AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION



County of Santa Cruz

BRUCE DAU, Chairperson KEN KIMES, Vice Chairperson DAVID SANFORD, Executive Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 20, 2023 1:30 PM

Agricultural Extension Auditorium 1432 Freedom Boulevard Watsonville, California

Present: Bruce Dau, Ellen Rinde, Mike Manfre Absent: Ken Kimes Others: Sheila McDaniel, Randall Adams, Carmen Zamora, Terry Schmitt, Miguel Podolsky, Randall Adams, Walter Mayeda

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Minutes and Modifications

(a) Additions/Corrections to Agenda: Attachments, including minutes, correspondence, and the APAC calendar were emailed to APAC members and hard copies were provided at the meeting.

(b) Approved minutes from the October 20, 2022 hearing.

MOTION/SECONDED: Rinde/ManfreAYES:Dau, Rinde, ManfreNOES:NoneABSTAIN:NoneABSENT:None

(c) Accept items of APAC correspondence:

(1) 2022 Board of Supervisors APAC Biennial Report

(2) Supervisorial District Commissioner Appointments

MOTION/SECONDED: Manfre/Rinde

AYES:	Dau, Rinde, Manfre
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

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- 3. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications: None
- 4. Oral Communication: None
- 5. APAC Commissioner Presentations: None

6. Updates from the Agricultural Commissioner's Office: January and March storms and floods caused significant damage to ag fields; the latest estimates were 1,500-2,000 acres of affected cropland and approximately \$47,000,000 in damage. Juan Hidalgo has departed as the Santa Cruz County Agricultural Commissioner; David Sanford is the acting interim Agricultural Commissioner. No permanent appointment has been made at this time.

7. Updates from the Staff Planner: The governor has vacated Covid protocols for remote meetings as of February 28, 2023. The CAO has issued a directive that meetings shall resume in-person. Item 10 provides discussion regarding this matter. APAC calendar for 2023 was presented. There is currently no plan to meet in May of 2023.

8. Project: 221109. APN: 046-221-52

Approve staff recommendation for project 221109.

MOTION/SECONDED:Manfre/RindeAYES:Manfre, Dau, RindeNOES:NoneABSTAIN:NoneABSENT:None

9. Project: 28338. APN: 104-041-19

Approve staff recommendation for project 28338.

MOTION/SEC	ONDED: Manfre/Rinde
AYES:	Manfre, Dau, Rinde
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

10. Discussion of County Administrative Office directive for in-person Boards and Commission meetings and consideration of a change in venue to provide continuation of the public call-in component: Continue meetings at 1432 Freedom Boulevard until unavailable. Direct staff to find location south of Park Avenue, preferably with an audio setup, to relocate to when current location becomes unavailable. Future meetings will exclude call-in component.

MOTION/SECONDED: Rinde/Manfre

AYES:	Dau, Rinde, Manfre
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m