



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 1, 2009

Farm Bureau Office
180 Industrial Way
Buellton, Ca

APPROVED MINUTES

These minutes reflect the actions and general discussion of the Committee.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee was called to order by Kari Campbell-Bohard, Chair, at 2:10 pm at the Farm Bureau Office in Buellton. Willie Chamberlin arrived at 3pm (during item VI) .

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jose Baer
Brian Caird
Kari Campbell-Bohard, Chair
Willy Chamberlin
Dorothy Laine
LeRoy Scolari
Paul Van Leer
June Van Wingerden

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Grant Cremers
Greg France
Bradley Miles
Richard Quandt

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

P&D - John Baker (Director), Mike Hays, Derek Johnson (Deputy Director), David Lackie, and Stephanie Stark
LAFCO - Bob Braitman (Executive Officer)

NUMBER OF INTERESTED PERSONS: 6

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comment

Re: Gaviota Coast landowner farmer informed AAC about upcoming ag workshops and classes

III. Minutes

The May 6, 2009 will be reconsidered at the August meeting. A quorum was not reached because one of the seven members present at the time of vote abstained.

Motion: Leroy Scolari moved, seconded by Dorothy Laine and carried by a 6-0-1 vote to approve the March 4, 2009 minutes as corrected.

Motion: Dorothy Laine moved seconded by Leroy Scolari and carried by a 4-0-3 vote to approve the April 1, 2009 minutes as corrected. (Committee membership has changed since April 1, 2009 such that reaching a quorum for approval of the meeting minutes is not feasible.)

IV. Report from the Planning Director – John Baker

John Baker, the Planning and Development Director, addressed the Committee:

John is retiring next week and this is his last AAC meeting. He feels the Ag Planning program is going well and has made great strides during his tenure as the Director. Committee members thanked Mr. Baker his efforts in working with the ag community.

County Budget – Mr. Baker clarified the Ag Land Use Planner position was not listed as a proposed cut in the final version of the budget.

V. Reports From Agricultural Planners – Mike Hays & Stephanie Stark

Mike addressed the Committee regarding:

NRCS permit streamlining process – the Director signed a memo that all NRCS non-cost share projects are exempt from planning and grading permits. Previously only NRCS cost share projects were exempt from permits. The Grading Ordinance was recently revised to reflect the changes.

Ag Buffer Policy – Mike is meeting with stakeholders and San Luis Obispo County ag planners.

Central Coast Ag Planning Roundtable Meeting – Mike and Stephanie attended in June.

Land Use Development Code Permit Streamlining Process – Ag Planners are meeting with Pat Saley and Noel Langle to discuss comments on the Draft ND. The Planning Commission hearing for July 15th was postponed.

Ag Preserve Contracts – Ag Planning is now processing all ag preserve contracts.

VI. Gaviota Coast Rural Regional Plan – Derek Johnson and David Lackie

Long Range Planning (LRP) staff summarized the timeline for the Gaviota Coast Rural Regional Plan (GCRRP) and explained major milestones such as the kickoff meeting on July 16th (6:30 pm) at the Goleta Union School District Board Hearing Room. LRP described the planning process, upcoming public meetings, the planning advisory committee (GavPAC), and asked for suggestions of how best

to include the AAC in the process. The majority of the discussion focused on boundaries for the GCRRP area and the GavPAC membership.

AAC members were concerned the GavPAC will not adequately represent ag land owners within the plan area. They also wanted to shrink the size of the plan area but lacked adequate information to make a recommendation during the meeting. The Committee requested LRP return to the next AAC meeting with a more detailed map showing roads, topography and soil types. AAC discussed revising the plan boundary to exclude the areas north and west of the intersection of Hwy 1 & Hwy 101. Chair made a motion to continue the item until the August 5th AAC meeting.

VII. LAFCO Proposed Policy for Extension of Urban Services to Agricultural Parcels – Bob Braitman

Bob Braitman, LAFCO Executive Officer, presented a version of the proposed amendment to LAFCO's annexation policy for extending services to agricultural parcels. The AAC had concerns with the wording in Mr. Braitman's version. After clarification, a final proposed version agreeable to Mr. Braitman and the AAC was crafted during the meeting. Mr. Braitman will present the draft policy amendments to the LAFCO meeting on July 2, 2009.

VIII. Reports from Committee Members

No reports were provided.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 4:20 pm.

NEXT MEETING: The next proposed AAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th.