



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 5, 2009

Farm Bureau Office
180 Industrial Way
Buellton, Ca

APPROVED MINUTES

These minutes reflect the actions and general discussion of the Committee.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee was called to order by Kari Campbell-Bohard, Chair, at 2:08 pm at the Farm Bureau Office in Buellton.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: 9

Jose Baer
Kari Campbell-Bohard, Chair
Willy Chamberlin
Grant Cremers
Dorothy Laine
Bradley Miles
Richard Quandt
LeRoy Scolari
Paul Van Leer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: 3

Brian Caird
Greg France
June Van Wingerden

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

P&D - Mike Hays, David Lackie, Stephanie Stark and Brian Tetley
Agricultural Commissioner's Office – Bill Gillette (Ag Commissioner)

NUMBER OF INTERESTED PERSONS: 7

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Comment

Re: Bill Gillette – Wilja Happe has been nominated as an AAC alternate member representing the Santa Barbara Flower & Nursery Growers' Association.

Re: Willy Chamberlin – The State has suspended Williamson Act subvention fund payments to Counties.

III. Minutes

Motion: Grant Cremers moved, seconded by Leroy Scolari and carried by a 4-0-5 vote to approve the May 6, 2009 minutes as corrected.

Motion: Kari Campbell-Bohard moved seconded by Jose Baer and carried by a 5-0-4 vote to approve the July 1, 2009 minutes as corrected.

IV. Report from the Agricultural Commissioner – Bill Gillette

Ag Preserve Program –Due to budget constraints, the State has suspended subvention funds to all Counties this year. Bill clarified the State’s action does not affect existing contracts nor does the County expect a large number of people to leave the program.

Light Brown Apple Moth – USDA lifted the LBAM quarantine, however Mexico and Canada have not recognized the action and have not lifted the LBAM shipping requirements. LBAM was recently found in San Luis Obispo.

Grape shipments to Oregon – Oregon has quarantine requirements for grapes shipped from Santa Barbara County (Vine Mealybug).

Frost Declaration - USDA released a disaster declaration for frost in the Cuyama Valley.

New P&D Director - Dianne Black is acting as the P&D Director until the new director arrives in September.

V. Reports From Agricultural Planners – Mike Hays & Stephanie Stark

Ag Buffer Policy – Mike has met with stakeholders, attended an ag buffer tour in San Luis Obispo County and is preparing a project charter. Next month Mike will present the draft charter to the AAC. AAC members would like to be very involved as policy development proceeds.

Ag Permit Streamlining – Ag Planners are working with Pat Saley and Noel Langle to address public comment on the ND and assured the AAC the process is moving along.

Outreach - Mike attended the Farm Bureau luncheon and gave brief presentation of the ag planning program.

Projects – Several applications for produce coolers were recently submitted.

VI. Gaviota Coast Rural Regional Plan – David Lackie and Brian Tetley

Committee member Jose Baer left the meeting due to a potential conflict of interest with the topic. David Lackie from Long Range Planning (LRP) informed the Committee of the upcoming GavPAC application deadline and reported the first kickoff meeting was well attended. Staff presented the AAC with a map of the 97,000-acre plan area. The discussion focused on the size of the plan area, amount of irrigated agriculture, project funding, GavPAC process, and project goals. The Committee felt the plan area extends beyond what most people think of as the Gaviota Coast and strongly supported reducing the plan area. They asked for an additional map depicting active agricultural areas and Ag Preserves within the plan area (see attached map and memo from LRP to AAC dated August 25, 2009).

Motion: The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends the Board of Supervisors modify the western edge of the Gaviota Coast Rural Regional Plan boundary as follows (see Attachment 1 for map): Redraw the line so that the northwest edge starts where the Gaviota Coast Plan boundary line, Rural Region boundary line, and Forest Service boundary line intersect (south of Nojoqui Falls County Park); follow the Forest Service boundary line to the intersection of Gaviota State Park boundary then west along northern boundary of Gaviota State Park; follow south along west side of the Gaviota State Park to the ocean. The motion was made by Willy Chamberlin, seconded by Leroy Scolari and carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion: The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends the AAC has a seat on the GavPAC and recommend Paul Van Leer to serve as the AAC representative. Richard Quandt moved, seconded by Willy Chamberlin and carried by a unanimous vote.

VII. Reports from Committee Members

No reports were provided.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 pm.

NEXT MEETING: The next proposed AAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd.



