

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO



Update on the Farmworker Housing Task Force Policy Proposals

Farmworker Advisory Commission

July 9, 2025

Farm Labor Housing Compliance



LATEST
DEVELOPMENTS



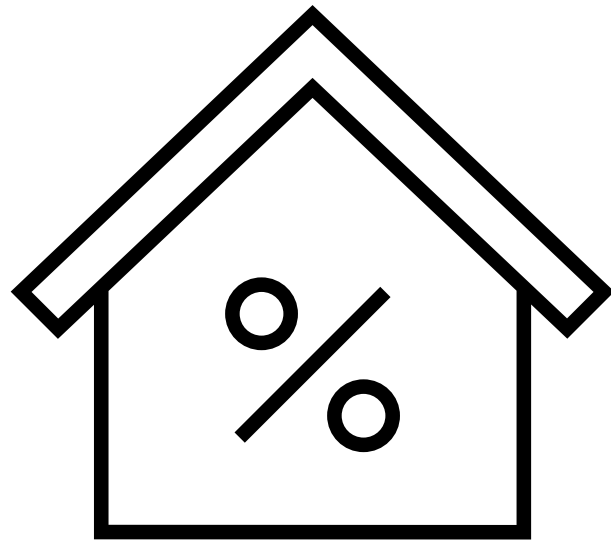
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COMPLIANCE](https://smcgo.org/planning/farm-labor-housing-compliance)

Policy Proposals

1. Increase compliance measures for safe drinking water
2. Support the legalization of existing units and legal construction of new units by pursuing/modifying
 - Water System regulations
 - Septic System regulations
 - Local Coastal Program exemptions
3. Financial Support for the Construction and Rehabilitation of Farmworker Units



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LABOR-HOUSING-AGRICULTURAL-
WORKFORCE-HOUSING](https://smcgo.org/housing/farm-labor-housing-agricultural-workforce-housing)

Refresh Farmworker Housing Loan Program

- \$2 million in Measure K funds
- Phase I: Housing Preservation
- Phase II: Housing Preservation & Production

Informational Session Schedule

Session #1: July 31, 2025, at 5 p.m. in Half Moon Bay

Session #2: August 6, 2025, Virtual

Water Systems: Proposed Ordinance

Require owners of farmworker units to be subject to regular monitoring to confirm the water supply meets minimum potability standards.

Specifically, the ordinance would:

- Apply to all owners who provide farmworker housing with 1 to 4 units (not currently subject to regulation)
- Initial and ongoing routine monitoring to ensure water system is in good repair
- Ongoing water sampling to ensure water is free from contamination

Septic Systems

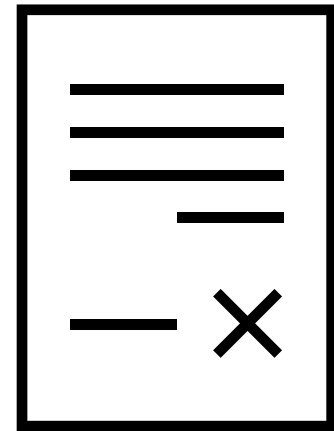
- Exploring ordinance modifications to make construction easier and more affordable

Updates would be made in collaboration with the Regional Water Quality Control Board



Local Coastal Program Amendments

- Pursue a Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment to establish a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) **exemption or streamlined requirements for Farm Labor Housing projects** to simply, expedite, and reduce the risks and costs associated with current permit requirements.



Policy Proposals: Next Steps



CONTINUING RESEARCH AND
FURTHER REFINING THE
PROPOSALS



SEEKING COMMUNITY FEEDBACK
AND INPUT

Agricultural Advisory Committee: August 11
Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council: August 12



PREPARING FORMAL
RECOMMENDATIONS AND
SEEKING THE NECESSARY
APPROVALS



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Questions