



AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION

County of Santa Cruz

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

January 17, 2019

1:30 PM

**Agricultural Extension Auditorium
1432 Freedom Boulevard
Watsonville, California**

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes and Modifications

(a) Approved minutes from the November 15, 2018 hearing.

Staff directed to provide APAC a clean copy of Agenda Item 9 (Agricultural Buffer Application list) removing Cannabis Use as a singular item in the list of Agricultural Uses)

MOTION/SECONDED: Earnshaw/Manfre

AYES: Rinde, Manfre, Kimes, Dau, Earnshaw

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. Review of APAC correspondence:

(a) Revised Agricultural Policy Advisory Commissioner Bylaws

4. APAC Commissioner Presentations: None.

5. Staff Presentations:

- (a) Update from Agricultural Commissioner: Status of state (CDFA) regulatory activities regarding industrial hemp cultivation.

6. Oral Communications: None.

7. Project: **181325. APN: 046-261-27**

Approve staff recommendations for project 181325

MOTION/SECONDED: Kimes/Rinde

AYES: Rinde, Manfre, Kimes, Dau, Earnshaw

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Agricultural Buffer Setback Application List

Subject to Ag Buffer Setback

Residential

Houses, accessory dwelling unit, habitable accessory structures	Yes
Detached Non-Habitable Barns	No
Home Occupations	Yes
Non- habitable Workshops	No
Attached non-habitable garages (attached to dwelling)	Yes
Detached garages	No
Patios, swimming pools	Yes
Outdoor use areas associated with dwelling	Yes

Commercial Uses

Office Buildings (with employees)	Yes
Employee parking areas associated with structures	Yes
Public parking areas	Yes
Outdoor use areas/seating/patios	Yes

Recreation Uses

Recreation Structures (with employees)	Yes
Employee parking areas associated with structures	Yes
Public parking areas	Yes
Public Recreation Trails	Yes
Public assembly areas	Yes
Outdoor use areas/seating/patios	Yes

Institutional Uses

Institution structures (with employees)	Yes
Public parking areas	Yes
Employee parking areas associated with structures	Yes

Industrial Uses

Industrial Structures (with employees)	Yes
Public parking areas	Yes
Employee parking areas associated with structures	Yes
Buildings	Yes

Agricultural Uses (including cannabis)

Farm worker Housing/Agricultural employee housing	Yes
Cultivation	No
Hoop houses	No
Employee parking for cultivation	No
Greenhouses, including employees for operations	No
Offices (with employees)	Yes
Public Parking	Yes
Research labs	Yes
Workshops	Yes
Processing	Yes
Employee parking associated with offices/labs/workshops	Yes
Distribution/processing in buildings with employees	Yes
Manufacturing in buildings with employees	Yes
Employee parking associated with structures	Yes



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Present: Ellen Rinde, Mike Manfre, Ken Kimes, Bruce Dau

Excused Absence: Sam Earnshaw

Unexcused Absence: None

Others: Sheila McDaniel, David Sanford, Jessica Becket Parr, Damien Parr, Michele Landegger

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes and Modifications

(a) Approved minutes from the February 15, 2018 hearing.

MOTION/SECONDED: Manfre/Dau

AYES: Rinde, Manfre, Earnshaw, Kimes, Dau

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Earnshaw

(b) Additions/Corrections to Agenda: Item 7 will be rescheduled for the January 17, 2019 meeting agenda; Item 3(a) will be rescheduled for the January 17, 2019 meeting agenda; there are two letters of correspondence regarding Item 8 that have been provided to the Commission.

3. Review of APAC correspondence:

(a) Revised Agricultural Policy Advisory Commissioner Bylaws is rescheduled for the January 17, 2019 meeting agenda.

4. APAC Commissioner Presentations: None.

5. Staff Presentations:

- (a) Update from Agricultural Commissioner: The 2017 Crop Report was released in October this year. Surveys for the 2018 Crop Report will be sent out between January and February of 2019. No action taken.

6. Oral Communications: None.

7. Project: 181325. APN: 046-261-27 is rescheduled for the January 17, 2019 meeting agenda.

8. Project: 181181. APN: 060-192-04

Approve staff recommendation for project 181181 with the following recommendations:
Vegetative buffering barrier on the northern side of the property shall attain a maximum height of ten feet upon maturity.

MOTION/SECONDED: Kimes/Manfre

AYES: Rinde, Manfre, Dau, Kimes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Earnshaw

9. Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission interpretation of County Code Section 16.50.095 (B) to establish the recommended scope of uses subject to the required agricultural buffer setback regulations.

Request action item be drafted supporting staff recommendation amending the Agricultural Buffer Setback Application List to include employee parking areas (in bold-type on the list) to be subject to the Agricultural Buffer Setback and eliminating Cannabis as a separate section of the list and including it with the Agricultural Uses section of the list.

