

# **County of San Mateo Planning & Building Department**

# **Agricultural Advisory Committee**

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### REGULAR MEETING PACKET

Date: Monday, June 10, 2019

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Ted Adcock Community Center - South Day Room

535 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay, California

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Member Roll Call
- 3. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda
- 4. Consideration of an Agritourism Event (PLN2019-00196) for up to 12 private farm/ranch events. Proposed elements include educational programs, meeting areas/outdoor space, specialty horse vaulting, and farmers markets. Proposed hours of operation are 11:00 to 4:00 p.m. for day events and 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. for evening events with 5 hours as the maximum event time. County File Number: PLN 2019-00196. Location: 321 Verde Road, Pescadero (APN: 066-320-170); Applicant: Kevin Palmer.
- 5. Discussion regarding the impact of Mountain Lions and possible re-convenience of the Mountain Lion Subcommittee.
- 6. Discussion and update of cattle deaths at McDonald Ranch, La Honda.
- 7. Discussion regarding the Williamson Act and grazing practices and possible reconvenience of the Williamson Act Subcommittee.
- 8. Memo Meeting Minutes Best Practices.
- 9. Memo Member Voting Clarification.
- 10. Consideration of the Action Minutes for the December 10, 2018 special meeting.
- 11. Community Development Director's Report.
- 12. Adjournment Next Meeting July 8, 2019.

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| ROLL SHEET – September, 2018                             |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| Agricultural Advisory Committee Attendance 2017-2018     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|  | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May |
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| VOTING MEMBERS   |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Vacant**<br>Public Member                                | Х   | Х    |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| BJ Burns<br>Farmer, Vice Chair                           | Х   | Х    |      |     | Χ    |     | Χ   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Vacant **<br>Farmer                                      |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Louie Figone<br>Farmer                                   | Χ   | Χ    |      |     | Χ    |     |     | Χ   |     |     |     |     |     |
| Vacant<br>Public Member                                  | Х   |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| John Vars<br>Farmer                                      | Х   | Х    |      |     | Х    |     | Х   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| William Cook * Farmer                                    |     |      |      |     | Х    |     | Х   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Judith Humburg* Farmer                                   |     |      |      |     |      |     |     | Χ   |     |     |     |     |     |
| Robert Marsh<br>Farmer, Chair                            | Х   | Χ    |      |     | Χ    |     | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |     |     |     |
| Ron Sturgeon<br>Conservationist                          | Χ   | Χ    |      |     | Χ    |     | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |     |     |     |
| Lauren Silberman * Ag Business                           |     |      |      |     |      |     | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |     |     |     |
| Natural Resource   |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Conservation Staff San Mateo County                      | Х   |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Agricultural Commissioner Farm Bureau Executive Director | Х   |      |      |     | Х    |     |     | Х   |     |     |     |     |     |
| San Mateo County<br>Planning Staff                       | Х   | Х    |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| UC Co-Op Extension<br>Representative                     | Χ   |      |      |     |      |     |     | Х   |     |     |     |     |     |

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\* As of 9/10/18 \*\* As of 6/1/18

# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

**DATE:** June 10, 2019

TO:

Agricultural Advisory Committee

FROM:

Tiare Peña

(650) 363-1850

SUBJECT:

Agritourism Event Permit

**Kevin Palmer** 

Long Branch Saloon

321 Verde Road, Half Moon Bay

County File Number: PLN2019-00196

### **PROPOSAL**

The applicant (Palmer) is requesting consideration of an application for an Agritourism Event Permit for up to 12 private farm/ranch events occurring on the 46-acre parcel.

The subject site has been utilized for educational farm tours, private nonprofit events, farmers markets and family/friend private gatherings since September 2004.

### **DECISION\_MAKER**

Community Development Director

### **BACKGROUND**

Report Prepared By: Tiare Peña

Location: 321 Verde Road, Pescadero

APN: 066-320-170

Existing Zoning: Planned Agricultural District/Coastal Development

General Plan Designation: Agriculture

Existing Land Use: Agricultural uses, residences, barns and assorted farm structures and farmers market.

Setting: The 46-acre parcel is located at 321 Verde Road in the unincorporated area of Pescadero. The site is developed with a number of structures dispersed throughout the property such as a storage sheds, a museum that showcases local coastal and

American history artifacts and three single-family residences two of which are designated as affordable housing units. There are three paddocks on-site for the keeping of up to five brood mares, agricultural and storage barns, goat sheds and western storefront structures. Fruit orchards are located in the northeastern portion of the parcel. The property is adjacent to Lobitos Creek designated a perennial creek.

Williamson Act: The project site is not encumbered by a Williamson Act contract.

