



VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
AGRICULTURAL MITIGATION WORKSHOP MINUTES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Camarillo Public Library Community Room
4101 E. Las Posas Rd., Camarillo, CA 93010

OPENING

1. Introductions and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced the following commissioners who were present:

Commissioner Dandy
Commissioner Morehouse
Commissioner Parks
Commissioner Parvin
Commissioner Zaragoza
Alt. Commissioner Rooney
Alt. Commissioner Ross

Chair Cunningham announced that this is an opportunity for members of the public to speak on items not on the agenda; there were no public speakers.

2. Purpose of the Workshop – Why are we here?

Kai Luoma, Executive Officer of Ventura LAFCo, made the presentation.

3. Overview of LAFCo's responsibilities pertaining to preservation of agricultural land

Kai Luoma, Executive Officer of Ventura LAFCo, made the presentation.

Alternate Commissioner Ramirez arrived.

4. Overview of CEQA requirements with respect to feasible mitigation for loss or conversion of agricultural land

Michael Walker, Ventura LAFCo Legal Counsel/Chief Assistant County Counsel, made the presentation.

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

COUNTY: Linda Parks John Zaragoza <i>Alternate:</i> Steve Bennett	CITY: Carl Morehouse, Vice Chair Janice Parvin <i>Alternate:</i> Carmen Ramirez	DISTRICT: Bruce Dandy Elaine Freeman <i>Alternate:</i> Mary Anne Rooney	PUBLIC: Lou Cunningham, Chair <i>Alternate:</i> David J. Ross
Executive Officer Kai Luoma, AICP	Analyst Andrea Ozdy	Office Manager/Clerk Richelle Beltran	Legal Counsel Michael Walker

5. Agricultural land conversion in Ventura County in recent years
Henry Gonzales, Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner, made the presentation.
6. Mitigation options
 - a. John Lowrie, Assistant Director of the California Department of Conservation, made a presentation on agricultural mitigation tools and effective measures.
 - b. E.J. Remson, Senior Program Manager of The Nature Conservancy, made a presentation on agricultural conservation easements.
7. Case Studies: How agricultural mitigation policies have worked for other LAFCOs
 - a. Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer (ret.) Stanislaus LAFCo, made a presentation on Stanislaus LAFCO's agricultural preservation policy.
 - b. Kai Luoma, Executive Officer of Ventura LAFCo, was to make a presentation on case studies of the agricultural mitigation policies of San Luis Obispo LAFCo, Santa Clara LAFCo, Stanislaus LAFCo, and Yolo LAFCo and how their policies have worked; item was not heard due to time constraints.
8. Solicitation of input from stakeholders
The following persons gave public comment: Fred Ferro and Lynn Jensen.
9. Commission direction to LAFCo staff
No direction given.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 12:20 P.M.

These Minutes were approved on October 21, 2015

Motion: Commissioner Freeman
 Second: Commissioner Parks
 Yes: Commissioners Dandy, Freeman, Morehouse, Parks, Parvin, Zaragoza, Cunningham
 No: None
 Abstain: None

10-21-15
 Date Lou Cunningham
 Lou Cunningham, Chair, Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission