

ALAB MEETING MINUTES

Monday – September 8, 2025

SLO County Farm Bureau Office – 4815 Morabito Place, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Members and Alternates Present: Dan Rodrigues, Sarah Kramer, Ron Harben, Lisen Bonnier, Hallie Richards, Tom Ikeda, Paul Clark, Dylan Theobald, Claire Wineman (MS Teams), Matt Merrell (MS Teams)

Staff Present: David Aguayo and Ian Landreth – San Luis Obispo County Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures, Christopher Greer – UC Cooperative Extension

Absent Members: Daniel Jones, Jerry Diefenderfer, Jeff McKee, Craig Pritchard

Guests Present: Patricia Wineman – Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance (MS Teams), Spencer Gordon – Upper Salinas Las Tablas Resource Conservation District

I. Call to Order, introductions, quorum determination

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rodrigues at 5:02 p.m. There were enough members present to have a quorum.

II. Open Comment

Members wishing to address the ALAB on matters other than the scheduled items may do so at this time, when recognized by the Chairman.

Dan Rodrigues opened public comment.

Dan Rodrigues closed public comment.

III. Previous Minutes – June 2025

Thereafter on **Motion to approve June 2025 minutes as presented by:** Sarah Kramer, **Second by:** Lisen Bonnier, and on the following vote:

REPRESENTATIVE:	AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN:	RECUSE:
Dan Rodrigues	X			
Sarah Kramer	X			
Paul Clark	X			
Hallie Richards	X			
Lisen Bonnier	X			
Tom Ikeda	X			
Ron Harben	X			
Dylan Theobald	X			

The ALAB approved the June 2025, minutes.

IV. Informative Presentation: Upper Salinas Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (USLTRCD) on the Regional Ecological Strategy for Improving Landscapes (SLO RESIL) project – Spencer Gordon, Forest Project Manager:

PowerPoint Presentation: [alab presentation 2025 09 08](#)

- Spencer Gordon presented on the USLTRCD SLO RESIL project, providing a background on the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) and how SLO RESIL fits into the CalVTP Programmatic Environmental Impact Report framework, as it relates to conducting forest health and fuel reduction projects in the Coastal Zone. Topics covered included CEQA and Coastal Commission compliance, project treatment types, activities, and specifications, as well as benefits provided to the landowner.

V. Updates from Ag Department Staff.

- The final statistics for the 2024 Crop Report is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors tomorrow, Tuesday September 9, 2025. A hard copy of the report will be available mid-October.
- A brief discussion on strategies to develop ALAB topics. Aguayo will typically call for suggestions for topics/speakers from ALAB members and work with the chair/co-chair to identify possible agenda items. The Ag Department continues to monitor issues or discussions items that may be of interest to the ALAB for discussion or possible action. Aguayo mentioned one recent item regarding updates to bio solid applications in agriculture. This item will be agendized for the next ALAB meeting in October.
- Ian Landreth has been in communication with the long-range planning division for the Department of Planning and Building to identify any potential items that the ALAB would benefit from reviewing for possible action. At the time there were no items identified. Planning continues to support the idea of having planning staff attend to present when topics on an as needed basis.
- Ian Landreth provided an overview of the Gifford Fire as it related to the Ag Pass program. Four pass holders were in close proximity to the fire, with one being impacted by the event. One temporary pass was issued. The Department of Agriculture acted as a liaison between emergency personnel and agricultural operators. Future training dates are being planned for next year following discussions with CalFire in early October.

VI. Future agenda items/meeting dates, adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM. The next monthly ALAB meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2025.

Respectfully submitted by Ian Landreth, San Luis Obispo County Department of
Agriculture/Weights & Measures.