



## County of San Mateo Planning & Building Department Agricultural Advisory Committee

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### ACTION MINUTES

FINAL

**Monday, November 10, 2025**

#### IN-PERSON WITH REMOTE PARTICIPATION

A full recording of this meeting can be accessed on the official government YouTube channel of the County of San Mateo

at: (<https://www.smcgov.org/planning/event/agricultural-advisory-committee-meeting-november-10-2025>)

**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.

**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

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**Consent Agenda**

**ITEM 6 moved from Consent Agenda to Regular Agenda**

**End of Consent Agenda**

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**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

**(ITEM 6 moved from Consent Agenda to Regular 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](mailto: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.**

- 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](mailto: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
<b>Voting Members</b>													
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
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>													
**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					
<b>Staff Liaison</b>													
San Mateo Co. Planning Liaison: Olivia Boo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X^	X		X
X: Present    Blank Space: Absent or Excused    Grey Color: No Meeting    *Special Meeting **Position Vacant    ^Alternate													