

# Agriculture Advisory Council AGENDA



## **COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

Mitch Ardantz - Bonipak Produce

Dylan Bognuda — Bonipak Produce

Teri Bontrager - Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau

Jose Chang - Santa Barbara County Ag Commissioner

Emma Chow - USDA - NRCS

Rosemary Cummings - Nipomo FFA

Marc DeBernardi and Mark Powell - Santa Maria FFA

Tom Durant - Durant Distributing

Kevin Dwyer - California Giant, Inc.

Brenda Estrada - USDA - Farm Service Agency

 ${\it Jim\ Glines}$  - Community Bank of Santa Maria

Eryn Gray - Ag Laboratory

 ${\it Dr.\ Christopher\ Greer\ -\ UC\ Cooperative\ Extension}$ 

Hector Guerra - Pioneer Valley FFA

Tom Gulliver - Farm Credit West, retired

Danilu Jelderks - DRAM Agricultural Consulting

Ron Labastida - Babe Farms

Larry Lahr - Rincon Corporation

Lacy Litten - Facts From Farmers

Jerry Mahoney - Blosser Urban Garden

Holly Nolan-Chavez - Regional Director - Employer

Engagement - Ag, Water, Environmental Tech

Christine Ready - Nipomo FFA

Andrew Rice - California Giant, Inc.

David Rice - Nutrien Ag Solutions

Nic Tasca - AHC Ag Program Outreach Assistant

Luis Valdez – AHC Agriculture Program Alumnus

Claire Wineman - Grower Shipper Association

## STUDENT MEMBERS

Yeni Martinez – Agricultural Plant Science, PCA Prep.

Montse Zarate Antonio – Agricultural Plant Science, Cal
Poly Transfer

#### **FACULTY MEMBERS**

Erin Krier, Committee Chair

Dr. Sean Abel - Dean, Life & Physical Sciences

Dr. Rita Abi-Ghanem - PT Faculty, Agriculture

Guillermo Guerra and Miguel Guerra - PT Faculty, Agriculture

& Righetti FFA

*Dr. Shehbaz Singh* – PT Faculty, Agriculture *Dr. Terry Vassey*, PT Faculty, Agriculture

Jill Vink - PT Faculty, Agriculture

Monday, May 19, 2025 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. B-102 (Captain's Room) with Remote Zoom Option

## **Zoom Meeting Link - Click Here**

## **Current/Action Items**

- Introductions
- 2. Acknowledgement of Jim Glines' contributions
- 3. Program Update with Advisory Feedback
  - a. Student Update
  - b. High School Partnerships
    - FFA Field Day
    - YF&R FFA Event at Student Farm
  - c. Community and Industry Partnerships
  - d. Santa Barbara County Farm Day
  - e. Grant Updates

f. Program and Course Updates

- Summer & Fall Courses
- Summer Ag Career Academy
- Facilities Update
- g. Student Clubs
  - Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R)
  - Rodeo Team
- 4. Additional Advisory Committee Member Input
  - a. Feedback and Suggestions

## **Next Meeting**

Fall 2025: Monday, December 8, 2025 – 6:00 pm

### Adjourn

**Mission Statement**