



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Jim Vietheer – Livestock
Michael Wackman – Natural Resources; Wineries

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2018 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 6:31 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Oneto, Steve Campbell, Brian Fishback, Charlotte Mitchell, Michael Wackman, Jim Vietheer and Brad van Loben Sels

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Dransfield

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)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July Committee Meeting minutes were presented to the Board for approval. Charlotte Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Brad van Loben Sels. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. A moment of silence was held in honor and memory of Chuck Ingels. His Celebration of Life will be held on September 26th at 2:00p.m. at the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks.

5. APPROVAL OF 2019 MEETING CALENDAR

The proposed dates for the 2019 calendar were presented to the Committee. It was recommended that the meetings continue to be held every other month, on the second Wednesday of the month, in the Valley Oak Room at 6:30 p.m. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None received

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. “Sacramento County 2018 Pesticide Aerial Application Drift Prevention Conditions – Effective February 1, 2018” Review: Juli Jensen updated the Committee on the Aerial Application Drift Prevention Conditions for the 2018 season.

- The Department issued 3 waivers to growers: February 7, February 9, and May 29. Site visits were made by inspectors and weather predictions were checked before waivers were issued. The growers were required to submit a 24 hour Notice of Intent (NOI). No complaints were given and no damage was reported. One grower has thanked the Department for an incident-free season. The Aerial Application Drift Prevention Conditions were successful and will remain in effect.

8. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP) Update: Chris Flores educated the Committee on the SSHCP.

- Encompasses over 300,000 acres in the south county. Streamlines permitting processes for urban development while creating mitigation measures and conservation easements, habitat conservation all in one plan.
- On August 8 the plan went before the Board of Supervisors for the adoption and certification of the EIS/EIR. The Board asked staff to research 3 items and return on September 11
- Review General Plan Policy AG-5 as it relates to the HCP.
- Board amended Table 1: added Ag Reps to the Implementation Review Committee and added Ag as a possible Ad Hoc Subcommittee to the Technical Advisory Committee.
- It was recommended by Leighann Moffitt (Planning Director) that General Plan Policy AG-5 should come back to the Board as a separate issue and not hold up the adoption of the HCP. The Board accepted the recommendation. Supervisor Notolli directed Planning Staff to review the policy and bring it back to the Board before the end of the calendar year.
- Supervisor Notolli mentioned the Ag Advisory Committee during the meeting and wanted the Planning Department to use the Committee for reviewing General Plan Policies and projects.

B. Other Industry Updates: Lindsey Liebig updated the Committee on current Farm Bureau details.

- Farm Bureau, along with Farmland Trust, worked heavily on the governance section of the SSHCP.
- Working on a Sphere of Influence amendment for the Multi-Sports Complex in Elk Grove. Written comments have been submitted.
- Assembly Member Adam Grey organized a “Stop the Water Grab” Water Rally the day before the State Water Control Board Hearing at the Capital. Over 1500 people attended with attendees ranging from Humboldt to Bakersfield.

C. County Agricultural Commissioner Report: Juli Jensen informed the Committee on what was happening in the department.

- Oriental Fruit Fly infestation in Sacramento County
- First fly trapped on 7/30 activated the placement of additional traps in the surrounding square miles in a delimitation density. More flies trapped Aug 17th, 21st, 23rd, and so on with the most recent being trapped on Sept. 7th. To date 16 flies have been trapped, 15 males and 1 unmated female. All but one have been trapped in the core square mile surrounding the original trapped fly. One fly, however, was trapped 1 ½ miles north of this core area. The flies resulted in the imposition of a quarantine and that one rebel fly increased that quarantine area significantly so that it covers 123 square miles in Sacramento.
- The Oriental Fruit Fly poses a significant risk to California agriculture primarily because of its wide host range. It will attack over 230 hosts including many that are grown in California and here in Sacramento. This includes grapes, citrus, tomatoes, cucurbits, peaches, plums, apples, pears, cherries, etc. The establishment of the OFF in California would result in a direct economic loss via damaged fruit, increased pesticide use in efforts to lessen the damage, loss of revenue due to export restrictions and adverse impacts on native plants through the destruction of their fruit. In California, the combined 2005 gross value of the commercial hosts that this fly can infest was over \$9.8 billion, stressing the importance of not letting this fly become established.
- The fortunate thing for our growers is that the quarantine does not encompass our commercial growing areas but it does encompass some agricultural production land in Yolo County. It does also affect several of our certified producers and at least one of our pumpkin producers. Those that have host material and are in the quarantine area and wish to sell that host material must first go through a 30-day 4-treatment program before they can sell those commodities. Homeowners and other gardeners that are in the quarantine area that do not wish to sell their produce cannot give their produce away. It must remain on the property where it was grown unless they choose to process it (such as tomatoes into salsa or spaghetti sauce).
- A meeting was held on August 30th in Walnut Grove for growers both in the quarantine area and those close-by that are concerned that they might be pulled into a quarantine if the area expands. Those close to the quarantine area may choose to start the treatment regime so that their harvest would not be interrupted if they were pulled into the quarantine.
- Host crops can be treated with either GF-120 Naturalyte (organic Spinosad) or Malathion 8 Aquamul and a protein bait. Currently they must make 4 applications within 30 days before they can sell their produce and then they must continue their treatments as long as they are harvesting. Crops that are going for processing such as wine grapes and canning tomatoes do not need to be treated however they must enter into a compliance agreement with CDFA.

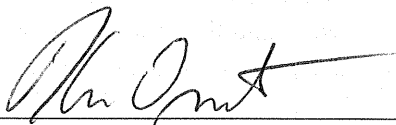
D. Committee Member Comments: Michael Wackman brought to the attention of the Committee that Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) is looking at a rate study and how they will implement funding all their programs. Currently Ag pays about 17% through Zone 13 to fund SCGA. They were looking to increase on top of what is already paid through Zone 13, to 22% of the budget of SCGA. Chris suggested inviting them to present to the Ag Advisory Committee.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on November 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

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



Ken Oneto, Chair

3/13/19

Date