

ALAB MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 7, 2021

Members and Alternates Attending: Dan Rodrigues, Jerry Diefenderfer, Sarah Kramer, Mark Battany, Brent Burchett, Seth Scribner, Tom Ikeda, Jean-Pierre Wolff, and Claire Wineman

Staff Attending Lynda Auchinachie – San Luis Obispo County Department of Agriculture; Matt Keeling – Central Coast Water Board, Executive Director

Absent Members: Mary Bianchi, Lisen Bonnier, Daniel Chavez, Randy Diffenbaugh, Mark Pearce, Camilla Posson, Craig Pritchard, Bill Spencer, and Butch Yamashita

Guests Attending: Patricia Wilmore – Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance

1. Call to order, introductions, quorum determination: The meeting was called to order by Chair Rodrigues at 5:04 pm

2. Open comment: (for items not on the agenda):

- Jerry Diefenderfer expressed appreciation for holding the meeting in person again.

3. Review/approval of April 2021 meeting minutes:

Motion: Kramer - Approve April 2021

Motion 2nd: Wolff

Approved: Unanimous by all voting members. Wineman abstained due to absence.

4. ALAB Membership Updates – Lynda Auchinachie - San Luis Obispo County Department of Agriculture

- Lynda Auchinachie identified the following changes to ALAB membership: 1) Mary Bianchi was appointed as the primary representative and Michael Broadhurst was named as the Alternate for the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD. 2) The Environmental Representative will now be Camilla Posson, and the alternate position will continue to be filled by Melissa Danehey. 3) Bill Spencer with Windrose Farms was appointed to the Organic Grower/Direct Marketing position; however, he will not be able to stay in that position as he and his family are moving from the area.

5. Discussion: Ag Related Updates – Lynda Auchinachie, County of San Luis Obispo Agriculture Department

- Lynda Auchinachie informed ALAB members of the following: 1) A single adult ACP was trapped in a grove near the southern border of the county. No additional psyllids were found during CDFA's visual inspection of trees within 50m of the find site. CDFA has delimitation traps set up in that grove and will check those weekly during July. The grower has been notified and plans to treat the block. Previously, the most recent detection in the county was a single adult in the

same area on December 7, 2020. 2) The BOS recently decided to move ahead with the Paso Basin GSP implementation by hiring a County GSA Director, who will be charged with implementing all the County basin GSPs through the services of consultants. The hiring of the new GSA Director is underway. Once the GSA Director is onboard, the director can provide ALAB with a SGMA update. 3) Agricultural Commissioner, Marty Settevendemie, will present 2020 crop report statistics to the BOS on July 20, 2020. Hard copies of the report should be available at the end of July or in early August. 4) The BOS has a hearing item tomorrow to proclaim a local drought disaster. 5) The Department of Water Resources will be conducting an airborne electromagnetic (AEM) survey with a low-flying helicopter over the Paso Robles and Cuyama groundwater basins July 15 through July 20, 2020. 6) The BOS approved funding for a draft environmental impact report for the proposed planting ordinance.

- Patricia Wilmore discussed comments received about deficiencies in the submitted Paso Robles Groundwater Basin GSP. ALAB members discussed the possibility of a facilitator helping with the process.
- ALAB members discussed how to make the group more relevant to board members. This discussion will continue as a future agenda item.

6. Presentation/Discussion: Updates on Agricultural Order 4.0, Matt Keeling, Central Coast Water Board – Executive Director

- Matt Keeling informed ALAB members of the recently adopted Irrigated Lands Program Agricultural Order 4.0. Please see link below:
https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Agriculture-Weights-and-Measures/All-Forms-Documents/Information/Meeting-Minutes/ALAB-Meeting-Agendas,-Minutes,-Presentations/2021/ALAB-Presentation_2021_07_12-Agricultural-Order-4-.pdf
- ALAB members asked questions and shared opinions about requirements and future educational needs and opportunities.
- Jerry Diefenderfer questioned origin of nitrates in the Carissa Plains groundwater. Potential naturally occurring or legacy nitrates could be the reason.
- Jerry Diefenderfer complimented Matt on the presentation and outreach efforts.

7. Future agenda items: TBD

Next meeting – August 2, 2021

Meeting Adjourned 7:05 pm

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