

County of San Luis Obispo Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board



Agricultural Liaison
Advisory Board (ALAB)

Positions/Members/Terms

CHAIR: Dee Lacey
VICE CHAIR: Jean-Pierre Wolff

MEETING AGENDA

District One: Mecham Appt.
Dee Lacey (1/13)

District Two: Gibson Appt.
Lisen Bonnier (1/11)

District Three: Hill Appt.
Tom Ikeda (1/13)

District Four: Achadjian Appt.
Bill Struble (1/11)

District Five: Patterson Appt.
Noah Small (1/13)

Ag. Finance Rep.
Mark Pearce (8/10)

Cattlemen Rep.
Dick Nock

Coastal San Luis RCD Rep.
Jean-Pierre Wolff (8/11)

Direct Marketing/Organic Rep.
Eric Michielssen (4/12)

Environmental Rep.
Debra Garrison (1/11)

Farm Bureau Rep.
R. Don Warden

Nursery Rep.
David Pruitt (4/12)

Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD Rep.
Charles Pritchard (1/14)

Vegetable Rep.
Richard Quandt (4/12)

Wine Grape Rep.
Neil Roberts (4/12)

County Agricultural Commissioner
Bob Lilley
Ex-Officio

U.C. Coop. Extension Farm Advisor
Mary Bianchi
Ex-Officio

Monday, January 3, 2011
6:00pm

LOCATION:
Farm Bureau Office
651 Tank Farm Road
San Luis Obispo

1. 6:00pm Call to order, introductions, quorum determination:
Chair Lacey
2. 6:05pm Open comment: (for items not on the agenda)
Chair Lacey
3. 6:15pm Announcements from Co. Ag. Dept. staff: see handout available at meeting. Announcements from members: "Reports from the Trenches".
Chair Lacey
4. 6:25pm Review/approval of previous meeting minutes:
Chair Lacey
5. 6:30pm Review/possible action: Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Resource Capacity Study Status Report – James Caruso, Dept. of Planning and Building
6. 7:30 pm Review/possible action: review of ALAB Organizational Structure and Operating Guidelines – Chair Lacey, Brenda Ouwerkerk, Dept of Agriculture
7. 7:50 pm Future agenda items/meeting dates, adjournment:
Chair Lacey

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

MEMBERS: Please contact Lynda Auchinachie in the County Department of Agriculture at 805-781-5914 if you can NOT attend.

Scope of the Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board (ALAB):

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Paso Basin Resource Capacity Study

PRGWB Resource Capacity Study

- Fugro; Final Report; August 2002
- Fugro; Final Report; February 2005
- Todd Engineers; Update; December 2007
- Todd Engineers; Pumping Update; May 2009
- Fugro 2010; Water Balance Review and Update

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Total Groundwater Pumping by User (afy)

| Groundwater User | 1997 | 2000 | 2006 | 2009 |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Agriculture | 49,683 | 56,551 | 58,680 | 63,077 |
| Urban | 13,513 | 14,629 | 15,665 | 16,382 |
| Rural | 9,400 | 9,993 | 10,891 | 11,817 |
| Small Community | --- | ---- | 594 | ---- |
| Small Commercial | 1,465 | 1,465 | 2,323 | 2631 |
| Total | 74,061 | 82,638 | 88,153 | 93,907 |

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Water Balance Forecast Assumptions Scenario 1

- Ag groundwater pumping increases by 1.5%/yr
- Rural/Small Comm. groundwater pumping increases by 1.7%/yr
- Small Commercial groundwater pumping increases by 4%/yr
- Vineyard water use: 1.25-1.50 af/year/acre
- Rural pumping: 1.7 acre-feet/year

