

## AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

<u>Members</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Elnora George, representing Mariposa Co. Farm Bureau	2-28-17	2-28-22
David Mecchi, representing Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation Dist.	2-27-18	2-28-22
Carla Kelly - at-large position	3-24-20	2-28-22
John Shimer, representing at-large position	6-18-13	2-28-23
Tony Toso, representing the cattle industry	02-01-05	2-28-23
Lyle Turpin , Alternate for Resource Conservation District	2-27-18	2-28-22

**AUTHORITY:** Resolution 04-529; Ordinance 1014; and Ordinance 1015 re-established the Committee (County Code, Chapter 17.40.010.B/Mariposa County Ordinance No. 475 Repealed by Chapter 17.40/Mariposa County Ordinance No. 704)

**WEBSITE:** <http://mariposacountyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/default.aspx?DepartmentID=1061>

**MEMBERSHIP:** Five voting members:

- President of the Mariposa County Farm Bureau or designee;
- Chair of the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District or designee;
- Member of the public, representing the cattle industry, preferably belonging to the Merced/Mariposa County Cattlemen's Association
- Two members of the public at-large, with agricultural backgrounds

All voting members shall be permanent residents of Mariposa County.

STAFF TO THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL BE:

- 1) The County Planning Director or designee,
- 2) The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist,
- 3) The County Agricultural Commissioner or designee,
- 4) The County Assessor or designee,
- 5) The University of California Cooperative Extension County Director (Farm Advisor)
- 6) A Planning Commissioner nominated by the Planning Commission,
- 7) Other professional staff as directed by the Board of Supervisors or the Committee chair;

**TERM:** Two years, expiring on the last day of February in the appropriate calendar year, or until a reappointment is made. For the first appointment, members shall be selected by lot to one year and two year terms so that not more that three members have terms expiring in the same year.

**PURPOSE:**

- A) Advise and provide recommendations on agricultural issues associated with the General Plan and zoning, including requests for General Plan and Zoning Ordinance or map amendments involving agricultural lands and issues;
- B) Review and provide recommendations on applications for new Williamson Act (Land Conservation Act) Contracts, applications for cancellation of Williamson Act (Land Conservation Act) Contracts, and non-renewal of Williamson Act (Land Conservation Act) Contracts;
- C) Review and provide recommendations on policies for implementation of the Williamson Act (Land Conservation Act) in Mariposa County; and
- D) Provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on matters of importance to the agricultural community and agricultural industry

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning