



County of San Mateo Planning & Building Department Agricultural Advisory Committee

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ACTION MINUTES

FINAL

Monday, September 8, 2025

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<https://youtu.be/9WuEnVOOb3w?si=1D4U8bcvG4PDGwAg>

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Member Roll Call**

Regular Committee Members Present:

James Oku
Natalie Sare
Peter Marchi
Ryan Casey
Crystal Chaix
Daniel Theobald
Cole Mazariego-Anastassiou
Erik Hagstrom
John Vars

Regular Committee Members Not Present

Marilyn Johnson

Nonvoting Committee Members Present:

Jess Brown, San Mateo County Farm Bureau Executive Director

Nonvoting Committee Members Not Present:

Koren Widdel, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner
Igor Lacan, UC Co-Op Extension Representative

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:

None

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

None

5. **Planning and Building Department Director's Report.** (*Planning Liaison*)

The next meeting is October 20, 2025.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No action. The Committee reviewed the items on this month's report.

Environmental Health, Proposed Farm Labor Housing Water System Program – Heather Forshey, Director of Environmental Health Services.

SPEAKERS

Committee Chair, Natalie Sare
Committee Vice Chair, Peter Marchi
Committee Member, James Oku
Committee Member, Crystal Chaix
Public Speaker, Bridgett Jett
Public Speaker, Kerry Burke
Committee Member, Cole Mazariegos-Anastassiou
Committee Member, Daniel Theobald
Committee Member, Ryan Casey
Committee Member, John Vars
Public Speaker, BJ Burns

Item to be on the October 20, 2025, agenda for staff to address the questions raised by the Committee members.

6. **Summary of AAC's April 2025 Special Workshop.** Presenters: AAC Chair, Natalie Sare, and Workshop Subcommittee.

SPEAKERS

Committee Member, James Oku
Committee Vice Chair, Peter Marchi
Committee Member, Cole Mazaregos-Anastassiou
Public Speaker, Bridget Jett
Public Speaker, BJ Burns

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Item C - Committee Vice Chair, Peter Marchi, motioned to visit the County's Planning Division. Committee Member, Cole Mazaregos-Anastassiou, seconded the motion.

Motion passed 9-0.

Item F - Committee Vice Chair, Peter Marchi, motioned to support the item. Committee Member, James Oku, seconded the motion.

Motion passed 9-0.

Item M - Committee Member, James Oku, motioned to support the item. Committee Member, Eric Hagstrom, seconded the motion.

Motion passed 9-0.

Committee Vice Chair, Peter Marchi, motioned to continue the discussion of the Workshop items to the October 20, 2025, meeting. Committee Member, James Oku, seconded the motion.

Motioned passed 9-0.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Committee Chair, Natalie Sare.