Nuisance complaints come through the Agriculture Department, primarily pertaining to bees looking for water (neighboring swimming pools, pet water containers, etc). Neither the Agricultural Commissioner

nor Code Enforcement have any authority to ensure that the beekeepers are following best management practices. The Committee members reviewed apiary ordinances from surrounding counties. It was suggested that performance standards be added to the zoning code for commercial beekeepers. Michael Wackman recommended that a commercial apiary ordinance be drafted and presented to the Ag Advisory Committee for review at the next meeting.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Continuation of General Plan Agricultural Element Review

The Agricultural Advisory Committee Members completed their review of the Agricultural Element of the General Plan.

7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. Other Industry Updates:

Ken Oneto reported the Farm Bureau updates for Lindsey Liebig.

- AB 1783: H2A worker housing. Farm Bureau opposed. Passed in the Senate and the Assembly
- SB 1: California Environmental, Public Health and Workers Defense Act. Farm Bureau opposed. Passed in the Senate.
- AB 1066: Unemployment Insurance. Will allow striking workers to collect up to twenty-six weeks of unemployment insurance after three weeks of being on strike. Farm Bureau opposed.

B. Legislative Update:

Chris Flores updated the Committee on upcoming legislation.

- AB 450: Apiary Bill. Gives the Agricultural Commissioner administrative civil penalty option to achieve compliance. Requires a 72 hour notice to the Agricultural Commissioner when beehives are moved. Administrative civil penalty action goes into effect January, 2021.
- SB 153: Industrial hemp. Will most likely get signed.
- SB 449: Continues the Pierce's Disease Program. Has been sent to the governor for signature.

C. Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner Report:

Chris Flores informed the Committee on the current events in the Department.

- The Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner position for the department has been posted. The final filing date is October 4, 2019.
- There are vacancies on the State Rendering Advisory Board.
- On August 20, 2019 the Board of Supervisors extended the moratorium for the cultivation of industrial hemp for another year. They also directed Planning staff to draft an ordinance to allow for the commercial cultivation of hemp.
- Spotted Lanternfly (SLF): CDFA has intercepted 5 spotted lanternflies in cargo planes coming into Sacramento International Airport from Pennsylvania. The host for the pest includes tree of heaven, grapes, hops, and other woody plants. USDA is treating for SLF in Pennsylvania, which is under a state quarantine.
- No additional Oriental Fruit Flies have been found since the original finds in July.
- Paraquat has a new label coming out that will require a closed system. All applicators will need to have special training through the US EPA to become

- certified applicators.
- No nutria have been detected in Sacramento County, although over 700 have been trapped in the Central Valley.

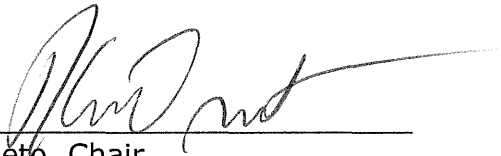
D. Committee Member Comments: Ken Oneto congratulated Chris Flores on her appointment as the Agricultural Commissioner.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on November 13, 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

11/13/19

Date