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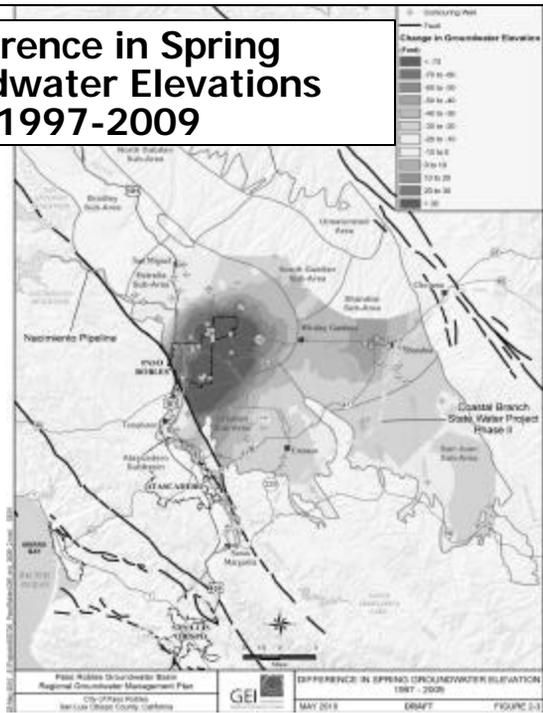
Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Scenario 1

| Water Year | Subsurface Inflow (acre-feet) | Precipitation (feet) | Simulated Precipitation (acre-feet) | Infiltration (acre-feet) | Urban Wastewater Discharge (acre-feet) | Rural/Small Community Wastewater Discharge (acre-feet) | Small Commercial Wastewater Discharge (acre-feet) | Total Inflow (acre-feet) | Subsurface Outflow (acre-feet) | Agricultural Groundwater Pumping (acre-feet) | Urban Groundwater Pumping (acre-feet) | Rural/Small Community Groundwater Pumping (acre-feet) | Small Commercial Groundwater Pumping (acre-feet) | Phreatophyte Extraction (acre-feet) | Total Outflow (acre-feet) | Annual Storage Change (acre-feet) | Cumulative Storage Change (acre-feet) |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2010 | 3,746 | 0 | 14,664 | 1,409 | 4,961 | 6,009 | 1,368 | 32,154 | 600 | 64,023 | 14,720 | 12,018 | 2,736 | 1,728 | 95,825 | -63,669 | -63,669 |
| 2011 | 11,810 | 339,592 | 108,688 | 1,430 | 5,062 | 6,111 | 1,423 | 474,116 | 600 | 64,984 | 13,970 | 12,222 | 2,846 | 6,390 | 101,011 | 373,104 | 309,435 |
| 2012 | 7,577 | 321 | 51,092 | 1,451 | 5,111 | 6,215 | 1,480 | 73,247 | 600 | 65,958 | 14,606 | 12,430 | 2,960 | 3,938 | 100,492 | -27,245 | 282,191 |
| 2013 | 8,828 | 3,373 | 68,771 | 1,473 | 5,194 | 6,321 | 1,539 | 95,498 | 600 | 66,948 | 13,677 | 12,641 | 3,078 | 4,660 | 101,604 | -6,105 | 276,085 |
| 2014 | 12,511 | 318,645 | 103,408 | 1,495 | 5,317 | 6,428 | 1,601 | 449,405 | 600 | 67,952 | 15,141 | 12,856 | 3,201 | 6,784 | 106,534 | 342,870 | 618,956 |
| 2015 | 5,142 | 0 | 26,644 | 1,517 | 5,437 | 6,537 | 1,665 | 46,942 | 600 | 68,971 | 15,107 | 13,075 | 3,329 | 2,533 | 103,615 | -56,673 | 562,283 |
| 2016 | 6,876 | 12 | 44,369 | 1,540 | 5,561 | 6,649 | 1,731 | 66,738 | 600 | 70,006 | 16,066 | 13,297 | 3,462 | 3,536 | 106,967 | -40,229 | 522,054 |
| 2017 | 7,573 | 8,986 | 35,181 | 1,563 | 5,687 | 6,762 | 1,800 | 67,552 | 600 | 71,056 | 13,503 | 13,523 | 3,601 | 3,936 | 106,219 | -38,666 | 483,387 |
| 2018 | 3,626 | 0 | 14,269 | 1,587 | 5,817 | 6,876 | 1,872 | 34,048 | 600 | 72,122 | 12,860 | 13,753 | 3,745 | 1,659 | 104,738 | -70,691 | 412,697 |
| 2019 | 4,599 | 0 | 41,206 | 1,610 | 5,950 | 6,993 | 1,947 | 62,308 | 600 | 73,203 | 14,859 | 13,987 | 3,895 | 2,220 | 108,764 | -46,458 | 366,239 |
| 2020 | 3,943 | 0 | 12,734 | 1,635 | 6,085 | 7,112 | 2,025 | 33,534 | 600 | 74,301 | 14,528 | 14,225 | 4,050 | 1,842 | 109,546 | -76,012 | 290,227 |
| 2021 | 13,033 | 214,856 | 98,220 | 1,659 | 6,225 | 7,233 | 2,106 | 343,332 | 600 | 75,416 | 15,230 | 14,466 | 4,212 | 7,085 | 117,010 | 226,323 | 516,550 |
| 2022 | 8,751 | 12,997 | 49,650 | 1,684 | 6,368 | 7,356 | 2,190 | 88,997 | 600 | 76,547 | 15,699 | 14,712 | 4,381 | 4,616 | 116,554 | -27,558 | 488,992 |
| 2023 | 3,510 | 0 | 1,500 | 1,709 | 6,515 | 7,481 | 2,278 | 22,994 | 600 | 77,695 | 15,922 | 14,962 | 4,556 | 1,592 | 115,328 | -92,334 | 396,658 |
| 2024 | 6,499 | 316 | 41,834 | 1,735 | 6,665 | 7,608 | 2,369 | 67,028 | 600 | 78,861 | 15,244 | 15,217 | 4,738 | 3,316 | 117,976 | -50,949 | 345,708 |
| 2025 | 4,691 | 0 | 19,386 | 1,761 | 6,820 | 7,738 | 2,464 | 42,861 | 600 | 80,044 | 16,750 | 15,475 | 4,928 | 2,273 | 120,070 | -77,210 | 268,498 |

