



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

BOARDS AND COMMISSION

FARMWORKER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Half Moon Bay Library,
Community Room,
620 Correas St, Half
Moon Bay, CA
www.farmworkercommission.org

January 14, 2026

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 was held in person at the Half Moon Bay Library Community Room (620 Correas St, Half Moon Bay)

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety here: [YouTube Video](#)

1. Roll Call

Present:

Commissioners: Judith Guerrero, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Corina Rodriguez Perez, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez, John Vars

Staff: Jennifer Castro-Lara, Corie Schwabenland Garcia, Liset Gutierrez Barraza, Marisol Escalera Durani

Absent:

Commissioners: Stephanie Perez, Jorge Sanchez

2. General Public Comment

Public Comments:

JoAnn Sandoval

3. Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Judith Guerrero / Second: Nicolas Romero Gonzalez

Commission voted unanimously.

4. Presentation and Motion: Planning an Event Featuring Portraits from Jose Luis; Cosechando Sueños Publication and Appointing a Farmworker Advisory Commission Member to the Event's Planning Committee

Motion to tentatively appoint Nicolas Romero Gonzalez and Rogelio Nabor-Martinez to serve on the Cosechando Sueños Event Planning Committee, with Chair Corina Rodriguez Perez designated as an alternate.

Motion: Judith Guerrero / Second: Vice Chair John Vars

Commission voted unanimously.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. None.

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

5. Discussion: Priority Setting and Work Plan Development (2026-2027)

Subcommittee Updates

Speakers: Chair Corina Rodriguez Perez and Judith Guerrero

- **Outreach and Education**
 - Have hosted 3 workshops alongside PUENTE, ALAS, Coastside Hope, and other organizations.
- **Access to Affordable and Quality Healthcare**
 - After the listening session last year, the Farmworker Advisory Commission provided a report to Supervisor Ray Mueller. Which he then presented to the San Mateo County Department of Health with recommendations on how to improve the services at the Coastside Clinic and mobile clinic.
 - As a result, changes have been implemented.
 - Pending work: Scheduling another listening session to ask the community for their input. (Such as improvements they have seen, if there are any challenges, etc)
- **Affordable Housing Development**
 - Invited the Department of Housing to present at the Farmworker Commission meetings regarding Stone Pine Cove and encouraged the community to stay informed.
 - There is still a lot of work that needs to be done.

Commission Discussion

Speaker: Debbie Schechter, Facilitator

- Priorities discussed:
 - Would like to work on informing farmworkers and farm owners about Know Your Right information specifically around labor rights.
 - Housing will continue to be a priority specifically in Pescadero.
- At the March 11th Farmworker Commission meeting, members will continue discussing their goals and ad-hoc committees in depth.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. Interested in collaborating with the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE) for the Labor Know Your Rights workshops.
2. They are considering having two ad-hoc committees rather than three.
3. Expressed wanting more support from the County around farmworker housing. Specifically, employer-provided housing.

In-Person Public Comments:

Cid Young

6. Discussion and Motion: Planning for a Listening Session Regarding Farmworker Housing Needs

Motion to Plan for a Listening Session Regarding Farmworker Housing Needs.

Motion: Vice Chair John Vars / Second: Judith Guerrero

Commission voted unanimously.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. None.

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

7. Discussion and Motion: Draft FAC Presentation to Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council (PMAC)

Motion to approve the Draft Presentation and for John, Judith and Corina to present to the Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council.

Motion: Judith Guerrero / Second: Rogelio Nabor-Martinez

Commission voted unanimously.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. None.

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

8. Report Outs

Commissioner's Report:

Judith Guerrero:

- Invites everyone to visit the Cosechando Sueños photography exhibit at 500 County Center, Redwood City.

Chair Corina Rodriguez:

- Many changes to Medi-Cal, A.C.E, Covered California and encourages everyone, especially farmworkers, to apply to the programs to determine eligibility.
- The County of San Mateo invites Board, Commission, and Council members to a Recognition & Gratitude Reception on January 28, 2026.

Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez:

- Asked PUENTE to support fellow farmworkers apply to the health insurance programs.

District 3: Marisol Escalera Durani

- District 3 is working to host a week-long celebration like the previous year, recognizing and honoring Farmworkers during the National Farmworker Awareness week in March.
- Has interviewed two new potential members for the Farmworker Advisory Commission and is working on next steps.
- Supervisor Ray Mueller is working to address the flooding issued in Moonridge.
- Invites everyone to the Open House event on January 15th to celebrate the 1st anniversary of District 3's satellite office from 4 to 6pm at 270 Capistrano Rd, Suite 6, Half Moon Bay.
- District 3 will host two Meet-and-Greets with the new Sheriff on:
 - January 13th at 1112 Beach Blvd, Pacifica at 6pm.
 - February 5th at La Honda Fire House, 8945 La Honda Rd. at 6pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday March 11, 2026; 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

at the Multipurpose Room at **Pescadero High School**.