**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF LONG RANGE PLANNING
MEMORANDUM**

Date: August 25, 2009

To: Agricultural Advisory Committee

From: Brian A. Tetley, Planner **BAT**

CC: David Lackie, Vicki Parker, Star Schatz

Subject: Gaviota Coast Plan Project

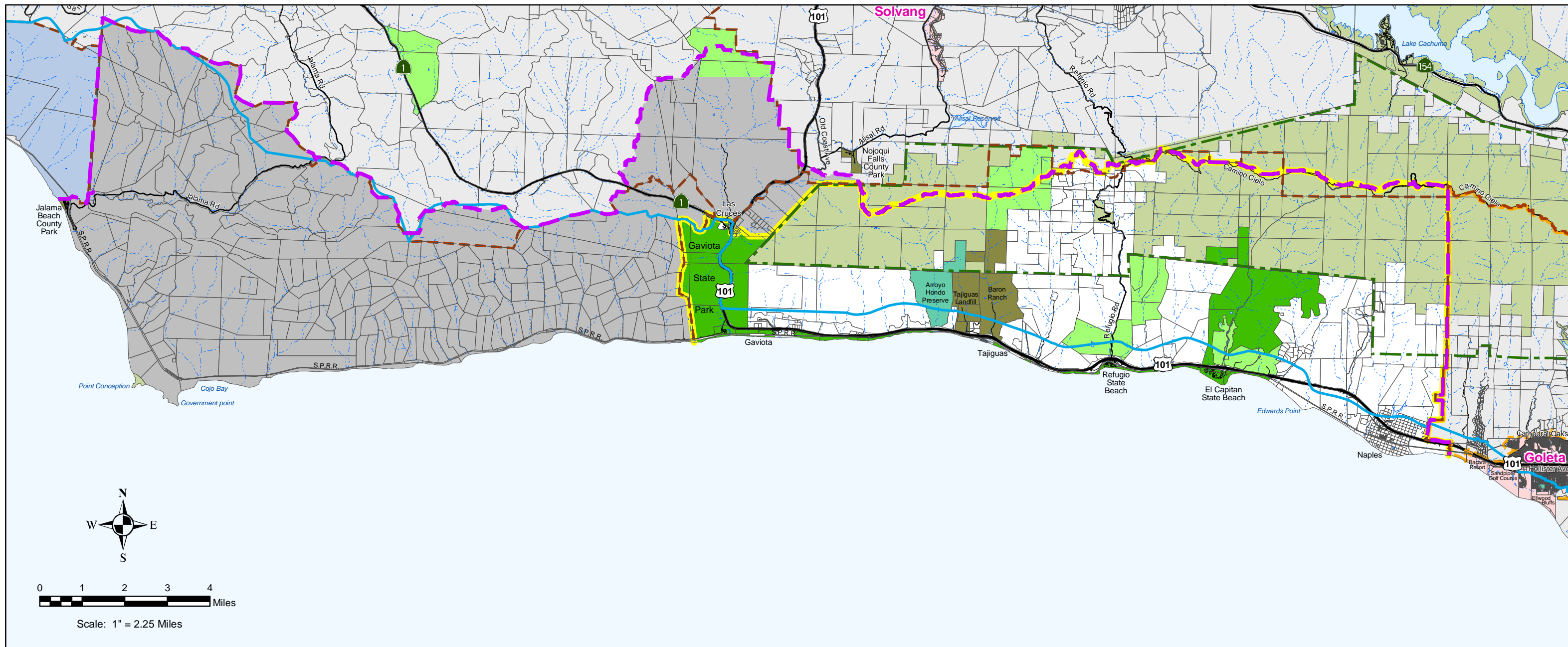
The Office of Long Range Planning (LRP) is pleased to provide the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) with the following information and attached map. As requested during the AAC meeting of August 5, 2009, the information below shows the ownership and agricultural acreage breakdowns for the proposed Gaviota Coast Plan project. The map reflects the AAC alternative boundary discussed at the August 5th meeting.

Ownership	# Parcels	Acres
Private	880	76,695.53
Federal	51	15,770.05
State	51	5,433.64
County	7	1,633.10
District or Agency	4	23.62
Conservancy	3	781.10
Total (Parcelized)	996	100,337.05
Rights of Way (unparcelized)	0	1,093
Grand Total	996	101,430

Williamson Act contacted lands total 60,321 acres over 341 complete or partial parcels within the planning area.

There are approximately 3,458 acres of currently cultivated farmland, based on Agricultural Commissioner's Office pesticide permitting records.

Attachment: AAC Alternative Boundary Map



Gaviota Coast Plan AAC Alternative Plan Extent

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaviota Coast Plan Boundary AAC Alternative Plan Boundary Area in Plan to be Excluded by AAC Alternative Rural Region Boundary Los Padres National Forest Boundary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Santa Barbara County Coastal Zone Boundary Goleta Community Plan Boundary Vandenberg Air Force Base Incorporated City | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Ownership State of California Ownership Santa Barbara County Ownership Land Trust for Santa Barbara County Ownership Private Ownership With Conservation Easement |
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