

AAC WORKPLAN

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COUNTY_{OF} SAN MATEO



BACKGROUND

- Annual Workplan is required by Bylaws
- May & June - Workplan kick-off, discussions, brainstorming, and subcommittees formed
- July - Subcommittees identified goals and presented them to members and staff for discussion
- Today – Finalize workplan

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & COORDINATION

Crystal Chaix (Lead), Natalie Sare, John Vars, and Koren Widdel

GOAL	STAFF INPUT	STAFF COMMENTS
Provide time at AAC meetings for local farmers within our county to present their needs/skills/ideas.	Keep	To make more specific and achievable, recommended outcome to be 3-4 local farmers speak annually.
Improve cooperation with SMC agriculture-related organizations (Farm Bureau, RCD, County Planning, Mid Pen/etc.).	Revise	More specifics needed. Projects or information requested (e.g., RCD to provide regular updates at AAC meetings).
Promote our new agritourism guidelines.	Revise & Move to Policies Subcommittee	Revise to read 'Promote updated agritourism guidelines, when ready'

PROVIDE INPUT ON COUNTY POLICIES

James Oku (Lead) and Peter Marchi

GOAL	STAFF INPUT	STAFF COMMENTS
Listen to County presentations	Remove	These goals are expected of Members as regular Members of AAC, and other efforts are in place to achieve the last goal.
Analyzing the packets ahead of time	Remove	
Reduce discussion, more decisiveness	Remove	This Subcommittee should be removed and their two members absorbed into the other Subcommittees.

POLICIES, PERMITTING & REGULATION

Cole Mazariegos-Anastassiou (Lead), Daniel Theobald, Ryan Casey, and Marilyn Johnson

GOAL	STAFF INPUT	STAFF COMMENTS
One person in County Planning & Building Department who handles all agriculture permitting.	Remove	Will create a bottleneck and major loss if person leaves.
Allow multiple (at least 2) homesteads (homes) on ag property.	Revise	To be more actionable and within the scope of AAC, suggest creating a Memo to P&B and Supervisor Mueller that identify specific regulatory barriers to farming viability, such as limitation on multiple homesteads or prohibition.

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GOAL	STAFF INPUT	STAFF COMMENTS
Allow pop-up farmstands only when the produce is majority SMC grown.	Revise	Pending Farmstand guidelines address this. Suggest goal to read 'Review draft farmstand guidelines and provide input on final guidelines.' Staff to target 2026 Q3 and Q4.
Allow farms to have RV park infrastructure to allow farmers or SMC farmworkers to add RV's or tiny homes.	Remove	This is being addressed through LCP Amendments for Farm Labor Housing

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GOAL	STAFF INPUT	STAFF COMMENTS
Audit Moonridge to ensure used by farmworker housing	Remove	Audits are not within the scope of AAC. Planning can provide an update as part of Planning Liaison Report.
Create a County policy to ensure a percentage of produce sourced by county institutions comes from SMC growers.	Revise	Make more actionable, suggest goal to read 'Give input into County's sourcing practices for produce to ensure large percentage of produce used in County-run/-funded institutions is from SMC growers.'

RECOMMENDED WORKPLAN GOALS

SUB	GOAL	OUTCOME/ INDICATORS OF PROGRESS
Community Engagement & Coordination	Provide time at AAC meetings for local farmers within our county to present their needs/skills/ideas.	3-4 local farmers speak annually.
Community Engagement & Coordination	Improve cooperation with SMC agriculture-related organizations (Farm Bureau, RCD, County Planning, Mid Pen/etc., organic/conventional).	More specifics needed. Projects or information requested (e.g., RCD to provide regular updates at AAC meetings).
Policies, Permitting & Regulation (formerly Community Engagement & Coordination)	Promote updated agritourism guidelines, when ready	Updated agritourism guidelines by Q1, 2027

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Policies, Permitting & Regulation	Identify specific regulatory barriers to farming viability, such as limitation on multiple homesteads.	Memo to P&B and Supervisor Mueller
Policies, Permitting & Regulation	Review draft farmstand guidelines and provide input on final guidelines.	Final farmstand guidelines by Q3 and Q4 2026
Policies, Permitting & Regulation	Give input into County's sourcing practices for produce to ensure large percentage of produce used in County-run/-funded institutions are from San Mateo County growers.	Greater share of produce in County-run and -funded institutions are from SMC growers. Greater sales of SMC produce within county.