



County of San Mateo Planning & Building Department Agricultural Advisory Committee

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ACTION MINUTES

Monday, January 13, 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-january-13-2025>

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chair Natalie Sare called the meeting to order at approximately 6:15pm.

2. Member Roll Call

Regular Committee Members Present:

James Oku
Natalie Sare
Peter Marchi
Ryan Casey
Crystal Chaix
Daniel Theobald

Regular Committee Members Not Present

Jonh Vars
Cole Mazariegos-Anastassiou

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:

Jim Howard, Natural Resource Conservation Staff

Nonvoting Committee Members Not Present:

Igor Lacan, UC Co-Op Extension Representative

Planning Liaison Present:

Olivia

3. **Oral Communications** to allow the public to address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda.

SPEAKERS

None

4. **Committee Nomination** for AAC Secretary.

SPEAKERS

None.

5. **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, Crystal Chaix
San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner, Koren Widdel
Committee Member, James Oku

6. **Planning and Building Department Director's Report.**

Planning Liaison, Olivia Boo presented the Director's Report.

SPEAKERS

None

Regular Agenda

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

Consideration of an After-the-Fact Planned Agricultural District (PAD) Permit to legalize an existing 2,299 sq. ft., three-story cargo container storage building that was built without permits along with legalization of a pond and a 5,000-gallon plastic 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; no trees were removed and approximately 98 cu. yd. of grading was required for the pond. The property is located in the La Honda Road County Scenic Corridor.

SPEAKERS

Committee Vice Chair, Peter Marchi
Public Speaker, Kerry Burke
Project Planner, Sonal Aggarwal
Committee Member, Crystal Chaix
Committee Chair, Natalie Sare
Committee Member, Ryan Casey
Committee Member, John Vars
Committee Member, Daniel Theobold
Committee Member, James Oku
Public Speaker, Bridget Jett
Public Member, Ronnie Cardoza
Applicant, Erik Markegard
Public Speaker, BJ Burns
San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner Koren Widdel
Committee Member, Daniel Theobold

Motion:

Committee Member, James Oku, moved to continue the item to a future date.
Committee Chair, Crystal Chaix, seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-0.

8. Discussion items:

- a. All Committee Members – Propose to holding AAC monthly meetings, approximately January to June 2025, to invite different categories of farmers to AAC meetings to collect ideas on the following topics:

This item was not discussed due to time restriction. Item 7 ended at 8:09pm.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Natalie Sare at 8:09 p.m.

Roll Sheet –January 13, 2025 Agricultural Advisory Committee													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep t	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Voting Members													
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
John Vars Farmer		X	X		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
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
Daniel Theobald Ag Business	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
**Vacant Public Member													
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**Vacant Conservationist													
Natural Resource Conservation Staff: Jim Howard													
San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner: Koren Widdel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Farm Bureau Executive Director: Jess Brown	X	X	X		X		X	X	X				X
UC Co-Op Extension Representative: Dr. Igor Lacan			X		X		X		X			X	X

Planning Liaison													
San Mateo County Planning Liaison: Olivia Boo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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