Shaded areas represent outflows greater than safe yield.
Safe yield is 97,700 AFY.

- Agricultural Groundwater Pumping increase by 1.5%/yr
- Rural/Small Community Groundwater Pumping increase by 1.7%/yr
- Small Commercial Groundwater Pumping increase by 4%/yr
- Vineyard water use 1.25-1.50 acre-feet/year/acre
- Rural pumping 1.7 acre-feet/year/acre

Difference in Spring Groundwater Elevations 1997-2009



Conclusions

- Groundwater levels continue to drop in portions of the basin
- Perennial yield is reached
- Changes to water duties do not significantly change results



Limitations and Challenges

- Groundwater law
- Limited jurisdiction/authority
- Data limitations (pumping/data points)
- Water use estimates (water duties)
- Conflicting needs

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Resource Conflicts

- Conflict sharpens as resource is limited
- Addressed in Ag Element and COSE
- Groundwater priority for agriculture
- Enact land use measures

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Use of Conserved Water

- Price Signals
- Groundwater as a common good
- Regulate or
- Ownership

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Level of Severity Criteria

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Level I | Resource Capacity Problem – Projected consumption estimated to exceed dependable supply within nine years |
| Level II | Diminishing Resource Capacity – Seven-year time to develop supplementary water for delivery to users. |
| Level III | Resource Capacity Met or Exceeded – Resource being used at or beyond estimated dependable supply or will deplete dependable supply before new supplies are developed. |

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Recommended Actions

- Groundwater Monitoring
- Groundwater Management Plan
- Land Use Measures

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Land Use Measures

- Urban Areas w/ Supplemental Water
- Urban Areas w/o Supplemental Water
- Rural areas
- Best Management Practices
- Growth Management and RMS revisions

