MONTEREY COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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AGENDA
October 22, 2020
2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order
   Roll Call

II. Consent – Meeting Minutes
   Approval of minutes from September 24, 2020

III. Public Comment
   (Limited to three minutes per speaker on matters within the Monterey County Agricultural Advisory Committee’s jurisdiction and not listed on the agenda. Members of the Public will have the opportunity to ask questions or make statements on agenda items as they are considered by the Committee.)

IV. Agricultural Commissioner’s Update
   Henry S. Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner

V. 2021 Williamson Act Applications
   Nadia Garcia, Ag Resources and Policy Manager, Agricultural Commissioner’s Office
   Consider recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on eight (8) 2021 Williamson Act Applications.

   ACTION REQUESTED: Staff is requesting that the Agricultural Advisory Committee consider each of the eight applications and provide their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

VI. Resource Management Agency – Planning
   This item was tabled from the September 24, 2020, meeting to be discussed further at the October 22, 2020, meeting.

   Committee Requests:
   1) Invite an arborist to the October 22, 2020, meeting.
   2) Receive a copy of the Forest Management Plan prior to the October meeting.
   3) Possible field trip to the subject property.
Leavens Ranch
Jaime Scott Guthrie, Associate Planner

- Project Title: Leavens Ranch
- Planning File No.: PLN190018
- APN: 216-013-034-000
- Project Location: Corner of River Road and Escolle Road, Soledad area, Central Salinas Valley Area Plan
- Zoning: Farmlands, 40 acre minimum or F/40
- Project Description: Use Permit for removal of 22 oak trees to accommodate installation of ground-mounted solar panels over an area of approximately ¾ of an acre (.72 acres) to support over 400 acres of agricultural operations (row crop and orchards) on the subject property and adjacent properties.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Make a recommendation to the Monterey County Planning Commission.

VII. Administrative Matters

VIII. Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments

IX. Adjournment

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