



County of San Mateo Planning & Building Department Agricultural Advisory Committee

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DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

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Monday, November 10, 2025

IN-PERSON WITH REMOTE PARTICIPATION

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1. Call to Order

Chair Natalie Sare called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Member Roll Call

Regular Committee Members Present:

James Oku
Natalie Sare
Peter Marchi
Ryan Casey
Crystal Chaix
Daniel Theobald
Cole Mazariegos-Anastassiou
John Vars
Marilyn Johnson

Regular Committee Members Not Present

Erik Hagstrom

Nonvoting Committee Members Present:

Koren Widdel, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner
Jess Brown, San Mateo County Farm Bureau Executive Director

Nonvoting Committee Members Not Present:

Igor Lacan, UC Co-Op Extension Representative

Planning Liaison Present:

Olivia Boo, Planning Staff Liaison
Robby Mill, Planning Staff Liaison

3. **Oral Communications** to allow the public to address the Committee on any matter **not** on the agenda. If your subject is not on the agenda, the Chair will recognize you at this time.

SPEAKERS

Public Speaker, Kerry Burke
Public Speaker, Jo Chamberlain
Public Speaker, Bridget Jett

4. **Committee Member Update(s) and/or Questions** to allow Committee Members to share news and/or concerns for items **not** on the agenda

SPEAKERS

Committee Member, James Oku
Committee Member, Daniel Theobald
San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner, Koren Widdel
Committee Vice Chair, Peter Marchi
Committee Chair, Natalie Sare

5. **Planning and Building Department Director's Report.**

Planning Staff Robby Miller presented the Director's Report.

SPEAKERS

None

Consent Agenda

6. **Owner/Applicant:** Kevin Palmer
File Number: PLN2025-00273
Location: 321 Verde Road, unincorporated San Gregorio
Assessor's Parcel No.: 066-320-170

Consideration of an Agritourism Event Permit for up to 12 private farm/ranch events throughout the year on a 43-acre parcel located at 321 Verde Road in San Gregorio (Long Branch Saloon & Farms). The property supports educational farm tours for schools, private nonprofit events, and family/friend private gatherings. No operational changes from previous years are proposed. Project Planner: Summer Burlison, sburlison@smcgov.org.

SPEAKERS

Committee Vice Chair, Peter Marchi

Public Speaker, Kevin Palmer
Committee Member, James Oku
Public Speaker, Jo Chamberlain
Committee Chair, Natalie Sare
Public Speaker, BJ Burns
Committee Member, Crystal Chaix
Committee Member, Marilyn Johnson
Committee Member, Ryan Casey
Committee Member, John Vars

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Member, Ryan Casey, moved to approve the item. Committee Chair, Natalie Sare, seconded the motion.

Motion passed 9-0.

End of Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda

7. **Committee Survey Results on (Committee) Functioning and Effectiveness** -
Presenter: Debbie Schechter, Schechter Consulting.

SPEAKERS

Committee Vice Chair, Peter Marchi
Committee Member, James Oku,
Committee Member, Crystal Chaix
Committee Chair, Natalie Sare
Committee Member, Marilyn Johnson
Committee Member, Ryan Casey

8. **AAC Procedures** - Presenters: Brian Pettit, County Counsel, and Sophie Mintier,
Assistant Director of Planning and Building.

SPEAKERS

San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner, Koren Widdel
Public Speaker, Bridget Jett
Committee Chair, Natalie Sare
Committee Member, Daniel Theobald
Committee Member, Marilyn Johnson
Committee Vice Chair, Peter Marchi
Committee Member, James Oku
Committee Member, Crystal Chaix
Committee Member, John Vars
Committee Member, Cole Mazariego-Anastassiou
Committee Member, Ryan Casey
Deputy County Attorney, Brian Pettit

9. **Response to Questions on Proposed Farm Labor Housing Water System Program.** Presenter: Ed Diaz, Environmental Health Services. (Remote attendance)

SPEAKERS

Committee Vice Chair, Natalie Sare
Public Speaker, Kerry Burke
Committee Vice Chair, Peter Marchi

10. **Owners:** Joseph Cash McEvoy; Michael Cicornio, Ronald Cicornio, and Rosanna Cicornio
Applicant: Joseph Cash McEvoy
File Number: PLN2023-00084
Location: 5321 and 4931 Pescadero Creek Road, Pescadero
Assessor's Parcel No.: 088-120-190, 087-110-030

Consideration of a Coastal Development Permit (CDP), Planned Agriculture District Permit, and Lot Line Adjustment, to adjust a segment of a shared property boundary between two neighboring developed parcels. The project is located in the Pescadero Road County Scenic Corridor. The CDP is appealable to the California Coastal Commission. Project Planner: Olivia Boo, oboo@smcgov.org.

SPEAKERS

Committee Vice Chair, Peter Marchi
Public Speaker, Kerry Burke

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Member, Daniel Theobald, moved to approve the item. Committee Member, Marilyn Johnson, seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-2 (with one abstention).

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Natalie Sare at 8:09 p.m.

ROLL SHEET – November 10, 2025

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Voting Members													
James Oku Farmer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X
Natalie Sare Farmer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
John Vars Farmer	X	X		X		X	X		X		X		X
Peter Marchi Farmer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ryan Casey Farmer		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cole Mazariegos- Anastassiou Farmer		X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Crystal Chaix Farmer	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daniel Theobald Ag Business	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X		X
Erik Hagstrom Public Member							X	X			X		
Marilyn Johnson Public Member							X	X	X	X		X	X
Non-Voting Members													
**Vacant Conservationist													
**Vacant - Natural Resource Conservation													
San Mateo Co. Agricultural Commissioner: Koren Widdel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
Farm Bureau Exec. Director: Jess Brown			X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
UC Co-Op Extension Rep.: Dr. Igor Lacan		X	X			X		X					
Staff Liaison													
San Mateo Co. Planning Liaison: Olivia Boo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X^	X		X
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