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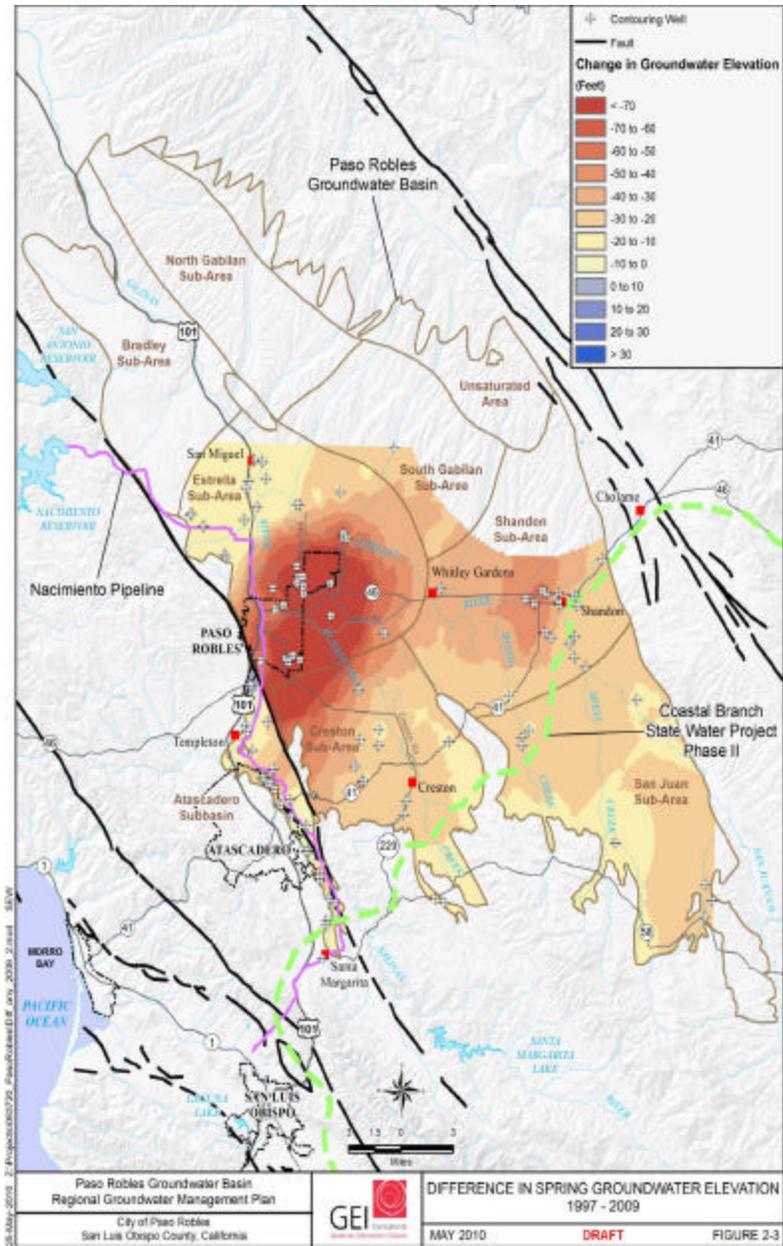


Status and Next Steps

- PC approved 12-9-10
- PC approved draft available 1-14-11
- Board of Supervisors 2-1-11
- Implementation

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2011ProceduralGuide
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AGRICULTURAL LIAISON ADVISORY BOARD (ALAB)
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND OPERATING GUIDELINES
REVISED: 1-3-10

I. Establishment and Objectives:

SLO County Board of Supervisors Resolution # 70-253 created the Agricultural Liaison Board April 27, 1970 to:

“.....assist the agricultural industry in said county with its ever increasing problems.....”

“..... receive, review, and propose for presentation to appropriate county agencies, complaints from members of the rural communities and to pursue necessary action.....”

SLO County Board of Supervisors Resolution # 2001-228 further stated:

“..... providing agricultural perspective to the Board of Supervisors on land use planning.....”

“.....the Board of Supervisors and the County’s departments have found value in referring agricultural issues to the Ag Liaison Board for deliberation.....”

“.....for deliberation and recommendation on agricultural issues.....”

SLO County Board of Supervisors Resolution #2001-228 referred to the Board as “Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board” (a change from “Agricultural Liaison Board” in previous resolutions).

