



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Agricultural  
Commissioner  
**Department No.:** 051  
**For Agenda Of:** March 5, 2013  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Cathleen M. Fisher 681.5600  
Director(s)  
Contact Info:

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

Approve the appointment of the following person to the Agricultural Advisory Committee as an alternate:

Name  
Alexandra Allen

Nominated By  
California Women for Agriculture

**Summary Text:**

The California Women for Agriculture has requested a new representative from their organization to be appointed to serve as an alternate on the Agricultural Advisory Committee (see letter attached). The term of office for a member of the Agricultural Advisory Committee is four years.

**Background:**

The Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) was established by the Board of Supervisors as an agricultural advisory group by Minute Order March 14, 1995. The duty of the AAC is to provide advice to the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and other County departments on matters related to

agriculture. The AAC may review matters that have agricultural resource issues (i.e. land use, economics, pesticides, legislation, water, regulatory issues, property rights, agricultural practices) or may affect agricultural resources including but not limited to policy and ordinance changes, departmental projects or programs, annexation requests by cities, other agency programs, and specific projects that have broad implications to agriculture.

The AAC is advisory in nature and has no authority to approve, deny, or require modifications to any matter or project under the committee's consideration. The committee's advice shall be conveyed by written report of the Chair of the AAC, by County staff in reports from decision-making bodies, or by appearance of an authorized representative of the AAC at meetings of decision-making bodies.

The size of the AAC as established by the Board of Supervisors is 12 members. The composition is to include one appointee by each member of the Board and one member from each of the following groups, to be ratified by the Board: California Women for Agriculture, California Strawberry Commission, Central Coast Wine Growers Association, Grower-Shipper Vegetable Association, Santa Barbara County Cattlemen's Association, Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau, Santa Barbara County Flower and Nursery Grower's Association. At the meeting of April 9, 2002, the Board of Supervisors approved the nomination of alternates to the Agricultural Advisory Committee by each of the member groups for appointment by your Board.

**Attachments:**

California Women for Agriculture letter dated February 5, 2013  
Ag Advisory Committee Application

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