

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

- 3/9/65 Agricultural Commissioner authorized to cooperate with the Road Department in the application and supervision of chemical roadside weed control.
- 7/9/68 Agricultural Commissioner authorized to sell grasshopper poison bait to the public.
- 10/26/71 Predatory Animal Control transferred from the Health Department to the Agricultural Commissioner.
- 12/19/72 Agricultural Commission was authorized to perform the following services.
(Resolution No. 72-166)
- To manufacture and sell rodenticides at cost.
- To cooperate with the Napa County Airport Manager in providing and supervising chemical weed control on the Napa County Airport.
- To suppress resident European Starlings. Traps and toxicants shall be deployed in areas that fledgling starlings are known to congregate in.
- To suppress birds damaging crops only after complete investigation by the Agricultural Commissioner. Bait to be supplied by property owner and toxicant by the County. Toxicant baits remain under the control of Agricultural Commissioner at all times.
- To make inspections when requested by homeowners in regard to insects and plant problems.
- To suppress puncture vine wherever found in Napa County.
- 12/18/90 Agricultural Commissioner was authorized to collect a surcharge on baits sold, not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00) per pound.
- 8/22/95 The offices of the County Agricultural Commission and County Sealer of Weights and Measures were consolidated.
- 8/11/15 &
1/28/25 County of Napa – Agricultural Commissioner’s Office Guidelines for Participation in the Great Wine Capitals Global Network (GWC)

Background

The Great Wine Capitals Global Network (GWC) is an organization representing the most distinguished wine regions of the world. Currently, the Great Wine

Capitals Global Network includes representatives from Melbourne, Australia; Bordeaux, France; Napa Valley-San Francisco; Porto, Portugal; Cape Town, South Africa; Bilbao-Rioja, Spain; Florence, Italy and Mendoza, Argentina. Only one region is selected to represent a country and in our case, the Napa Valley has been designated the "Great Wine Capital" for the United States of America. Napa County participation in the Great Wine Capitals has been led locally by the Napa Valley Vintners and the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce. The Great Wine Capitals work to encourage international winery tourism, as well as economic, academic and cultural exchanges between the regions that are members. The County is an active partner with the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce, Napa Valley Vintners and other community representatives in the Great Wine Capitals Global Network. This policy guideline is meant to articulate how the County of Napa will participate in the GWC in the future.

Participation of County of Napa Representatives

Designated representatives to the GWC General Assembly will be determined in accordance to Napa County Policy Manual. Part 1, Section 8, Subdivision I.B.4.f..

As participants, County of Napa delegates are required to:

1. Attend the monthly local GWC meetings and;
2. Attend GWC annual assembly panels as representatives of the County of Napa. Delegates may be requested to make formal presentations to small and/or large groups as required; and
3. Obtain authorization for out-of-country travel according to Napa County Travel Policies.

Expenditures of County Resources

The County will contribute annually for all travel costs related to GWC including participation/membership fees and registration fees from the Agricultural Commissioner's budget. The Agricultural Commissioner's Office will include the costs in the annual budget preparation for Board approval. County delegates will itemize costs for travel to the GWC Annual General Meeting and submit on "Travel Expense" claim forms to the County Auditor Controller according to the Napa County Travel Policy. The Auditor Controller may use resources from the Agricultural Commissioner's budget for travel claims submitted by the Agricultural Commissioner and the Board of Supervisor's representative.
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