

**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**DATE:** April 13, 2026

**TO:** Agricultural Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Planning Staff

**SUBJECT:** Planning Liaison Report

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Robby Miller, Planner, [rmiller@smcgov.org](mailto:rmiller@smcgov.org)

The following is a list of Planned Agricultural District Permits and Coastal Development Exemptions for the rural area of the County that have been received by the Planning Division from February 27, 2026 to March 31, 2026.

**PLANNED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (PAD) PERMIT OUTCOMES**

One PAD application was heard or considered by the Board of Supervisors and/or Planning Commission during this time period.

1. Owner/Applicant:	Erik Markegard/Erik Markegard
File Number:	PLN2023-00112
Location:	350 Madera Ln., San Gregorio
Assessor's Parcel No.:	081-320-030

Conduct a public hearing to consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and approve an After-the-Fact Planned Agricultural District (PAD) Permit to legalize an existing cargo container storage building, a man-made pond, and a water tank on a legal 25,253 sq. ft. parcel located at 350 Madera Lane in the unincorporated San Gregorio area of San Mateo County. Please direct questions to project Planner, Sonal Aggarwal at, [saggarwal@smcgov.org](mailto:saggarwal@smcgov.org).

*This project was continued at the March 24, 2026 BOS Meeting to a future hearing date until the project goes back to Agricultural Advisor Committee (AAC) for a vote and submit the relevant missing documents, such as a letter for Mid-Peninsula Regional Open District and PG&E for the other properties leased by the applicant.*

**UPCOMING PLANNED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PERMIT PROJECTS**

No PAD permit applications were received by the Planning Division during this time period.

**COASTAL DEVELOPMENT EXEMPTIONS (CDX) FOR AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS**

Two CDX applications for agricultural projects were submitted during this time period (see Attachment A)

**ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. At the March 10, 2026 BOS meeting, they approved four reappointments for a full 4-year term effective 10/01/2025-09/30/2029: Marilyn, Peter, Ryan, & James (see Attachment B)
2. Vacancy-Public Member & Conservationist (See Attachment C)
3. Next meeting is on May 11, 2026.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

- A. List of CDX Permits
- B. Reappointments
- C. Vacancy Notice

Permit Number	RECORD NAME	DATE OPENED	DESCRIPTION	APN	ADDR FULL LINE1	RECORD STATUS
<a href="#">PLN2026-00110</a>	Road Repair	3/24/2026	CDx application by CalTrans to repair failing pavement at post mile 13.5 on Highway 1, in Pescadero. Surface runoff seeping into pavement cracks has caused over-saturation and collapse of the supporting soil, resulting in pavement settlement at this location. The dips and cracks have exposed the subsurface layers of the pavement, allowing water to collect and further degrade the structural integrity of the roadway. As the settlement currently measures about 3 inches, it poses a threat to road users. Temporary traffic control will be implemented during construction activities. The project will grind the existing hot mix asphalt (HMA) on the roadway and then perform any work necessary to buttress and reinforce the distressed pavement structural section. The roadway will then be repaved with HMA and HMA fabric. Any damaged or removed pavement delineation and striping will be replaced. All work will be limited to the existing paved roadway prism and the roadway will not be expanded.	086121050	Cabrillo HWY, CA	Approved
<a href="#">PLN2026-00111</a>	Reservoir Expansion	3/24/2026	CDx and Grading Exemption for the expansion of an existing stock pond and construction of an additional irrigation reservoir for the agricultural operations at Johnston Ranch while also addressing chronic erosion issues and restoring habitat for wildlife. Project components include: 1. New reservoir with pond liner providing approximately 15 acre-feet of storage. 2. Improvements at an existing reservoir to increase water storage to approximately 5 acre-feet. 3. Pump station and associated pipeline to irrigate nearby fields using water stored in the new reservoir. 4. New stream channel to restore the hydraulic connection between the existing reservoir watershed and Arroyo Leon creek through an existing culverted crossing under Higgins Canyon Road. 5. Improvements to the existing reservoir spillway. Work shall consist of: 1. Mass grading 2. Installation of concrete structures and pipes to control the flow and distribution of water between the reservoirs and Arroyo Leon creek, and to help protect against erosion 3. Strategic installation of rock armor to protect flow paths from erosion 4. Revegetation using native plant material collected onsite and seeding with a native and sterile seed mix for erosion control.	065210280	HIGGINS PURISIMA RD, HALF MOON BAY, CA 94019-0000	Submitted
<a href="#">PLN2026-00119</a>	CDX	3/30/2026	CDX for agricultural wells in the PAD/CD zone.	088132060	DEARBORN PARK RD, PESCADERO, CA 94060- 0000	Submitted



