

Tulare County Agricultural Advisory Committee

The Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) is a standing committee of the Tulare County Board of Supervisors. AAC members serve in the capacity of providing expert advice and direction to the Board of Supervisors on matters related to land use and development in agricultural areas. The AAC is composed of representatives from the County's agricultural community and industries that affect and are affected by agriculture. Members are appointed and serve for a four-year period without a limit on the number of terms.

The AAC is required to meet at least three times per year; however, meetings may be held monthly when the Committee is considering more major projects. Previously, the AAC had been an ad-hoc committee that was activated by the Board of Supervisors as needed. Committee meetings, when called, are held bi-monthly on the third Wednesday of the month. The meeting time is at 3:00 p.m. and the meetings generally last for two hours. The Resource Management Agency (RMA), Countywide Planning Division provides staff for AAC projects and coordinates AAC meetings. AAC meetings are held in the RMA's Main Conference Room, 5961 South Mooney Blvd. in Visalia.

Recent projects considered by the Committee resulted in a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding language contained in the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. Presentations have been made to AAC regarding imported green waste and tree mortality. Tulare County has been designated one of the Tree Mortality disaster areas in the State of California so future presentations on the issue and its effect on agriculture are anticipated. AAC is expected to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the definition of "Ag Services Business" in 2017. Future meetings of the AAC will focus on the County Ordinances.

If you have any questions regarding the Agricultural Advisory Committee, please contact Nancy Woods (the staff member assigned to AAC at the Resource Management Agency) at (559) 624-7049 or nlwoods@tularecounty.ca.gov.