### Chronology:

| <u>Date</u>        |          | Action  |
|--------------------|----------|---|
| August 1998        | -<br>stı | Determination by San Mateo County that the existing living ructures can be converted to affordable housing units. |
| September 18, 2018 | -        | Permit (BLD 2005-00158) for single-family residence finaled   |
| June 2, 2017       | -        | Application for Agritourism Permit submitted  |
| June 4, 2018       | -        | Agricultural Advisory Commission public meeting/approved  |
| April 19, 2019     | -        | Application for Agritourism Permit submitted  |
| June 10, 2019      | -        | Agricultural Advisory Commission public meeting   |
|                    |          |   |

### **DISCUSSION**

Will the project be visible from a public road?

Yes, and no, the project site is visible from Verde Road. Due to the layout of the parcel, a majority of the structures are located toward the northeast portion of the parcel and are not visible.

Will any habitat or vegetation need to be removed for the project?

No, the parcel is vegetated with mature habitat. No removal is proposed or required for this project.

Is there prime soil on the project site?

Approximately 4-acres of prime soils are interspersed throughout the project site. The majority of development located on the southwest portion of the project site including the residences, lawns and parking areas are located on these soils.

### A. <u>KEY ISSUES</u>

1. Agritourism Event Permit Analysis

Planning staff has reviewed this application for conformance with the Agritourism Guidelines. The proposed agritourism activities are secondary and supplemental to the established agricultural uses (horse breeding, egg production and fruit orchards) on the property. All proposed private farm activities are temporary, support the economic viability of the farm and will not prevent future agricultural uses on the land. Staff has determined that this application is in compliance with the Agritourism Guidelines.

### 2. Compliance with the Williamson Act:

The subject property is not encumbered by a Williamson Act contract.

### **FINDINGS**

- 1. That the agritourism use is compatible with the long-term agricultural uses of the land because the proceeds from the events support the economic viability of the farm. This is an established agricultural farm producing eggs that are sold to local restaurants and the applicant holds farmers markets during events, therefore this finding can be made.
- 2. That the agritourism operation will not adversely affect the health or safety of persons in the area and will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to agricultural property. The events held on the project site are private and all event parking occurs on-site. No events last past 10 p.m.
- 3. That the agritourism operation is in substantial conformance with the goals set forth in the San Mateo County Agritourism Guidelines. Specifically, that the operation is secondary and supplemental to existing agricultural operation on the land. Due to the ongoing agricultural uses as described above on the property, this finding can be made.
- 4. That the proposed use and activities comply with all relevant provisions of the General Plan, Local Coastal Program, Zoning Regulations, and Williamson Act.

## San Mateo County Environmental Services Agency

# **Application for Agritourism Event**

# Planning and Building Department

455 County Center, 2nd Floor Redwood City • CA • 94063 • Mail Drop PLN 122 Phone: 650 • 363 • 4161 Fax: 650 • 363 • 4849

Primary Permit #:

# MIBILLATOR

Please fill out the general Planning Permit Application Form, Environmental Information Form, and this form when

| Planning Permit Application Form. To qualify for an exemptic agritourism guidelines as approved.  | s indicated on the checklist found on the reverse side of the on from other zoning permits. You must strictly adhere to the                                |
|---|--|
| 2. Project Information  |  |
| Parcel/Lot Size: 46 +1 - acres  None Drime So 15  If less than 40 Acres project not to exceed 1 gross Acre)  If more than 40 Acres project not to exceed 2 gross  Acres   | Please describe hours, number of employees and statement of conformance with agritourism guidelines:  Day -11-4 Am  Evening 6-10 Am  5 hours max event use |
| Please describe all elements and activities associated with your agritourism activities:  Educational display of associated with the second display of the second | year rund family run<br>Kesin, Jill, Cassidy, Kimber,<br>d Colton Palmer   |
| Oronarty. Chicken eggs Steeding horses for sale Spacialty horse Jouthins asacultival - Cut flowers  | Please describe the agricultural uses on the land:  Cot Clower production  Horse breading  |
| Sown on property<br>(Strauflowers)<br>BBQ meeting space outdoors<br>Seating Orea  | Applicant's Name: Kevin Paimer  Address: 321 Verde Road  Hair Moon Bay CA 94019  |

