COUNTY OF VENTURA
AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ACTION MINUTES - JANUARY 12, 2011

1. 1:00 P.M. – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.

2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE.

Committee Roll Call:	Vacant, District 1
	Sanger Hedrick, District 2
	Bob Pinkerton, District 3, Vice-Chair
	Charles Schwabauer, District, 4, Chairman
	Will Doyle, District 5

Ex-officio: (non-voting)	Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner

Present:	Hedrick, Pinkerton, Schwabauer

    Staff/Others Present: Nancy Parker, Ag Commissioner's Office; Lynn Jensen, VC-COLAB; Rob Roy, VCAA; Eric Walts, County Counsel; A. E. "Bud" Sloan, Cattlemen's Assn.; Jane Farkas, C. Richard Knowles, and Bonnie Beauregard, Spirit Equestrian. Others may have been present and did not sign in.

3. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

    None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

    Motion: Approve agenda as shown.
    By Pinkerton; seconded by Hedrick
    Vote: 3-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

    Lynn Jensen of Camarillo represented the Ventura County COLAB (Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business) and gave an overview to the committee regarding Ag Soil Guidelines and Land Use.

6. REVIEW OF APAC DUTIES & PROCESSES; ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

    A.   Nomination and Election of APAC Chair and Vice-Chair
    Motion: Move to elect Pinkerton to APAC Chair
    By Hedrick; seconded by Schwabauer

    Motion: Move to elect Hedrick to APAC Vice-Chair
    By Pinkerton; seconded by Schwabauer

    Motion to close nominations by Hedrick – Vote: Unanimous to elect Chair, elect Vice-Chair, and close nominations.

    B.   Review of Resolution 201/208.103 and the committee's bylaws
    The minutes reflect that each member took note of all the duties required in the Resolution and Bylaws.

C.   Review of Brown Act – Eric Walts, Assistant County Counsel
Eric Walts of County Counsel gave an overview of the Brown Act and County committees.

D.   Review of Lead Agency Duties – Kim Prillhart, Planning Director
Ms. Prillhart was not in attendance at the meeting; therefore, this item was not addressed.

7. CONSENT ITEM.

A. Approve Minutes of November 10, 2010
<u>Motion</u>:   Approve.
By Hedrick; seconded by Schwabauer
<u>Vote</u>:   3-0

8. ADVISORY MATTERS. (It was agreed to switch Items #8 and #9 at this point in the meeting.)

A. LU 10-0111 Knowles. Location: 7202 Balcom Canyon Road. Jane Farkas representing Spirit Equestrian presented a proposal to expand an existing permitted Animal Keeping use area. The applicant announced a change in the project description to exclude the proposed 3.8 acquisition of land. This obviated the need for an agricultural buffer for lands adjacent to that area and no vote was taken on the matter. In addition, the committee's consensus was that retroactive buffers for the existing CUP are not recommended. The chairman noted that adjacent property owners were notified and no opposition was heard.

9. PRESENTATION.

A. Henry Gonzales, Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner, gave a comprehensive presentation about the Asian citrus psyllid threat to our community. Two psyllids were recently found in Ventura County, both in commercial groves, which has led to a quarantine of citrus in the county. Mr. Gonzales took questions.

10. COMMUNICATIONS.

A.   APAC Members. 1) Future Agendas: Mr. Pinkerton asked that Heidi Wong please come and update the committee regarding the Asian citrus psyllid at the February 9 meeting, since Mr. Gonzales will not be present.

B. Staff. None.

C. Re-open of Public Comments: Mr. Sloan said he is available as an "unpaid consultant" to the APAC committee regarding livestock and horse. Bob Pinkerton thanked him and offered his appreciation on behalf of the committee.

D. Future Meetings. The next APAC meetings are scheduled for February 9 and March 9; the committee is "dark" in April. *(Please note that future APAC meetings will be held at 669 County Square Drive in Ventura (California Room – 1st Floor, starting with the February 9th meeting). <u>The exception to this will be the May 11 meeting, which will be held at the Farm Bureau office</u>.)*

11. MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 2:30 p.m.