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**DISTRICT 2**  
**File #:** 26-198

Board Meeting Date: 3/10/2026

**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** President Noelia Corzo, District 2  
**Subject:** Reappointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation for reappointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee, each representing Public member, each for a full 4-year term effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2029:

- A) Marilyn Johnson, representing Public member, for a first full term; and
- B) Peter Marchi, representing Farmer/Grower, for a second full term; and
- C) Ryan Casey, representing Farmer/Grower, for a first full term; and
- D) James Oku, representing Farmer/Grower, for a first full term.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Agricultural Advisory Committee actively assists in the preservation of agriculture in San Mateo County through advice and recommendation to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

**DISCUSSION:**

These reappointments reflect full 4-year terms effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2029. Marilyn Johnson was initially appointed in March 2025 to serve as a Public member on the Agricultural Advisory Committee a seat carrying an existing partial term ending September 30, 2025. This reappointment would reflect a first full term Peter Marchi was initially appointed to partial term on the Committee in 2019, and this reappointment would reflect a second full term. Ryan Casey and James Oku were each initially appointed to a partial term in December 2022 and are being recommended for their first full term.

Marilyn Johnson is a resident of Half Moon Bay who brings extensive experience to the position,

having previously served on the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 16 years. Marilyn comes from three generations of San Mateo County Coastside farmers and finds serving on the Committee to be beneficial for the agriculture community. She also brings local civic and volunteer experience as a 4-H Project and Community Leader, Future Farmers of America Advisor, and Johnston House Foundation Board Member.

Peter Marchi is a third-generation farmer on the San Mateo County coastside and has many years of experience and knowledge to contribute to the Agricultural Advisory Committee. The history of his agriculture background began when his family started a project to grow and sell pumpkins along the roadside. Peter Marchi and his brothers and he also worked on the family farm planting, irrigating, hoeing weeds and harvesting. They started at a very young age. By the time Peter was a teenager, he and his brother took care of a field of brussels sprouts for the crop to harvest. Peter Marchi was also active in 4-H with projects with sheep, beef gardening and shop. By the time he finished high school, his father placed him in charge of a 150 acre farm.

Ryan Casey is the owner of Blue House Farm, located in San Gregorio and Pescadero. The farm grows Certified Organic vegetables, fruits, and cut-flowers. Ryan started the farm in 2005 and now owns 75 acres, leases another 75, and employees 35 people year-round. He has worked with POST, the RCD, the NRCS, and the County of San Mateo on numerous projects over the years.

James Oku is a fourth-generation farmer in San Mateo County. His family originally started growing cut flowers in 1902 and has diversified into hydroponic deep water culture lettuce and continues to look at other viable agricultural crops. His family has a long history of agriculture on the coast. His father has been San Mateo County Farmer of the Year, and two of his Great-Grandfathers, Inosuke Oku and Sadakusu Enomoto, helped found the San Francisco Market. James Oku additionally also serves as a board member of the San Mateo County Farm Bureau, has worked with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) on various projects, and the agricultural ombudsman in a focus group about the San Mateo County Agricultural Food Hub.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

# NEWS

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October 5, 2022 (updated February 26, 2026)

## For Immediate Release - Notice of Vacancy

### Agricultural Advisory Committee

President of the Board of Supervisors Noelia Corzo announced that applications are being accepted for appointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

There are currently two (2) vacancies on the Committee representing: One (1) Conservationist; and One (1) Public member.

This fifteen-member Committee actively assists in the preservation of agriculture on the Coastsides, advising and recommending to the County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

Meetings are held in-person on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., or at a time designated in advance. The regular meeting location will be at 535 Kelly Ave., Ted Adcock Community Center, South Day Room, in Half Moon Bay, or a nearby facility in Half Moon Bay.

Applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis at this time until positions are filled and can be submitted online on the County Website:

<https://www.smcgov.org/bnc/application-boards-commissions-and-committees>. Applications can also be obtained from Sherry Golestan, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, at [sgolestan@smcgov.org](mailto:sgolestan@smcgov.org).

For information about the Agricultural Advisory Committee, contact Robby Miller, Planning Liaison, at [rmiller@smcgov.org](mailto:rmiller@smcgov.org) or (650) 802-2084. For information about this release contact Sherry Golestan, Deputy Clerk of the Board at [sgolestan@smcgov.org](mailto:sgolestan@smcgov.org).

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