

DRAFT ALAB MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 15, 2021 – Special Meeting

Members and Alternates Attending: Dan Rodrigues, Mary Bianchi, Lisen Bonnier, Sarah Kramer, Mark Battany, Brent Burchett, Tom Ikeda, Jean-Pierre Wolff, Joe Plummer, and Kaylee Ellis

Staff Attending Lynda Auchinachie and Marc Lea – San Luis Obispo County Department of Agriculture;

Absent Members: Craig Pritchard, Daniel Chavez, Jerry Diefenderfer, Mark Pearce, Seth Scribner, Camilla Posson, Randy Diffenbaugh, Claire Wineman, 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 5:02 pm with AB 361 remote meeting provisions still applicable per November 1, 2021, vote.

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

- None.

3. Review/approval of November 1, 2021, meeting minutes:

Approval postponed until next regularly scheduled meeting.

4. ALAB Membership Updates – Marc Lea - San Luis Obispo County Department of Agriculture

- There are no changes to the current ALAB membership. The Direct Marketing/Organic position remains vacant. Meetings can continue to be held remotely per AB 361 or until status is changed at the State level, or the ALAB members can choose to return to in person meetings in accordance with any local public health restrictions. An AB 361 vote will be required at the beginning of each virtual meeting that is not held within the previous 30-day approval period. Next year's meeting schedule was highlighted. Meetings are tentatively scheduled for the first Monday of each month at 5 pm. The exception will be July and September in which holidays will cause meetings to be held on the second Monday of the month.

5. Presentation/Discussion: Draft Paso Basin Land Use Planting Ordinance – Results and recommendations of the ALAB Subcommittee on the Draft Paso Basin Land Use Planning Ordinance

- Brent Burchett provided an overview of the draft letter written by the subcommittee that consisted of Brent, Claire Wineman, and Dan Rodrigues, with input from Patricia Wilmore. Brent explained the overarching concern is adopting a land use ordinance to regulate groundwater that will not expire until 2045, while at the same time stakeholders are attempting to address groundwater concerns through the SGMA process. Brent discussed each of the eight items of concern highlighted in the draft letter and ALAB members asked questions and provided input.
- Joe Plummer suggested ALAB identify ways to improve the ordinance.

- Jean-Pierre Wolff strongly suggested that the letter start with a statement identifying significant concerns and lack of support for the proposed ordinance. He pointed out that considerable funds have been spent on studies working and developing long-term solutions for the basin and SGMA compliance. The county coming up with another approach does not make sense.
- Mary Bianchi suggested a vote was necessary to determine if ALAB members did not support the ordinance.
- ALAB members agreed to the inclusion of stronger language communicating there is not support for the ordinance as well as ensuring the BOS were sent a copy of the letter. ALAB members discussed precedent that a vote on the proposed letter was all that was necessary.
- ALAB members thanked the subcommittee for their work.

Motion: Ellis – Submit revised letter to Planning opposing the planting ordinance. The letter will include reference to unanimous vote if applicable and be copied to the BOS.

Motion 2nd: Bonnier

Approved: Unanimous

6. Future agenda items: Potential changes to camping ordinance

Next meeting – December 6, 2021

Meeting Adjourned 6.03 pm

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