



County of Santa Cruz

AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION

BRUCE DAU, Chairperson
KEN KIMES, Vice Chairperson
JUAN HIDALGO, Executive Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

November 16, 2017

1:30 PM

Agricultural Extension Auditorium
1432 Freedom Boulevard
Watsonville, California

Present: Ellen Rinde, Mike Manfre, Sam Earnshaw, Ken Kimes, Bruce Dau
Excused Absence: None
Unexcused Absence: None
Others: Sheila McDaniel, David Sanford

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes and Modifications

(a) Approved minutes from the September 21, 2017 hearing.
Minutes not present at meeting and not reviewed for approval.

(b) Additions/Corrections to Agenda: None

3. Review of APAC correspondence: None

4. APAC Commissioner Presentations: None

5. Staff Presentations:

(a) Update from Agricultural Commissioner: On November 7, 2017, the Office of Administrative Law issued the final regulation for Pesticide Use Near Schoolsites (CCR 6690-6692) and the regulation is effective on January 1, 2018. Our department has been working to communicate the details and requirements of the new regulation to our local grower community, and we will be holding a

continuing education class for growers and applicators on December 15, 2017, that will cover the new regulation as well as other regulatory updates.

6. Oral Communications: None.

7. Consideration of the Draft Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance and Manufacturing Ordinance EIR

I. The Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors:

- Remove redundant County Code in the proposed Cannabis Cultivation and Manufacturing Ordinances; and
- To the greatest extent possible, rely on existing agencies' regulations and enforcement currently in place.

MOTION/SECONDED: Kimes/Rinde

AYES: Rinde, Kimes, Earnshaw, Manfre, Dau

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

II. In order to encourage cultivators and manufacturers to be in compliance with the cannabis cultivation and manufacturing regulations; to maintain economic advantage to the County of Santa Cruz; and, to give cannabis growers and manufacturers the opportunity to plan ahead, the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors expedite review and processing of cannabis cultivation and manufacturing applications.

MOTION/SECONDED: Manfre/Earnshaw

AYES: Rinde, Earnshaw, Manfre, Dau

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Kimes

III. The Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the more permissive EIR Alternative 2.

MOTION/SECONDED: Manfre/Earnshaw

AYES: Earnshaw, Manfre, Dau

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Rinde

ABSENT: Kimes

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.