II. Scope of Board:

The ALAB is advisory in nature and is recognized as a forum for discussion of matters that relate to local agriculture and land use or as directed by the Board of Supervisors. The ALAB members serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors. Meetings are open to the public and agency members.

III. Membership and Terms:

- Representative from each Supervisorial district: term concurrent with the nominating Supervisor’s term of office. (Representatives shall be a.. “bonafide farmer or who most nearly represents the type of agriculture in that District” per Resolution #70-253):
- President (or appointee) of SLO County Farm Bureau or alternate; term concurrent with President’s tenure
- Ag Finance representative or alternate; 4 year term
- Environmental representative or alternate; 4 year term
- Coastal San Luis RCD representative or alternate; 4 year term
- Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD or alternate; 4 year term

A. Commodity Group Representation: (Representatives should operate or work at or be retired from an agricultural operation/business located within San Luis Obispo County):

- President (or appointee) of SLO County Cattlemen’s Association or alternate; term concurrent with President’s tenure

- Wine grape industry representative, or alternate; 4 year term
- Vegetable industry representative, or alternate; 4 year term
- Nursery industry representative, or alternate; 4 year term
- Organic Grower/Direct Marketing industry representative, or alternate: 4 year term

B. Ex-Officio members: (non-voting):

- UC Cooperative Extension Director (or designee); ~~no term limits~~ *terms undefined*
- Ag Commissioner (or designee); ~~no term limits~~ *terms undefined*

IV. **Appointment/Re-appointment Process of Voting Members:**

- Board of Supervisor District Representatives: notification to ALAB Chair and ALAB Secretary from Board of Supervisors member upon appointment and upon re-election of the Board of Supervisor member
- Farm Bureau and Cattlemen's Association Representative: written nomination to ALAB Chair and ALAB Secretary from association Presidents for initial appointment and/or reappointment when change of President occurs
- Ag Finance Representative: written nomination to ALAB Chair and ALAB Secretary from previous representative upon appointment or reappointment by Board of Supervisors
- Environmental Representative: written nomination to ALAB Chair and ALAB Secretary from Governing Board of ECOSLO for appointment or reappointment by Board of Supervisors
- RCD Representatives: written nomination to ALAB Chair and ALAB Secretary from Governing Board of each RCD for appointment or reappointment by Board of Supervisors
- Wine Grape Industry Representative: written nomination to ALAB Chair and ALAB Secretary of collaborative decision of the Central Coast Vineyard Team; Central Coast Wine Grape Growers Association; Independent Grape Growers of Paso Robles Area; Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance; San Luis Obispo Vintners and Growers Association and other industry related associations for appointment or reappointment by Board of Supervisors
- Vegetable Industry Representative: written nomination to ALAB Chair and ALAB Secretary of collaborative decision of the Grower-Shipper Vegetable Association; and other industry related associations for appointment or reappointment by Board of Supervisors
- Nursery Representative: written nomination to ALAB Chair and ALAB Secretary of collaborative decision of the Central Coast Greenhouse Growers Association and other industry related associations for appointment or reappointment by Board of Supervisors
- Organic Grower/Direct Marketing Representative: written nomination to ALAB Chair and ALAB Secretary of *the* collaborative ~~decision~~ *recommendation* of the (*?? local chapter of the*) Calif. Certified Organic Farmers Association, SLO County Farmers Market Associations, Central Coast Ag Network, and other industry related associations for appointment or reappointment by Board of Supervisors

V. Mid-term Appointments:

A. In the event a position is vacated mid term, the replacement member, nominated by the previous member's association, *organization* or appointed by a Supervisor, will finish out the vacated term and can be re-appointed by the Board of Supervisors once the vacated term expires. Mid-term appointments must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

B. In the event a member's term expires and no replacement is designated, the previous member may hold the position until a replacement is approved or appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

VI. Selection and Duties of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Members:

During the first ALAB meeting of the calendar year, as needed, the ~~voting membership shall~~ *Chair shall initiate the process to* elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. ~~Each shall serve a~~ *Terms for each shall be* two years, ~~with no limit to the number of terms each can serve.~~ ~~term.~~

The County Agricultural Commissioner shall provide staff to serve in the role as the Secretary.

