

# MARIPOSA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES- FINAL

**DATE:** THURSDAY, June 24, 2021  
(Approved October 21, 2021)  
**TIME:** 8:30 A.M.  
**LOCATION:** BOARD CHAMBERS, UPPER LEVEL

GOVERNMENT CENTER  
5100 BULLION STREET  
MARIPOSA, CALIFORNIA

### 1. Roll call and Introductions:

**Members:** Tony Toso, Carla Kelly, John Shimer

**Member Excused:** Elnora George

**Member Absent:** David Mecchi

**County Staff:** Robyn Smith, National Resource Conservation Services (via phone); Fadsayi Mashiri, Farm Advisor (via phone); Monica Nielsen, Agricultural Commissioner's Office; Sarah Williams, Steve Engfer & Carol Suggs, Planning Department, Marshall Long, Supervisors District III and Gillian & Stephen Wildey, project applicants.

### 2. Persons wishing to speak on a matter not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the committee. None.

### 3. Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2021. Tabled to next meeting due to incorrect minutes being published.

### 4. Action Items - Recommendation Requested

- a. **Site Plan Review Application No. 2021-067 Gillian and Stephen Wildey, applicants. Request for Third Residence on LCA Land (Williamson Act) located at 10427 and 10436 Priest Coulterville Road in Coulterville. APN: 003-100-0100. Senior Planner Steve Engfer Presented the Project.**

Kelly, Shimer and Toso all concurred that the packet was complete and had no questions on the project.

By Motion of Shimer, seconded by Kelly, the Agricultural Advisory Committee recommended the item as presented. Motion Moved.

AYES: (3) KELLY, SHIMER, TOSO

### 5. Correspondence: None.

### 6. Informational Items:

**Long: County Cattle Guard issues.** Discussion on cattle guards in the county needing replacement and or repair. Long to bring an item back to the committee for possible recommendation to the Board about open range and a cattle guard policy.

Planning Commission and Planning Department:

Williams gave a recap of some interesting projects that are in the works:

- Establishment of a new code compliance advisory committee
- Redistricting meetings for US Census
- County Code and General Plan Amendment regarding special event venues
- Upcoming workshop on development code update

Discussion about marijuana grows, hazards and enforcement

Toso reported on:

- Subsurface water rights

Engfer reported on:

- Williamson Act Biennial Report Reviews.
- TerraCount Grant and contractor work. Delay of a year due to pandemic.
- Same for SALC Grant, will update later in the summer regarding grant work status.
- County Wildfire Protection Plan, available on-line for review

General Discussion about local ranches doing control burns, promotion of prescribed burns, getting media involved, educating the public.

Toso reported on various bills for grazing on state owned lands, liability bill and money for infrastructure and a ranchers technology assistance program.

Long commented on not enough surface water to put fires out and asked Smith about getting more ponds built that are sustainable. Toso agreed and said that we should be incentivizing ponds and creating more surface water.

Toso discussed ag pass bill 1103 met with good acceptance and explained that with qualifying education work you get issued a card which would enable you to access your property if there is a fire so you can take care of your livestock.

Toso discussed 332 liability bill senate bill, going forward through a few more processes before it goes to the governor.

Long suggested that on all these bills (and future bills of this type) that California Cattlemen's Association send information to the county so that we can provide our support.

**7. Meeting was Adjourned at 9:45 a.m., next meeting will be called when needed.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Carol Suggs  
Executive Assistant  
Mariposa Planning**