



County of Santa Cruz

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KEN CORBISHLEY, Executive Secretary

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES – November 19, 2009

Members Present

Bruce Dau
Sam Earnshaw
Ken Kimes
Mike Manfre
Frank "Lud" McCrary

Staff Present

Samantha Haschert
Nell Sulborski

Others Present

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dau at 1:35 PM.
2. (a) Approval of the May 21, 2009 Minutes: M/S/P to approve the minutes as submitted.
(b) Additions/Corrections to the Agenda: None
3. Review of APAC correspondence: None
4. Commissioner's Presentations: None
5. Staff Presentations: None
6. Oral Communications: None

REGULAR AGENDA

7. 09-0248 ADJACENT TO 42 ROBAK DR., LA SELVA APN(s): 045-331-03 & -04
Proposal to construct two 2-story single family dwellings on two separate vacant parcels. An Agricultural Buffer Setback Reduction is requested to reduce the required agricultural buffer setback from 200 feet to 90 feet (for the proposed residence on APN 045-331-03) and 170 feet (for the proposed residence on APN 045-331-04). Properties located on the south side of a private right of way (adjacent to 42 Robak Drive) approximately 100 feet east of Robak Drive, La Selva.

APPLICANT/ OWNER: DAVID & MICHELLE MICHAEL
PROJECT PLANNER: RANDALL ADAMS, 454-3218
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Samantha Haschert presented the Staff Report and used a projector to show the various maps associated with this project.

Commissioners' discussed current agricultural activity and structures located on the agricultural property.

Chairperson Dau opened the item for public comment:

Sal Terrazas, residing at 60 Robak Drive, La Selva Beach, expressed concerns over:

- Water run-off and flooding from vegetation removal that has already occurred on the proposed property sites;
- Steep incline that runs down to Robertson Way from the proposed property sites;
- Currently water run-off bubbles up from under the road and requires the road to be repaved. He is afraid that the proposed project will cause the road situation to worsen. He also said the road was repaved several weeks ago.

Steve Posner, residing at 66 Robak Drive, La Selva Beach, expressed concerns over:

- Water run-off because of the vegetation removal and step slope;
- Water run-off has historically been a problem with the proposed property sites;
- Run-off from the project may create an issue for his existing percolation pond;
- The need for a retaining wall and a system to manage water run-off.

David Michael, Applicant, stated that there are inconsistencies with some of the distances in the Staff Report. The distances are correct but in some cases are reversed. He noticed the problem during the oral presentation of the Staff Report and in the written Staff Report to the Agricultural Policy Commission however the distances are correct in the section entitled Required Findings for Agricultural Buffer Setback Reduction.

Chairperson Dau clarified that the charter of the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission is to address items related to agricultural impacts and that the other issues brought up at today's meeting need to be addressed in another forum.

Samantha Haschert referred the public members to Randall Adams, Project Planner, for discussion of non-agricultural impact concerns.

M/S/P to accept staff recommendations.

8. Review of Draft Correspondence to the Board of Supervisors.

Item carried over to the next meeting. Samantha Haschert will email the draft

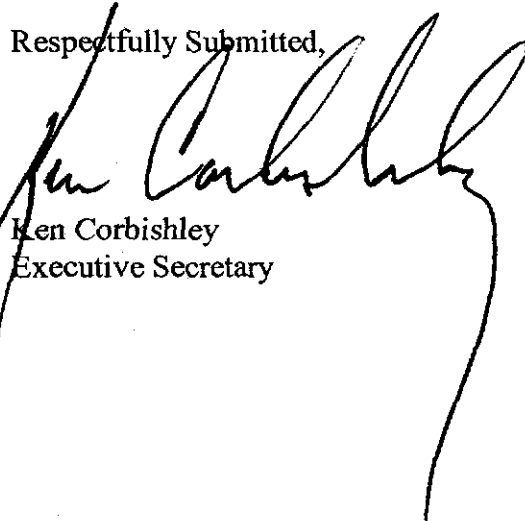
correspondence to the Commissioners.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

9. Commissioner Manfre requested a general update on agriculture from Ken Corbishley, Agricultural Commissioner, and requested similar updates be made in the future. Agricultural Commissioner Corbishley discussed the following items:
 - Pesticide application notification regulation changes.
 - Various pest finds throughout the state.
 - LBAM update: financial issues for the Program, trapping changes, new finds, eradications, sterile moth release trial, etc.
 - Dog team interception of Asian citrus psyllid at shipment receiving terminals.
10. Samantha Haschert discussed Williamson Act funding impact from the state, value of subvention to Santa Cruz County is approximately \$26,000. Commissioner Manfre discussed the need for a process to review whether or not land originally placed under the Williamson Act continues to meet requirements throughout life of the contract. Ms. Haschert said properties are tracked and property changes should be minimal due to land use restrictions.
11. Samantha Haschert asked the Commissioners for feedback on whether or not the projections of the subject property maps were helpful, the consensus was yes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ken Corbishley
Executive Secretary