

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

Agricultural Policy Advisory
CommissionMEMORANDUM

Date: XX/XX/XXXX

To: Supervisor XX

From: The Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission Members:

Bruce Dau, Chair

Ken Kimes, Vice Chair

Sam Earnshaw

Mike Manfre

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Re: Advisory Body Availability

The Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission (APAC) brings vast farming experience and agricultural knowledge to the County Government in areas including commercial farming, livestock, timber, organic farming, erosion control, wildlife habitat, insect activity, and resource conservation. Real life farming experience is essential for the creation of practical and effective agricultural policies and for the interpretation of existing agricultural policies.

The County Ordinance defines APAC as "An advisory commission created pursuant to Chapter 16.50 of the County Code to advise the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission on policy matters related to agricultural uses." (Section 13.10.700-A) The most common role of APAC is to take action on discretionary permits which could potentially impact Commercial Agriculture (CA) zoned parcels; a service that we are honored to provide.

We, the APAC Commissioners, welcome the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commissioners and the County Staff to further utilize our Commission to obtain preliminary advice on policy matters related to agricultural uses, as our role is defined in the County Ordinance.

Thank you for your continued effort to protect the agricultural industry in our County. It has been a pleasure to serve on your Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission.