

DRAFT ALAB MEETING MINUTES

Monday – October 2, 2023

SLO County Farm Bureau, 4875 Morabito Place, San Luis Obispo 93401

Members and Alternates Present: Lisen Bonnier, Tom Ikeda, Sarah Kramer, Jeff McKee, Brent Burchett, and Dan Rodrigues

Staff Present: Marc Lea and Ian Landreth – San Luis Obispo County Department of Agriculture

Absent Members: Craig Pritchard, Jerry Diefenderfer, Jean-Pierre Wolff, Randy Diffenbaugh, Butch Yamashita, and Claire Wineman

I. Call to Order, introductions, quorum determination

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rodrigues at 5:00 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, ALAB Chair: opens comment.

Dan Rodrigues: closes comment.

III. Previous Minutes – August 7, 2023

Thereafter on **Motion by:** Brent Burchett, **Second by:** Lisen Bonnier, and on the following vote:

REPRESENTATIVE:	AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN:	RECUSE:
Lisen Bonnier	X			
Tom Ikeda	X			
Sarah Kramer	X			
Jeff McKee	X			
Brent Burchett	X			
Dan Rodrigues	X			

The ALAB approved the August 7, 2023, minutes.

IV. ALAB Governance Membership Updates

Marc updated the group that we are still waiting on nominations from both Supervisor Paulding’s office (District 4) and the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD for their new ALAB representatives. Both the District 4 and the USLTRCD nominations are expected in the coming weeks.

The other three currently vacant positions will be affected by the proposed membership category changes, so those positions will be left vacant until the Board approves the changes, and the new categories are established.

V. Presentation/Discussion: Discussion and potential approval of updated ALAB Operating Guidelines

This item was organized for discussion and possible action from the ALAB.

Marc Lea: presents the item to the ALAB, provides a summary. Lea and Lisen Bonnier were able to meet with all five board members, ahead of the proposed bylaw changes. Each of them was supportive of ALAB’s efforts to change some membership positions to ensure ALAB runs more effectively, and to broaden the nomination criteria allowing for a larger pool of potential members. County Counsel reviewed the item and will work with ALAB and Ag Department staff to make the proposed membership changes via Board resolution. If approved by the ALAB, the changes to the bylaws will need to be adopted by way of a resolution. That resolution will need to be approved by the Board – likely during Consent Agenda.

Direction given to Agriculture Department staff to proceed with the proposed Board resolution implementing the approved ALAB membership category changes and the associated ALAB bylaw amendments, to be updated with the appropriate resolution number pending Board approval.

Thereafter on **Motion by:** Tom Ikeda, **Second by:** Sarah Kramer, and on the following vote:

REPRESENTATIVE:	AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN:	RECUSE:
Lisen Bonnier	X			
Tom Ikeda	X			
Sarah Kramer	X			
Jeff McKee	X			
Brent Burchett	X			
Dan Rodrigues	X			

The ALAB approved the draft ALAB bylaws and gave direction to Agriculture Department staff to seek Board approval by resolution for the proposed ALAB bylaw amendments to 1) combine the direct marketing/organic representative and environmental representative seats into a single position identified as the Agricultural Stewardship Representative. 2) Amend the ALAB bylaws to combine the vegetable representative and strawberry representative seats into a single position identified as the Produce Representative.

VI. Updates from Ag Department Staff

Marc Lea:

- Updated ALAB on the published 2022 San Luis Obispo County Crop Report that is now available. Discussed trends that SLO County agriculture is experiencing in 2023.
- Private Applicator Certificate (PAC) rules are changing and applicants with last names beginning with R-Z, who have certificates coming due by the end of this calendar year, should contact Ag Department Pesticide Use Enforcement staff for additional information since the PAC examination requirements have changed.

VII. Future agenda items/meeting dates, adjournment.

Thereafter on Motion by: Sarah Kramer, Second by Tom Ikeda, and on the following vote:

REPRESENTATIVE:	AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN:	RECUSE:
Lisen Bonnier	X			
Tom Ikeda	X			
Sarah Kramer	X			
Jeff McKee	X			
Brent Burchett	X			
Dan Rodrigues	X			

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM. No future agenda items were identified. The next monthly ALAB meeting is to be determined based on agenda items for discussion.

Respectfully submitted by Ian Landreth, San Luis Obispo County Department of Agriculture.

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