



AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION

County of Santa Cruz

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

September 21, 2017

1:30 PM

Agricultural Extension Auditorium
1432 Freedom Boulevard
Watsonville, California

Present: Ellen Rinde, Mike Manfre, Sam Earnshaw, Ken Kimes
Excused Absence: Bruce Dau
Unexcused Absence: None
Others: Sheila McDaniel, Juan Hidalgo, David Sanford, Matt Johnson, Josh Schneider, Dee Murray, Brian Spector, Kate Smith, Tony Gregorio

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

2. Approval of Minutes and Modifications

(a) Approved minutes from the July 20, 2017 hearing.

MOTION/SECONDED: Manfre/Rinde

AYES: Rinde, Manfe, Earnshaw, Kimes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Dau

(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: The 2016 Crop Report has been released. In 2016, both

apples and wine grapes rebounded from the lower production of the previous year and were again close to average production. Organic production continues to expand and presently comprises approximately 20% of the commercial agricultural production in the county. Currently it is fumigation season in the conventional berry production fields.

6. Oral Communications: None.

7. Project: **171204** **APN: 110-141-11**

Approved staff recommendations for project 171204

MOTION/SECONDED: Rinde/Earnshaw

AYES: Rinde, Kimes, Earnshaw

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Manfre

ABSENT: Dau

8. Public hearing to consider the draft Environmental Impact Report on the proposed program to regulate commercial cannabis and manufacturing in Santa Cruz County and consider providing comments and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Continued to October 19th for further consideration.

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