ALAB MEETING MINUTES

Monday – April 6, 2026
SLO County Farm Bureau Office – 4815 Morabito Place, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Members and Alternates Present: Sarah Kramer, Lisen Bonnier, Tom Ikeda (MS Teams), Dylan Theobald, Hallie Richards (MS Teams), Paul Clark

Staff Present: Ian Landreth – SLO County Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures, Christopher Greer – University Cooperative Extension (MS Teams)

Absent Members: Craig Pritchard, Ron Harben, Jerry Diefenderfer, Jeff McKee, Eric Michielssen, Claire Wineman, Dan Rodrigues

Guests Present: Patricia Wilmore – Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance (MS Teams),

I. Call to Order, introductions, quorum determination

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Kramer at 5:06 p.m. There were not 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.

Sarah Kramer opened public comment.

Sarah Kramer closed public comment.

III. Previous Minutes – February 2, 2026

There were not enough members present to have a quorum. No action was taken.

IV. Presentation/Discussion

Ag Pass Program Presentation – Ian Landreth

- Ian Landreth provided an informative presentation on the County Ag Pass Program. Topics covered included the regulatory framework, eligibility criteria, and overview of the process during an incident. A copy of the presentation can be found here: Ag Pass Presentation

- Lisen Bonnier asked whether information about the Ag Pass Program was available on ReadySLO.org. Ian Landreth mentioned he would look into getting information about the program onto the website.

V. Membership Updates.

- Coastal RCD Representative Seat. Ian Landreth noted that the primary Coastal RCD representative seat expires in August 2026. In December 2025, the Department received an

email from the primary Coastal RCD representative, Jean-Pierre Wolf, indicating that he and the current alternate, Hallie Richards, would be switching roles. Upon further review of the ALAB bylaws, staff determined that a change to the primary representative seat should be processed through the Board of Supervisors (BOS) appointment process. The bylaws state that ALAB appointments are approved by the Board, and that mid-term appointments to fill a vacated term must also be approved by the Board. Even though Wolff was switching roles, technically the primary role was being vacated. Landreth clarified that because Richards was still the alternate, she was eligible to vote, and any votes she participated in remained valid as long as the primary was not present at that time, which was the case. Going forward, staff will update the roster and agendas to reflect the current appointments. If Coastal RCD wishes to change the primary representative before the term expires, staff can process the change as a mid-term appointment, which would require a Maddy Act posting. Alternatively, Coastal RCD may submit the nomination as part of the regular end-of-term appointment process closer to the expiration date. Richards indicated that Coastal RCD was comfortable waiting until the expiration date to request her appointment for the primary role.

- Ag Finance Representative Seat. Ian Landreth noted that the Ag Finance representative seat also would expire in August 2026. A nomination letter from Sarah Kramers organization to either reappoint her as the primary representative or identify a new candidate would be needed. Sarah Kramer asked for clarification because her understanding was that the Ag Finance representative did not require to be reappointed. Ian Landreth said staff would look into this and would follow up with Kramer.

- Nursery Representative Seat. A copy of the Greenhouse Growers Association January meeting minutes had not been received. Ian Landreth mentioned that David Aguayo had reached out again for an update prior to his vacation in March but had not received a response yet. Because the seat was vacated mid term it would require a Maddy Book posting.

VI. Updates from Ag Department Staff

- Ian Landreth provided information on AB 732 which allows Ag Commissioners to address verified pest-related nuisances on unmanaged properties that may impact nearby agriculture. The Department is currently handling this through a complaint-based approach, with an emphasis on education, notice, and voluntary compliance before proceeding with enforcement.

- On April 21, 2026, the BOS will receive the annual Housing Element Progress Report from the Department of Planning & Building for the 2020-2028 County Housing Element. Details about the County's Housing Element can be found at the following webpage: Housing Hub.

- On April 21, 2026, the BOS would also explore topics relevant to Housing Element Implementation Phase 2 and provide direction on project scoping, with no final action to be

taken. The study session prioritizes "Placemaking" and will focus on community engagement scoping to better understand needs of current and future residents and workers and the places that allow them to thrive by considering: Geographical Study Areas, Level of Community Design Engagement, and Straightforward Permitting Pathways. For more information, please visit the Department Housing Hub webpage.

- AG Pass training dates have been consolidated into a single training on April 14th, 2026. Santa Barbara County will also be holding an initial 4-hr training course on April 27th with renewals on May 19th or June 2. Additional information is available on their website: Ag Pass | Santa Barbara County, CA - Official Website. San Luis Obispo County will honor attending those Santa Barbara County trainings for an AG Pass card in San Luis Obispo County.

VII. Future agenda items/meeting dates, adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM. The next monthly ALAB meeting is scheduled for May 4th, 2026.

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