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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: Recommendation of Supervisor Bennett to Appoint a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Designee to the University of California Cooperative Extension Ventura County Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of Supervisor Bennett to Appoint a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Designee to the University of California Cooperative Extension Ventura County Advisory Committee.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT

None.

DISCUSSION

Members of your Board currently serve on 37 boards, commissions and committees. Presently, there is a vacancy on the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Ventura County Advisory Committee.

The UCCE Ventura County program, historically known as the "Farm Advisor," is the local public service and research arm of the University of California (UC) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The mission of the UCCE is to extend research-based knowledge to the community and conduct applied research in the areas of agricultural and natural resources, nutrition, family and consumer sciences, and youth development. In accordance with a Local Agreement dated June 16, 2015 between the UC and the County, UC provides professional and paraprofessional personnel and the County provides office space, an operating budget for services, supplies, vehicles, and direct funding.

The Advisory Committee was established by the Local Agreement. The Advisory Committee provides a forum for ongoing direct communication between the County and the UCCE Ventura County Director regarding the program. The Advisory Committee is comprised of the following individuals:

- 1) County Executive Officer or designee
- 2) A County Supervisor or other Board of Supervisors' designee
- 3) The Farm Bureau of Ventura County president or designee
- 4) Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner or designee
- 5) A representative of higher education located in Ventura County
- 6) A representative from a K-12 or informal science education institution located in Ventura County
- 7) A representative from UC Agricultural and Natural Resources

The UCCE Ventura County Director will convene the Advisory Committee at least twice a year. By March 1 of each year, the Advisory Committee members will receive a draft budget and "Plan of Work" for the UCCE Ventura County program and have an opportunity to provide UC input at the first meeting. Advisory Committee members will also receive an annual Report of Work on the accomplishments and impacts of the UCCE Ventura County program under the previous year's Plan of Work.

The Board member or designee appointed will serve through the end of the 2019 calendar year. Re-appointment or appointment to the UCCE Advisory Committee will occur at the first meeting of January 2020, consistent with the past practice of appointing Board members at the start of the calendar year.

If there are questions related to this matter, please contact James Importante, Management Analyst II at (805) 654-5088.

Sincerely,



James Importante
Management Analyst II



Michael Powers
County Executive Officer

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