A. Duties of Chair (or Vice Chair in the absence of the Chair):

- coordinate agendas with Secretary
- conduct meetings according to agendas
- promote open discussion of matters related to official business of ALAB
- conduct public comment period in a manner meeting Brown Act requirements: allow public comment on each agenda item. The Chair may limit the length of comment at his/her discretion. *The chair shall also monitor the participation level of guests.*
- represent the ALAB at public hearings, meetings, etc (or designate a voting member as needed)
- assign *voting* members to represent ALAB on outside committees and other groups
- sign correspondence
- address chronic non-attendance of members as needed. Notify appointing body of chronic absences of their representative
- assure compliance with Brown Act and any other legal requirements
- review Organizational Structure and Operating Guidelines on a regular basis

B. Duties of Members, Alternates and Ex-Officio Members:

- submit agenda items and corresponding information to Secretary 14 calendar days before meeting. (Supplemental information must be submitted in electronic form to facilitate posting on the Ag Commissioner's website).
- punctually attend all regular and committee meetings to the maximum extent possible. (ALAB could request dismissal or replacement from the appointing authority for members that miss 2 consecutive meetings without contacting the Secretary in advance).
- inform the Chair or Secretary as soon as possible or by 5:00pm the Friday before the meeting if unable to attend the meeting (to determine if a quorum will be present)

- review agenda and all information prior to meeting and be prepared to propose motions, participate in all discussions and take appropriate action in the form of voting. (Ex-officio members are excluded from voting however they can make motions).
- conscientiously follow high ethical standards in putting the broad public interest ahead of any personal interest. Abstain from all votes where a conflict of interest would appear to influence decisions
- keep appointing body (or Department Head for Ex-officio members) informed of ALAB discussions, positions and action items
- if designated by the Chair, voting members may represent and speak for ALAB at public hearings or other meetings. (Voting members not designated by Chair to represent ALAB, who testify at public hearings or other meetings shall clearly identify themselves as speaking individually and not on behalf of ALAB).
- report to ALAB actions/discussions of any meetings attended as an ALAB representative

C. Additional Duties of Ex-official Members:

- represent the UCCE and Ag Commissioner's offices
- prepare material and may provide recommendations/options for ALAB review
- coordinate attendance of appropriate staff from other agencies
- provide technical expertise and information related to agenda items
- provide departmental updates

D. Additional duties of the Agricultural Commissioner's staff in the role of ALAB Secretary:

- prepare, post and distribute meeting notices, agendas, minutes and supplemental material
- document minutes of each meeting, *act as custodian of tape recording of meetings*
- document outcome of motions by pass/fail unless a roll-call vote is requested by any member or a member requests that their individual vote be specifically recorded in the minutes
- maintain roster of attendance
- maintain file of past meeting agendas, minutes and corresponding information
- track voting members' terms with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and present nomination and reappointment requests to the Board of Supervisors

E. Duties of ALAB Representative and Alternate to Agricultural Preserve Review Committee (APRC):

During the first ALAB meeting of the calendar year, as needed, the ~~voting membership shall~~ *Chair shall initiate the process to* elect a representative and alternate. *Terms for each shall be two years, with no limit to the number of terms each can serve to serve a two year term.* These positions shall be held by voting members.

- punctually attend all regular and committee meetings
- review agenda and all information prior to meetings and be prepared to propose motions, participate in all discussions and take appropriate action in the form of voting, (assigned alternate may vote in place of absent member).
- speak on behalf of ALAB

- report to ALAB discussions and actions taken at APRC meetings

VII. Meeting Schedule and Standing, Ad Hoc Committees:

- Meetings shall be held on the first Monday of each month as-needed or as determined by the Chair
- Standing, Ad Hoc Committees: the ALAB Board or the Chair may assign standing and ad hoc committees which may be made up of ~~individual~~ ALAB members and ~~any~~ members of the public. Standing committees are subject to all Brown Act requirements.

