



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
BOARDS AND COMMISSION
FARMWORKER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Board Room,
360 Butano Cutoff
Pescadero, CA, 94060
www.farmworkercommission.org

March 11, 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 regular meeting was held in person at the La Honda- Pescadero Unified School District *Board Room* (360 Butano Cutoff., Pescadero).

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

1. Roll Call

Present:

Commissioners: Judith Guerrero, Teresa Jimenez, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Guillermo Ramirez Sanchez, Corina Rodriguez Perez, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez, John Vars

Staff: Jennifer Castro-Lara, Corie Schwabenland Garcia, Megan Gosch, Kenny Chu, Marisol Escalera Durani

Absent:

Commissioners: Stephanie Perez

2. General Public Comment

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

3. Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Judith / Second: Rogelio

Commission voted unanimously.

4. Introduction to New Commissioners

Speaker: Chair Corina Rodriguez Perez

- The Farmworker Commission welcomes the 2 new commissioners:
 - Teresa Jimenez, representing a Farmworker, for an initial partial term ending June 30, 2028; and
 - Guillermo Ramirez Sanchez, representing a Farmworker, for an initial partial term ending June 30, 2027.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. None.

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

5. Presentation and Discussion: Overview of Brown Act and Commission Members' Roles and Responsibilities

Speaker: Lauren Carroll, Deputy County Attorney

- The Brown Act is a California Law ensuring that board meetings are transparent and open to the public.
- Meetings under the Brown Act are any time a majority of the board members gather to discuss commission business either in-person, or electronic gatherings.
- Currently, members can appear remotely but must disclose their location to the public, or under limited circumstances without announcing their location.
- Commissioners must follow certain communication methods to avoid a Brown Act violation on email and social media.
- The meeting agenda must be posted:
 - 72 hours in advance for Regular Meetings;
 - 24 hours in advance for Special Meetings.
- The public has rights under the Brown Act such as the right to comment on items, record, see board materials, and without having to identify themselves.
- Public Records Act allows people to request and access public records. Agencies then have 10 days to respond to these requests.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. County staff is exploring making the Commission meetings hybrid.

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

6. Motion: Identify a Date and Location for a Housing Listening Session – Affordable Housing Development Ad-Hoc Committee

Motion to hold a Housing Listening Session on April 15, 2026, from 6pm to 7:30pm in Pescadero.

Motion: Judith / Second: Teresa

Commission voted unanimously.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. Create a flyer to share with community organizations such as Puente, Coastside Hope, and ALAS, etc.
2. Check room availability at the Pescadero Elementary School.

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

7. Motion: Priority Setting and Workplan Development

Motion to approve (1) Health Care and (2) Farmworker Housing as the Farmworker Advisory Commission's Priorities and Ad-hoc committees with the following members:

| Health Care Ad-Hoc Committee | Farmworker Housing Ad-Hoc Committee |
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| Chair Corina Rodriguez Perez (Lead) Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez Teresa Jimenez Judith Guerrero | Stephanie Perez (Lead) Vice Chair John Vars Guillermo Ramirez Sanchez Rogelio Nabor-Martinez |

Motion: Judith / Second: Rogelio

Commission voted unanimously.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. To understand how access to health care will be impacted amid immigration policy changes, consider inviting the Human Services Agencies to give a presentation on this topic.
2. Raised concern about the lack of a local medical clinic or doctor in Pescadero, as access to care in Half Moon Bay is limited, especially during emergencies.
3. Explore organizing a forum to gather information on farmworker's experiences in the current political climate and the impacts it has on their physical and mental health.
4. Expressed interest in identifying ways to support workers in conflict with employers over their rights.
5. Debbie will share the work plan template with staff for distribution to commissioners.
6. Ad hoc committees will meet before the next FAC meeting to prepare a draft workplan.

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

8. Report Outs

Commissioner's Report:

- Guillermo: Invites everyone to the 2nd Annual Farmworker Convention on March 28th in Half Moon Bay. There will be food, workshops and mariachi.
- Judith: The Farmworker Convention will also have a resource fair. Looking for volunteers to help with the event. Puente will be coordinating transportation for people interested in attending the Farmworker Convention.
- Chair Corina: PMAC will also have a housing meeting on March 17, invite everyone to attend.

Supervisor's Report: Marisol Escalera Durani

- Continuing to work to improve the quality of life of people living in the coast.
- Invites everyone to an event at Moonridge to meet and greet Sherriff Binder and Supervisor Ray Mueller on March 12th at 6pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday May 13, 2026; **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at the
Community Room in **the Half Moon Bay Library.**