



County of Santa Cruz

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

December 17, 2015

1:30 PM

Agricultural Extension Auditorium
1432 Freedom Boulevard
Watsonville, California

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

Excused Absence: None

Unexcused Absence: None

Others: Sheila McDaniel, Juan Hidalgo, Shane DeVine, Michael Gant, Brad Asmus, Steve Johnson, Lori Johnson, Candace Calsoyas, Pilar Marien, Chuck Burket, Mike Shaw, Arnold Brunetti

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes and Modifications:
 - (a) Minutes from the August 20, 2015 hearing will be deferred for approval until the next meeting.
 - (b) Additions/Corrections to Agenda:
Revisions to the conditions of approval for item 8.
3. Review of APAC correspondence: None
4. APAC Commissioner Presentations: None
5. Staff Presentations:
 - (a) Update from Agricultural Commissioner: Agricultural Commissioner Mary Lou Nicoletti has retired. Juan Hidalgo has been appointed Agricultural Commissioner for Santa Cruz County. The Agricultural Commissioner's office is currently working on renewing operator identification numbers and permits to agricultural growers. No Action taken.
 - (b) Update from Staff Planner: None

6. Oral Communications: None.

7. Project: **151101. APN: 107-111-79**

Approve staff recommendation for project 151101 with the following recommendation:

Revise Condition of Approval IIA3 to add: If the parcel is ever held under separate ownership from APN 108-111-32 a six foot solid board fence shall be constructed along approximately 500 to 600 feet of the south eastern property line.

MOTION/SECONDED: Kimes/Rinde

AYES: Rinde, Dau, Manfre, Earnshaw, Kimes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

8. Project: **151170. APN: 050-191-04.**

Approve staff recommendation for project 151170 with the following recommendation:

In the revised Conditions of Approval strikeout the following:

Item IIA3: “and along the west property line.”

Item IIC: “provided that a 20 foot setback is met and a vegetative buffer and 6 foot solid board fencing is constructed along the property line.”

MOTION/SECONDED: Earnshaw/Manfre

AYES: Rinde, Dau, Manfre, Earnshaw

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Kimes

9. Consideration of the Agricultural Buffer Plant Selection Procedure. No Action Taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.



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BRUCE DAU, Chairperson
KEN KIMES, Vice Chairperson
MARY LOU NICOLETTI, Executive Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 20, 2015

1:30 PM

Agricultural Extension Auditorium
1432 Freedom Boulevard
Watsonville, California

Present: Ellen Rinde, Bruce Dau, Mike Manfre, Sam Earnshaw, Ken Kimes
Excused Absence: None
Unexcused Absence: None
Others: Sheila McDaniel, Mary Lou Nicoletti, Juan Hidalgo, Josiah Adams

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes and Modifications:

(a) Approved minutes from the April 16, 2015 hearing.

MOTION/SECONDED: Manfre/Rinde

AYES: Rinde, Dau, Manfre, Earnshaw, Kimes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

(b) Additions/Corrections to Agenda:

Revision to the recommended agricultural buffer plant list.

3. Review of APAC correspondence:

Correspondence from the applicant regarding item 8.

4. APAC Commissioner Presentations:

Consideration of Guidelines for Planting and Maintenance of Native California Shrubs and Trees
(Sam Earnshaw – 1st District) and Agricultural Buffer Plan List review, Item 7.

5. Staff Presentations:

(a) Update from Agricultural Commissioner: The 2014 Santa Cruz County Crop report was released earlier this week. There was a 2.86% increase in production value over the previous year. Copies of the report were presented to the commissioners. No action taken.

(b) Update from Staff Planner: None.

6. Oral Communications: None.

7. Consideration of Guidelines for Planting and Maintenance of Native California Shrubs and Trees (Sam Earnshaw – 1st District) and Agricultural Buffer Plant List Review.

Approve the Guidelines for Planting and Maintenance of Native California Shrubs and Trees with the following recommendations:

Paragraph one of the Irrigation subsection, add the following at the end of the paragraph: Planting preference is given to fall planting. Irrigation is recommended during dry months only.

Paragraph two of the Irrigation subsection, change the second sentence to the following: Shrubs can be irrigated with two half gallon per hour emitters and trees with two one gallon per hour emitters for three to five hours a week depending on soils.

MOTION/SECONDED: Rinde/Manfre

AYES: Rinde, Dau, Manfre, Earnshaw, Kimes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

8. Project: 151083. APN: 058-101-05

Approve staff recommendation for project 151083 with the following recommendations: In Required Findings for Agricultural Buffer Setback Reductions modify bullet two, second paragraph to the following:

The habitable structure is proposed to be set back 20 feet from the adjacent Commercial Agriculture zoned land. An effective barrier consisting of a six foot tall solid fence and evergreen shrubs providing the required 6 foot height, would be adequate to prevent conflicts between the non-agricultural development and the adjacent Commercial Agriculture zoned land of APN 058-122-12. This barrier, as proposed, shall not create a hazard in terms of the vehicular sight distance necessary for safe passage of traffic.

In Conditions of Approval modify II.A.3. to the following:

Final plans shall show a 6 foot solid board fence and a six foot tall vegetative buffer along the entire rear property line. Vegetative barrier shall be composed of drought tolerant

shrubbery. The shrubs utilized shall attain a minimum height of six feet upon maturity. Species type, plant sizes and spacing shall be indicated on the final plans for review and approval by Planning Department staff.

MOTION/SECONDED: Kimes/Rinde

AYES: Rinde, Dau, Manfre, Earnshaw, Kimes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.