



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**BOARDS AND COMMISSION**  
 FARMWORKER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Half Moon Bay Library,  
 Community Room  
 620 Correas St., Half Moon Bay,  
 CA  
 650-363-1800  
[www.farmworkercommission.org](http://www.farmworkercommission.org)

**January 10, 2024**

**7:00pm**

The Farmworker Advisory Commission brings visibility to issues that disproportionately affect farmworkers, advises the Board of Supervisors on policies and initiatives, serves as a forum for the community, and advocates/supports the farmworker community.

**The Farmworker Advisory Commission was held in person at the Half Moon Bay Library’s Community Room (620 Correas St., Half Moon Bay).**

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chair Judith Guerrero, Vice-Chair Corina Rodriguez Perez, Commissioners Yolanda Guzman Calderon, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Stephanie Perez, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez, Jorge Sanchez, Yesenia Garcia. **Absent:** John Vars, Jonatan Ramirez

**Staff Present:** District 3 Board Liaison Marisol Escalera Durani. Community Affairs Office: Kenny Chu, Liset Gutierrez Barraza, Jennifer Castro-Lara

**2. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**AGENDA**

**3. Ralph M. Brown Act Refresher Training**

<p><b>Presented by          Lauren Carroll,          Deputy County          Attorney</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ralph M. Brown Act Refresher Training is designed to provide a comprehensive reminder for members regarding the legal requirements and guidelines that pertain to hosting meetings.</li> <li>• Commission members are prohibited from using social media to communicate with other members about commission business.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ However, they are permitted to communicate with the public about commission business on social media.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Commissioners can meet without following Brown Act requirements if no commission business is discussed.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ i.e., public conferences, social events, ceremonial occasions, meetings with other agencies, and individual member meetings.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Prior to COVID-19, all meetings had to be conducted in person.</li> <li>• During COVID-19, the California Brown Act rules were adjusted to permit remote meetings to prevent the spread of COVID-19.</li> <li>• As of March 1, 2023, a directive was issued to resume in-person meetings.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individual members can join remotely under specific conditions - twice per calendar year. This meeting must allow for remote public participation.</li> <li>● Violating the Brown Act can lead to lawsuits, criminal penalties, and the possible dissolution of the commission.</li> </ul>
<b>Commissioners Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chair Judith Guerrero <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Commission was asked if they could write a letter of support for a housing initiative. Would the commission be allowed to consider writing a letter. If so, how can we proceed?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.

**4. Announcement of the Farmworker Convention, March 17, 2024**

<b>Presented by Rita Mancera, Farmworker Convention Planning Committee Member</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Farmworker Convention will be held on Sunday March 17, 2024, from 8am-5pm at the Pescadero High School.</li> <li>● This convention is for farmworkers throughout the Coast, Pescadero, Santa Cruz, and Watsonville.</li> <li>● The convention will host various workshops and sessions focusing on immigrant resources, farmworker rights and job security.</li> </ul>
<b>Commissioners Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chair Judith Guerrero <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If all commissioners were to attend, this would not violate the Brown Act since there is no discussion regarding the Farmworker Advisory Commission.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.

**5. Reflection of Accomplishments of 2023 and Look Ahead for 2024 Goals**

<b>Facilitated by Chair Judith Guerrero</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Commission celebrated their one-year anniversary in November 2023.</li> <li>● The Commission successfully addressed their priorities thanks to the commissioner’s commitment and the public actively expressing their needs and concerns.</li> <li>● Elections will be in March for a potential new Chair and Vice Chair of the commission.</li> <li>● A goal for this year is for more community involvement and to hear the needs of farmworkers.</li> </ul>
<b>Commissioners Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vice Chair Corina Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Congratulations to all for being a part of this commission. We look forward to continued growth in the coming years. As new people come in, it’s important to keep growing and achieving our goals.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We need to continue with this commission. It's important for our community to feel supported by the county because it provides them with a sense of security.</li> <li>● Chair Judith Guerrero <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For those whose term is up, what can they do if they want to continue to be a part of the commission?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.

#### 6. Update on the Outreach and Education Ad-Hoc Committee

<b>Presented by Ad-hoc Committee representative.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Back in October 2023, the ad-hoc committee held its first Know Your Rights workshop.</li> <li>● The ad-hoc committee is collaborating with Puente to organize a second workshop in Pescadero.</li> </ul>
<b>Commissioners Comment</b>	No comment.
<b>Public Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● JoAnn Sandoval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Puente completed their new and updated Know Your Rights booklet. They are available for distribution in Spanish and English.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### 7. Update on the Affordable and Quality Healthcare Ad-Hoc Committee

<b>Presented by Ad-hoc Committee representative.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ad-hoc committee last met in November with the County to ask to reevaluate the income requirement for their health programs.</li> <li>● Medical program requirements changed in January 2024.</li> <li>● Due to the change in Medical, ad-hoc committee needs to wait before the County can reevaluate the income requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committee is going to find a new strategy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Commissioners Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stephanie Perez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have you considered going to the city to ask if they have ideas?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.

