



Horticulture Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 | 4:00 PM | Zoom & Room 1687

Meeting Minutes

LPC Mission Statement

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Horticulture Advisory

Members:

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Gina Bonanno
Tyler Coen
Laura Cornett
Tom Fuller
Nan Ho
Sarah Holtzclaw
Lynn Monica
Maryln Moore
Jean O'Neil-Opipari
Victor Ruesga
Eric Santos
Vicki Shipman
Michael Soares
Jacquie Williams-Courtright

1. Call to Order

2. Welcome and Introductions

- **Present:** Tom Fuller, Laura Cornett, Eric Santos, Lynn Monica, Sarah Holtzclaw, Jean O'Neil-Opipari

3. Review of Agenda – 12/1/2021

- Agenda approved

4. Review and Approval of Minutes – 3/30/2021

- Laura Cornett motioned to approve, Sarah Holtzclaw seconded - Approved

5. Industry Updates

- **Training and Hiring Needs**
 - Eric Santos shared there is a labor shortage and a material shortage, and it is a weird time right now because people that want to work have little experience so is challenging to attract good employees with knowledge of the industry.
 - The college is a great resource for basic skills, knowledge, and experience!
 - Lynn Monica mentioned that maybe starting to attract students in high school would be a good idea; Jean O'Neil-Opipari mentioned that Dr. Foster wants to reach out to middle schools and K-5, and she has reached out to the continuation schools in the area.
 - Sarah Holtzclaw mentioned taking that idea and starting an apprenticeship or stewardship.
- **Emerging Trends**
 - Eric Santos shared – CARB (California Air Resource Board) was pushing forth legislation to ban gas powered off-road engines found in items like leaf blowers, lawn mowers, etc. and requiring they be zero emission starting in 2024.
- **Internship Opportunities**
 - Eric Santos shared that they interview for summer internships in March/April.
- **Input on new equipment for new facility**
 - Electric riding lawn mowers

6. College Update

- Olive Harvest was a huge success! We had 13 volunteers and harvested 962 lbs. of olives!
- Acquired two new pieces of equipment
 - EV utility vehicle (John Deere Gator)



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- Battery-operated pruning system, which should increase productivity in the olive orchard, and possibly the vineyard
- Offered 3 courses this Fall
 - Hort 50 – Introduction to Horticulture
 - Hort 56 – Arboriculture Urban Forestry
 - Hort 63 – Sustainable Landscapes
- CAD Course offered in the spring. Cross listed with Interior Design
 - Hort 73 (CRN#33233)
 - Tuesday, 5:30 – 10:20pm
 - Hybrid
- Looking for an instructor to teach Greenhouse and Nursery Management in the Spring.
 - Part-Time, one night a week, from 6:00 – 9:45 p.m.
 - Lynn thinks she might know of someone to recommend and will reach out then get back to the board.
- Would offering CEU's for California Qualified Applicators Certificate, for instance, be appealing to industry?
 - Landscape & Integrated Pest Management
 - Eric thinks he may know of some interested individuals and will get back to the board with interest
- Horticulture Facility to be completed during Summer, 2022

7. Recommendations from the Board

8. Good of the Order

9. Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 4:00 PM

10. Adjournment