



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
BOARDS AND COMMISSION
FARMWORKER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Multipurpose Room,
360 Butano Cutoff
Pescadero, CA, 94060
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July 9, 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 regular meeting was held in person at the Pescadero High School Multipurpose Room (360 Butano Cutoff., Pescadero).

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, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez, Jorge Sanchez, John Vars

Staff: Jennifer Castro-Lara, Nancy Cubias, Liset Gutierrez Barraza, Marisol Escalera Durani (via Zoom)

2. General Public Comment

In-Person Public Comments:

JoAnn Sandoval

3. Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Stephanie / Second: Corina

Commission voted unanimously.

4. Informational: Update on the Farmworker Housing Compliance Task Force Policy Proposals

Speaker: Justin Mates, Deputy County Executive

- Policy proposals include increasing compliance measures for safe drinking water, supporting legalization of existing units and legal construction, and providing financial support for the construction and rehabilitation of farmworker units.

- Farmworker Housing Loan Program involves \$2 million Measure K funds and consists of two phases: housing preservation and production.
- More details regarding the proposed policies will be presented at the next Agricultural Advisory Committee on August 11 and the Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council on August 12th by Planning and Building staff and Environmental Health staff will be presenting details.
- Contact the Planning and Building Department at (650) 363-7833 or codecomplaint@smcgov.org regarding unsafe housing structures.
- Contact Environmental Health Services at (650) 363-4404 or envhealth@smcgov.org regarding health, water, and sanitation.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. Interested to know if interpretation services will be available at the meetings.
2. Is there an interim solution while permanent solutions to clean water issues are being discussed or implemented?
3. Is the process of reporting water safety anonymous?
4. How will the County investigate community input regarding the testing of water conditions?
5. Who will the County inquire about water issues with? Farmworkers or farm owners?
6. Can trusted nonprofit organizations serve as a third-party communication source when reporting water issues to maintain farmworker anonymity?
7. When calling to report water issues, is interpretation available in different languages?

In-Person Public Comments:

JoAnn Sandoval

5. Informational/Public Awareness: County Outreach on Unsafe Water Concerns and Reporting Process

Speaker: Justin Mates, Deputy County Executive

- Highlights outreach efforts related to reporting unsafe water conditions for further investigation.

Commissioner Inquiries:

None.

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

6. Presentation: Farm Labor Housing Loan Program Update

Speaker:

Alejandro Segura, Housing Community Development Specialist, Department of Housing

- Provides an overview of the Farm Labor Housing Loan Program implementation including both implementation phases.
 - First phase: housing preservation
 - Second phase: housing creation
- Encourages community and applicants to attend information sessions on July 31st and August 6th to learn more about the program’s terms and application process.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. Asked for clarification on whether farmworker housing without an operating farm is eligible for the program.

2. Is there a limit to the number of loans an applicant can apply for per housing/operation?
3. Can the applicant use the loan for other improvement areas without having to bring everything into code compliance?
4. What are the terms of the loan?
5. How will you be informing farm owners of this program?
6. Will there be application assistance?

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

7. Presentation: Update on the San Mateo County Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE)

Speaker:

Shireen Malekafzali, Chief Equity Officer, San Mateo County

Shane Crary Ross, Labor Standards Manager

Michelle Flores Pulido, Labor Standards Associate

Kyle Cakebread, Deputy District Attorney

- Introduces the new Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement department and their services.
- Their services include a Labor Advice Hotline which is run by lawyers from the Step Forward Foundation.
- Shows the different minimum wage salaries in the cities of San Mateo County and explains their focus on minimum wage violations along with its consequences.
- Describes how complaints will be processed and highlights various ways in which workers are exploited.
- Further explain how criminal justice cases are processed and their logistics.
- Share tips on how to reduce the risk of wage theft and the information that is needed when making a complain.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. Do you connect workers with U Visas making complaints to immigration lawyers?
2. Does the department have job search resources for workers who are facing retaliation?
3. If the worker decides to leave their job due to wage theft, will they be able to open a case?

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

8. Motion: Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion to Elect Corina Rodriguez Perez as Chair of the Farmworker Advisory Commission.

Motion: Nicolas / Second: John

Commission voted unanimously.

Motion to Elect John Vars as Vice Chair of the Farmworker Advisory Commission.

Motion: Rogelio/ Second: Judith

Commission voted unanimously.

In-Person Public Comments:

None

9. Report Outs

Commissioner's Report: Judith Guerrero, John Vars, Corina Rodriguez Perez, Jorge Sanchez, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez

Supervisor's Report: Marisol Escalera Durani

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday September 10, 2025; **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at the
Community Room in **the Half Moon Bay Library.**