#### 8. Update on the Affordable Housing Development Ad-Hoc Committee

<b>Presented by Ad-hoc Committee representative.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ad-hoc committee is planning to meet again this year and visit Del Campo Al Cambio to learn more on how to best support them.</li> <li>● The ad-hoc committee would like to write a letter of support for housing initiatives.</li> </ul>
<b>Commissioners Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yolanda Guzman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Del Campo Al Cambio is waiting to meet with Supervisor Ray Mueller.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.

## 9. Report Out

### Commissioner's Report

- Chair Judith Guerrero
  - The City of Half Moon Bay will have a one-year remembrance ceremony commemorating victims and survivors of farmworker shooting on Sunday, January 21, from 4-6pm at the Boys and Girls Club Event Center (530 Kelly Ave, Half Moon Bay). After the ceremony, there will be a walking candlelit precession to Mac Dutra Plaza.
  - Thrive Alliance invited the commission to a Voter Outreach Training for Wednesday January 17, from 10-11:30am. This session is to learn how, when, where, what, and why of effective voter engagement. The training is virtual and open to everyone.
  - On Saturday January 13, a ceremony in celebration of former San Mateo County Sherriff and Supervisor, Don Horsley, will be held at the College of San Mateo Building #10 from 1-4pm.
- Vice Chair Corina Rodriguez
  - There was a Winter Preparedness Event in Pescadero on Saturday, December 16, where the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) distributed information on how to best prepare for the winter storms.
- Stephanie Perez
  - Now works for the Half Moon Bay Coastside Chamber of Commerce.
  - They will be opening a learning center called – Opportunity Center of the Coastside.
  - Renaissance Center and JobTrain will be at the Opportunity Center as well. Together they will work with the community who already owns a business or are new entrepreneurs.
  - JobTrain will help people search for jobs, interview trainings, and more.
  - Classes have already begun but are on Zoom since they have not moved to the new building. Once they move, classes will be in-person.
    - New building will be located on Main St, in front of Bank of America. Hope to open by early February. More information will be announced.
  - The classes are offered in Spanish and English and are free.
  - The Opportunity Center will have a networking event on Monday, January 16 from 6-8pm at 315 Main St Fattoria E Mare. This event is a chance to meet other local entrepreneurs.

### Supervisor's Report, presented by Marisol Escalera Durani

- Received a \$5M grant. The Joe Serna Jr. grant will allow for the San Mateo County Department of Housing to partner with the City of Half Moon Bay to purchase 28 prefabricated housing units – 18 units will be prioritized to agricultural workers and displaced families.
- The Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Ray Mueller's sponsorship request for Measure K funding to go towards a pilot program to provide families in need with free diapers. The goal is to ease families from the financial burden during the vacation season.
- The Belmont and Pacifica Sharp Park libraries will distribute free kits that include wipes and diapers. Each kit will contain 80 diapers and 200 wipes. Diapers will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis and available in sizes 1-6 while supplies last.
- In October 13, Supervisor Ray Muller demonstrated the contaminated water coming from Pescadero schools to the California Coastal Commission. On December 15, the topic of contaminated water in Pescadero was presented again to the Coastal Commission.

- On December 12, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to authorize and direct the County Executive to:
  - Establish an Office of Labor Standards Enforcement (OLSE) within the County Executive Office; and
  - Return to the Board on or around June 30, 2024, to report back on the overall scope, roles, and responsibilities of the OLSE.
- On December 16, Pescadero had a Winter Storm Preparedness Event where the Supervisor Ray Mueller’s Office, San Mateo County, Puente, the Sheriff’s Office, Department of Emergency Management (DEM), and the Office of Community Affairs helped the community by distributing storm preparedness information, basic emergency kits, and donated food.
- On January 9, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution for a potential \$9million purchase of a lot (former Bay City Flowers) to be used for farmworker housing with a cooperative center.
- For road repairs and other needs, call District 3 Office 650-363-4569.
- If you have a story to share for the District 3 Newsletter, contact Marisol.

## 10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

**Next Commission Meeting: \***

Wednesday March 13, 2024; 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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