VIII. Agenda and Meeting Minutes:

Meeting agendas shall be developed by the Chair and Secretary. Written requests from members or others to place items on the agenda shall be submitted to the Chair at least 14 days in advance of the next meeting. The Chair shall bring such written requests before the members for their concurrence, and/or determine what will be placed on future agendas. The Chair shall place time critical items on the agenda as needed without consulting members.

Requirements of the Brown Act dictate how closed session agenda items shall be conducted. Grounds for closed session are limited to:

- litigation (existing, threatened against LAB or initiated by ALAB)
- certain aspects of real estate negotiations
- certain aspects of personnel matters
- certain aspects of labor negotiations

Closed session items must briefly be described on the posted agenda and the minutes should reflect certain actions taken. Secretary or Chair must consult with County Counsel before conducting a closed session meeting.

- A. The agenda shall serve as the meeting announcement and shall include the following:
- date, time and location of meeting
 - call to order and announcements by the Chair
 - open comment period
 - reports from members/agencies
 - review, correction and approval of previous meeting minutes
 - business items
 - agenda items within each topic shall include the name of the responsible presenter
 - website and physical location where agendas, approved minutes and supplemental handouts for agenda items can be accessed
- B. The Secretary shall prepare agendas and minutes of all meetings:
- agenda items and supplemental/ corresponding information shall be submitted to the Secretary 14 calendar days in advance of meetings.
 - ten calendar days in advance of meetings, the Secretary shall distribute the current agenda corresponding/supplemental information and available draft minutes from previous meetings to all members, alternates, and others requesting notification.
 - agendas will be posted according to Brown Act requirements, 72 hours in advance of meetings in a location accessible to the public (posted on the Farm Bureau office outer front door at 651 Tank Farm Road in San Luis Obispo, on the public

notice wall at the County Ag Commissioner's office at 2156 Sierra Way, Suite A in San Luis Obispo and in the entryway display case the SLO City/County Library at 995 Palm Street in San Luis Obispo).

- the Secretary shall post agendas, supplemental/corresponding information (if available in electronic form) and approved minutes on the County Ag Commissioner's website at www.slocounty.ca.gov/agcomm. (Handouts and attachments to agendas and approved minutes not posted on the website will be available by contacting the Secretary).
- requests from non-members for advance distribution to members of information related to issues not on the agenda shall be refused. The requester shall be invited to present information in person during the open comment period at meetings.
- requests from non-members for advance distribution to members of information related to issues on the agenda shall be granted and shall be submitted to the Secretary 14 calendar days in advance of meetings and/or the requester shall be invited to present information in person during the discussion of the agenda item during meetings.

C. Use of tape recorder to prepare minutes:

The Secretary can tape record meetings and shall act as custodian of tape recordings. The sole purpose of tape recordings is to facilitate the preparation of the minutes of the recorded meetings. (No statutory authority exists that requires advisory board meetings be tape recorded).

Tape recordings are subject to the California Public Records Act (CPRA). Any person has the right to file a CPRA request with the Secretary to either listen to the recording on equipment provided by ALAB or to make a duplicate copy. CPRA requests will be processed by the Secretary following the Ag Commissioner's standard operating procedure. When such requests are received, the Secretary will notify ALAB members. Identity of the requestor shall be provided to ALAB members unless the requestor asks that such information be withheld, as allowed for in the CPRA. Tape recordings shall be erased once minutes are approved (but not erased within less than 30 days after a recording is made, per CPRA requirements).

IX. Quorum Requirements and Voting Procedure:

A. The minimum number for a quorum shall be 8 voting members, *(based upon 15 total voting membership)*. A quorum must be present for voting on any business item listed on agenda. Members or Alternates must be present at meetings to cast vote.

B. In the absence of a quorum, the Chair may cancel the meeting. If the meeting is held, discussion about agenda items can take place. However, no votes can be taken.

C. Alternates may vote in place of an absent member. If the member and alternate are both present, the Alternate may not vote but may participate in discussions.