MOTION/SECONDED: Kimes/Dau

AYES: Rinde, Manfre, Dau, Kimes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Earnshaw

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Agricultural Buffer Setback Application List

Subject to Ag Buffer Setback

Residential

Houses, accessory dwelling unit, habitable accessory structures	Yes
Detached Non-Habitable Barns	No
Home Occupations	Yes
Non- habitable Workshops	No
Attached non-habitable garages (attached to dwelling)	Yes
Detached garages	No
Patios, swimming pools	Yes
Outdoor use areas associated with dwelling	Yes

Commercial Uses

Office Buildings (with employees)	Yes
Employee parking areas <i>associated with structures</i>	No-Yes
Public parking areas	Yes
Outdoor use areas/seating/patios	Yes

Recreation Uses

Recreation Structures (with employees)	Yes
Employee parking areas <i>associated with structures</i>	No-Yes
Public parking areas	Yes
Public Recreation Trails	Yes
Public assembly areas	Yes
Outdoor use areas/seating/patios	Yes

Institutional Uses

Institution structures (with employees)	Yes
Public parking areas	Yes
Employee parking areas <i>associated with structures</i>	No Yes

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Industrial Uses

Industrial Structures (with employees)	Yes
Public parking areas	Yes
Employee parking areas <i>associated with structures</i>	No-Yes
Buildings	Yes

Agricultural Uses (including cannabis)

Farm worker Housing/Agricultural employee housing	Yes
Cultivation	No
Hoop houses	No
Employee parking for cultivation	No
Greenhouses, including employees for operations	No
Offices (with employees)	Yes
Public Parking	Yes
Research labs	Yes
Workshops	Yes
Processing	Yes
Employee parking associated with offices/labs/workshops	No Yes

Cannabis

Outdoor Cultivation	No
Hoop Houses	No
Distribution/processing in buildings with employees	Yes
Greenhouses, including employees for operations	No
Manufacturing in buildings with employees	Yes
Employee parking associated with buildings structures	No Yes

CHAPTER 2.82
AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION

2.82.010 Established—Statutory authority.

The Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission is established under the authority of Government Code Section 31000.1-25203, in compliance with SCCC Chapter 2.38-SCCC. [Ord. 2521, 1978; prior code § 3.50.010].

2.82.020 Membership.

(A) The Commission shall consist of seven members appointed as follows.

(A) Five of the members shall be voting members. The voting members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors and shall be residents of the County. ~~appointed by the Board of Supervisors.~~ Each Supervisor shall nominate one person to serve on the Commission. Membership on the Commission shall be open to those who are active in the production of agricultural commodities or a related agricultural industry.

(B) ~~There shall be, in addition, two non-voting members appointed. (The other two members of the Commission are the County Director of the County Cooperative Agricultural Extension, and the County Agricultural Commissioner. These individuals, who shall have seats on the Commission but shall not vote. [Ord. 2521, 1978; prior code § 3.50.030].~~

2.82.040 Organization and procedures.

(A) **General Organization.** The Commission may establish its own rules and procedures insofar as they comply in all respects with the provisions of SCCC Chapter 2.38-SCCC. The Commission may also, from time to time, consult with authorities in the field.

(B) County Staff Support.

(1) The Agricultural Commissioner, or their designee, is Department shall provide staff support for the Commission. The Agricultural Commissioner, Director of the Department, or their his designee, shall serve as Administrative Secretary to the Commission, prepare minutes of Commission meetings and annual reports from the Commission to the Board of Supervisors, and shall receive copies of all minutes, reports and recommendations submitted to the Board of Supervisors by the Commission.

(2C) Planning Department Support. With regard to Commission duties under subsection (B) of this section, ~~(The Planning Department shall cooperate in providing staff support for the~~

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Commission. Such support shall consist of application receipt and processing, agenda preparation and public noticing, staff report preparation, and presentation of appeals of Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission decisions to the Board of Supervisors. [Ord. 2677, 1979; Ord. 2521, 1978; prior code § 3.59.050].

2.52.050 Powers and duties.

The Commission shall ~~perform~~ exercise the following ~~duties~~ responsibilities:

- (A) Advise and assist the Board of Supervisors by providing information on the County's agricultural industry, and evaluating matters referred to the Commission by the Board;
- (B) Review, in cooperation with the Planning Department, proposed development projects having the potential to affect agricultural lands, as designated on the County's Agricultural Resources Map. Such review shall consist of buffer setback determinations, ~~agricultural viability determinations, agricultural land use regulation and policy interpretations,~~ recommendations regarding land division proposals ~~in or adjoining CA or AP Zone Districts for Type 1a agricultural land,~~ and recommendations regarding proposed amendments to the agricultural land type designations as shown on the Agricultural Resources Map. The Commission shall also perform the functions specified in ~~SCCC 13.10, 13.14, and 15.50~~ Chapter 13, 14 SCCC. [Ord. 2677, 1979; Ord. 2521, 1978; prior code § 3.59.020].