Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Agricultural Policy Development and Draft Language Review
May 10, 2023
Overview

• Introduction & Policy Development Background

• Presentation and Discussion of Main Goals, Policies, Implementation Measures
  • Goal 1: Preserve and support Agricultural Operations
  • Goal 2: Environmentally Sensitive and Sustainable Agriculture
  • Goal 3: Enhance Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

• Timeline
Agricultural Policy Development Process

- Review existing policies
- Review current practices
- Assess needs/gaps
- Stakeholder input
- Identify main themes
- Draft framework
- Draft policy language
- Stakeholder input
- Adopt and implement policy
To acquire and preserve in perpetuity open space land and agricultural land of regional significance, protect and restore the natural environment, preserve rural character, encourage viable agricultural use of land resources, and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education.
Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement: Who we heard from

- San Mateo County Farm Bureau
- Ayudando Latinos A Sonar
- Puente de la Costa Sur
- Farm Worker Affairs Coalition
- San Mateo Food Systems Alliance
- Sustainable Pescadero
- Conservation Council
- San Mateo Ag. Advisory Committee
- Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council
- San Mateo Resource Conservation District
- Peninsula Open Space Trust
## Agricultural Policy Overview

### Goal 1: Preserve Agricultural Operations
- AG-1: Agricultural Land Protection
- AG-2: Public Access
- AG-3: Agricultural Housing
- AG-4: Agricultural Infrastructure
- AG-5: Leases
- AG-6: Marketing and Promotion

### Goal 2: Environmentally Sensitive and Sustainable Agriculture
- AG-7: Water Quality
- AG-8: Natural Resource Protection
- AG-9: Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Resilience
- AG-10: Research

### Goal 3: Enhance Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- AG-11: Farmworker Advocacy and Engagement
- AG-12: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- AG-13: Partnerships, Representation and Agreements
Current Agricultural Policy Development Timeline

- **Outreach and stakeholder feedback**
  - May - August 2022

- **Synthesize feedback, draft preliminary language**
  - August - November 2022

- **Board Study Session: Review proposed new policy language**
  - Winter 2022

- **Board consideration for approval of new ag policy language**
  - Summer 2023

**Board Approves New Policy Language Summer 2023**

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