



COUNTY of VENTURA

Agriculture/Weights & Measures

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
Edmund E. Williams
Chief Deputy
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March 28, 2023

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Amending the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee By-laws.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution, attached hereto as "Exhibit 1," Amending the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee ("APAC") By-Laws, as recommended by the committee.

FISCAL MANDATES/IMPACTS

None.

DISCUSSION

APAC was first established by the Board of Supervisors in 1976. The committee's responsibilities were revised in 1988 and again in 1996 and it serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors.

Each of the five elected Supervisors appoints one member of the agricultural community to serve on the APAC. The Agricultural Commissioner is an ex-officio non-voting member. The Agricultural Commissioner provides staff services to the APAC.

The committee reviews Land Conservation Act Program applications, zoning and building regulations affecting agriculture, and all matters having direct, indirect and cumulative effects on the county's agricultural economy. Farmers and the general public may be heard at each meeting during Public Comments.

On January 11, 2023, through unanimous motion of the present quorum, APAC voted to recommend these revisions to the by-laws and direct the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer staff to present them to your Board for adoption per Article X of the 1996 APAC by-laws. Revisions include:

- Allowing APAC to determine the specific location and time of its regular meetings.
- Replacing In-county residency requirement for membership with active in-county agricultural operation requirement.

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- Replacing April 1 start date for member four-year terms with the date of appointment.
- Minor changes for outdated language and procedural clarity.

I am respectfully requesting that your Board adopt the attached resolution approving the reconstitution of the APAC with the committee-adopted revisions to their by-laws.

This Board letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (805) 388-4343, extension 2.

Sincerely,



Edmund E. Williams
Agricultural Commissioner

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

Attachment A: revised APAC By-Laws

Exhibit 2 – 1996 APAC By-Laws

Exhibit 3 – revised APAC By-Laws with revisions annotated