



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
BOARDS AND COMMISSION
FARMWORKER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Half Moon Bay Library,
Community Room,
620 Correas St, Half
Moon Bay, CA
www.farmworkercommission.org

May 14, 2025

6:00pm

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 Community Room (620 Correas St, Half Moon Bay)

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety here: [YouTube Video](#)

1. Roll Call

Present:

Commissioners: Judith Guerrero, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Stephanie Perez, Corina Rodriguez Perez, Jorge Sanchez, John Vars

Staff: Jennifer Castro-Lara, Nancy Cubias, Valery Vallin

Absent:

Commissioners: Yolanda Guzman Calderon, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez

2. General Public Comment

Public Comments:

JoAnn Sandoval

3. Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Corina Rodriguez Perez / Second: Vice Chair Stephanie Perez

Commission voted unanimously.

4. Presentation: Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE)

Speakers:

Shireen Malekafzali Taidi, Chief Equity Officer, San Mateo County

Shane Ross, Labor Standards Manager, San Mateo County Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement

Kyle Cakebread, Assistant District Attorney Lead with Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement

Brendan Bartholomew, District Attorney’s Inspector, District Attorney’s Office

- The Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE) was created to promote labor rights.
- OLSE is collaborating with the non-profit Step Forward Foundation to provide employers and employees advice via the new Labor Advise Hotline.
- The hotline offers Spanish, English, Chinese, Tagalog, and Vietnamese language support.
- Callers can speak with a lawyer with Labor Rights experience and be provided with guidance and resources.
- If someone reports a minimum wage violation in San Mateo County, callers will be referred to OLSE who will then investigate.
- Brendan “Bart” Bartholomew, Kyle Cake Bread and Juan Perez form the Wage Theft Unit at the District Attorney’s Office.
- The Wage Theft Unit will prosecute cases in wage theft, labor trafficking, etc.
- OLSE will return to present at the July 9th Farmworker Commission meeting.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. Interest in the referral process.

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

5. Presentation: Farm Labor Housing Loan Program

Speaker: Rose Cade, Director of Housing, San Mateo County Department of Housing

- The Farm Labor Housing Loan Program was provided to farm owner operators to renovate existing or build new farmworker housing in San Mateo County.
- Stone Pine Cove is one of the last projects getting funded due to the 2021 expansion of funding.
- The Board of Supervisors determined to relaunch this program after seeing a high interest in addressing housing needs of farmworkers.
- The goal of the program is to build partnerships and provide resources to enable farmers, landowners, and operators to improve or build new housing for farmworkers in San Mateo County.
- A series of community information sessions will be hosted to collect information from the community.
- The goal is to relaunch the program in mid-July.
- A list will track people’s interest in the program, and they will be contacted once it is relaunched.
- The program is currently structured as a zero-interest loan for 30 years. With an expectation of repayment. Payments will be made annually.
- Depending on if there’s any remaining funding or additional funding to the program, the program will open to new construction of new units.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. There is concern that improving or legalizing units may trigger costly code compliance, discouraging landowners from participating.
2. Recommended for the County to have a dedicated person to help people navigate the permitting process.

In-Person Public Comments:

JoAnn Sandoval

6. Informational: Update on the Stone Pine Cove Housing Lottery Process

Speaker: Rose Cade, Director of Housing, San Mateo County Department of Housing

- The 46 new portable manufactured homes are currently being installed.
- Over 300 pre-applications were submitted.
- Pre-applications closed on April 18th, and the pre-application lottery took place on May 2nd.
- Applicants received a lottery notification with a Raw Rank and Preference Number.
- The preference number is key in determining the application process.
- People selected will then need to complete the full application and verify documentation.
- Currently working with people in the first preference group.
- The goal is to have move-ins in late July and August 2025.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. Interested to know if there is an opportunity for families of the 1st priority to visit the site prior to the gran opening.

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

7. Motion: Resetting officer election, Chair and Vice Chair, schedule to July for all future elections

Motion to Reset officer elections for Chair and Vice Chair, and schedule to July for all future elections.

Motion: Vice Chair Stephanie Perez/ Second: Jorge Sanchez

Commission voted unanimously.

Commissioner Inquiries:

None

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

8. Motion: Election of Chair and Vice Chair through July 2025 meeting

Motion to Elect Judith Guerrero as Chair of the Farmworker Advisory Commission through July 2025.

Motion: Corina Rodriguez Perez / Second: Vice Chair Stephanie Perez

Commission voted unanimously.

Motion to Elect Stephanie Perez as Vice Chair of the Farmworker Advisory Commission through July 2025.

Motion: Jorge Sanchez/ Second: Corina Rodriguez Perez

Commission voted unanimously.

Commissioner Inquiries:

None

In-Person Public Comments:

JoAnn Sandoval

9. Report Outs

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioners: Vice Chair Stephanie Perez, Jorge Sanchez

County Executive's Office Report:

Staff: Nancy Cubias – Provided information on Reporting Unsafe Housing Conditions

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday July 9, 2025; **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

at the Multipurpose Room at **the Pescadero High School.**