

ALAB MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Members and Alternates Present: Don Warden, Sarah Kramer, Dick Nock, Dan Rodrigues, Claire Wineman,

Staff Present: Marc Lea, Lynda Auchinachie – San Luis Obispo County Department of Agriculture, Brian Pedrotti, Kyle Jordan, Matt Leal – San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building

Absent Members: Jean-Pierre Wolff, Lisen Bonnier, Tom Ikeda, Mark Pearce, Jutta Thoerner, Greg France, Chuck Pritchard, Craig Pritchard, David Pruitt, Mark Battany

Guests Present: Mallory Mattos, Lisa Bodrogi

1. **Call to Order:** 5:06 pm Vice-Chair Warden
 - **Open Comment:** None.

2. **Announcements from ALAB Members & County Ag Department Staff Updates:**
 - Marc Lea informed ALAB members that Craig Pritchard was the new District One representative. Marc indicated that representatives for the vacant Strawberry and Environmental positions are still being discussed.
 - The membership subcommittee, Mark Pearce and Tom Ikeda, evaluated candidates for the upcoming two-year term for Chair and Vice-Chair. The recommendation from the subcommittee was for Jean-Pierre Wolff to be nominated as Chair and Dan Rodrigues as Vice-Chair to ensure continuity and the potential for transition. The item will be agendized for the first meeting of 2018.
 - Marc Lea shared that the new rules for pesticide use by schools would be available soon and that he would provide ALAB members with information on what will go into effect January 1, 2018.

3. **Presentation: Farmworker Housing Ordinance Update** – Brian Pedrotti, San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building
 - Brian Pedrotti indicated that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) identified updating the farmworker housing ordinance as a top priority. Updated rules will be aimed at encouraging the development of farmworker housing at the most appropriate locations to meet both grower and workers' needs. Brian provided highlights of the existing ordinance, current effort, information on other jurisdictions ordinances, and an estimated timeline for completion.
 - See PowerPoint presentation and Farmworker Housing agenda handout at the link below: <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Agriculture-Weights-and-Measures/All-Forms-Documents/Information/Meeting-Minutes/ALAB-Meeting-Agendas,-Minutes,-Presentations/2017.aspx>
 - Brian emphasized the desire for stakeholder input and looks forward to sharing proposed draft ordinance with ALAB members later in the process.
 - Don Warden raised the concern about permanency and predictability due to the required

deed restriction. Brian indicated the issue was being reviewed as stakeholders had identified the deed restriction as a road block to constructing necessary housing.

4. Draft Ordinance for the regulation of Cannabis Cultivation and other Cannabis Activities in San Luis Obispo County

- Marc Lea reminded ALAB members that there was another BOS hearing on cannabis scheduled for November 7, 2017. Marc indicated that a new draft ordinance had not been produced but a summary of straw vote issues was available. Marc suggested that the ordinance discussion would be continued to a special hearing date due to limited time on the November 7th agenda.
- Claire Wineman requested hoop house requirements for cannabis not affect or change the requirements for crop production hoop houses.

5. Future Agenda Items:

- Election for Chair and Vice-Chair

Next meeting – December 4, 2017

Meeting Adjourned 5:52 pm

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Auchinachie, San Luis Obispo County Department of Agriculture