

KINGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DUSTIN FERENCE – KC FARM BUREAU
GABE COOPER – WATER
GARRETT GILCREASE –
AG CHEMICALS & PETROLEUM

BRIAN POTTER – AG EQUIPMENT
DAVID STANFIELD- NUT CROPS
JULIE BELEZZUOLI-HATHAWAY -
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY

VACANT – FRUIT/FIELD CROPS
VACANT – SMALL FARMS
VACANT – FEED/SEED & GRAIN
VACANT – DAIRY INDUSTRY

SECRETARY: CHUCK KINNEY

STAFF: VICTOR HERNANDEZ (559) 852-2685

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SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday, August 29, 2024

4:00 P.M or soon after.

This meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held at the Kings County Government Center in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Kings County Ag Commissioner Agriculture Building (Bldg. No. 21), 680 N. Campus Drive, Hanford, California.

The Kings County Ag Advisory Committee requests that all cell phones and other electronic communication devices be muted or turned off while the meeting is in progress.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson

A. Roll Call of Ag Advisory Committee Members: (*Chuck Kinney - Secretary*)

B. Unscheduled Comments:

Any person may address the Committee on any subject matter within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Committee at the beginning of the meeting; or may elect to address the Committee on any agenda item at the time the item is called by the Chair, but before the matter is acted upon by the Committee. Unscheduled comments will be limited to five minutes.

C. Approval of the minutes of the April 11, 2024, meeting:

Chairman: Call for motion, second and voice vote.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. NONE

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) UPDATE- Chuck Kinney**

Update regarding Sustainable Groundwater Management Act compliance.

1. Discussion
2. Recommendation if Applicable

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B. INVENTORY OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES WITHIN DIFFERENT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES (GSA)- Victor Hernandez

Discussion regarding County owned properties within different GSAs

1. Discussion

C. POTENTIAL NEW COMPATIBLE USES IN AGRICULTURAL ZONED DISTRICTS- Victor Hernandez / Chuck Kinney

Presentation regarding possible future uses in the Agricultural Zoned Districts.

1. Presentation
2. Discussion
3. Recommendation if Applicable

D. AB 2528: WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT CANCELLATION FOR ENERGY PROJECTS- Victor Hernandez

Presentation regarding the status of AB 2528: Williamson Act Contract Cancellation for Energy Projects.

1. Presentation
2. Discussion
3. Recommendation if Applicable

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Future agenda items
- B. Correspondence
- C. Staff comments
- D. Committee member comments

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 10, 2024

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MINUTES OF April 11, 2024

Call to Order:

At 4:12 p.m. on April 11, 2024 Dustin Ference called to order the meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee in the Ag Commissioner's Multi-Purpose Room, 680 N. Campus, Hanford, California to order.

Committee Members Present:

Bob Prys, Garrett Gilcrease,
Gabe Cooper, Dustin Ference

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Chuck Kinney

Auxiliary Members Present:

Karmjot Randhawna

Committee Coordinator Present

County Staff Present:

Chanda Jackson, Victor Hernandez,
Alex Hernandez, Zachary Adams

Visitors Present:

David Stanfield, Chantal Ouellet, Cameron Bath

Unscheduled Comments:

Bob Prys announced he will be vacating his position at the end of his term, which is June 30, 2024.

Minutes: February 27, 2020 Special Meeting and January 12, 2023 Regular Meeting

A motion was made and seconded (Prys/Cooper) to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2020 special meeting and the January 12, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried with four in favor and two absent (Belezzuoli-Hathaway, Draxler).

Committee Members Absent:

Julie Belezzuoli-Hathaway, Charles Draxler
Brian Potter

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Jimmy Hook

Auxiliary Members Absent:

Philip Smith, Dakotah Fausnett

Committee Coordinator Absent

Joe Neves

County Staff Absent:

(Ference/Prys) to elect Gabe Cooper as Vice Chairperson. Motion carried with four in favor and two absent (Belezzuoli-Hathaway, Draxler).

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Mid-Kings River GSA's Proposition 218 Election (Chuck Kinney)

Mr. Kinney introduced information for Mid-Kings River GSA's Proposition 218 Election and opened the discussion for members. Mr. Ference inquired if the 218 Election was on the Board of Supervisor's agenda for the next week and if the Commission could make a recommendation on how the Board of Supervisor's should vote, to which Mr. Kinney confirmed. Mr. Cooper provided comments on the 218 Election. Mr. Gilcrease commented on the assessment and creation of the fees. Mr. Adams explained the item being on the Board of Supervisors' agenda. Mr. Prys expressed concern for the landowners' input in the decisions. Mr. Gilcrease expressed concern about the amount of the fees. Mr. Cooper stated the fees are necessary but needs more assessment. Mr. Ference asked for clarity on how the recommendation will be provided to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Kinney provided explanation. Mr. Gilcrease commented on more support from the Board of Supervisors in relation to the 218 Election.

A motion was made and seconded (Gilcrease/Cooper) to recommend the Board of Supervisors to vote no on the land and water fees associated with Proposition 218 Election. Motion carries with four in favor and two absent (Belezzuoli-Hathaway, Draxler).

Future Agenda Items: Mr. Ference requested clarification on County-owned property in other GSAs, SGMA discussions as a continuous item, compatible use of land and zoning, bill being written to cancel Williamson Act contracts.

Correspondence: None

Member Comments: None

Staff/Agency Comments: Mr. Kinney advised of members whose term is expiring and what the next steps are to remain active. Karmjot Randhawa advised of a vacancy within Ag/Cooperative Extension and new staff starting.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 11, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chuck Kinney, Secretary