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| Please describe any on-site parking areas:  Wall 11+ parking for up  | to 300 vehicles. Most arrive  |
| in bus   |   |
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| Please describe any on-site eating establishments:   | 9. 9  |
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| 4. Cartificate of Examplion  |   |
| Please initial next to the category which qualifies your p   | project for the exemption.  |
|  | Total acreage does not exceed two gross acres.  |
| Total acreage does not exceed one gross acr  | e. Does not interfere with agricultural uses of the land.   |
| E5 Williamson Atagontraid  |   |
|  | The Mark  |
| Is the parcel currently under a Williamson Act Contract  | ? YES NO  |
| If Yes, please provide contract number:  |   |
| 6. Naterials Required  |   |
| a. Three (3) sets of plans that include a scaled site  | d. Environmental Information Form e. Photographs (if requested)   |
| plan, elevations, and floor plans<br>b. One [1] set of reduced plans (81/2"X11" or 11"X17")  | f. Fees as set by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors  |
| c. All applicable applications forms   | Additional information may be required during review of your application.   |
| 7. Approval  |   |
|  |   |
| Planner:   | Date:   |
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| ☐ Fee Collected  |   |
| <ul> <li>Referral to Agricultural Advisory Committee</li> </ul>  |   |
| Update Permit Plan   |   |
| 9. Signatures  |   |
| We hereby certify that the information stated above and on fapplication is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. assigned project planner of any changes to information representation. | ormas, plans and other materials submitted herewith in support of the lt is our responsibility to inform the County of San Mateo through our esented in these submittals. |
| Owner's Signature (1): Affirm  | ·   |
| Owner's Signature (2):   |   |
| Applicant's Signature:   |   |



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May 23, 2019

PALMER KEVIN JAMES TR PO BOX 266 HALF MOON BAY CA, 94019-0000

SUBJECT:

Application Status of Case No: PLN2019-00196

Project Description: Agritourism permit for temporary uses at 321 Verde Road. Uses include

historical agricultural displays, and events limited to no more than twelve per year.

Your application has been determined to be complete. Please be advised that during the course of processing we may request you to clarify, amplify, correct or otherwise supplement the information required for the application.

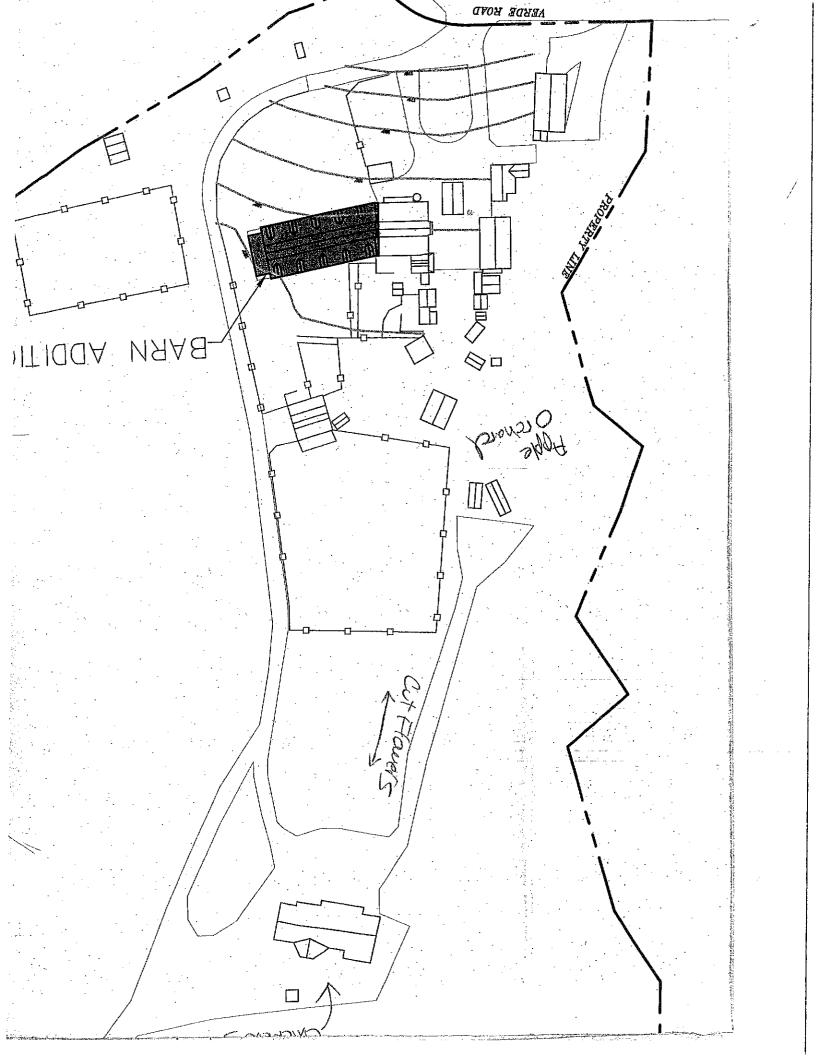
Please contact your project planner directly for further information regarding the status of this project.

Sincerely,

Tiare Pena, Project Planner

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TPena@smcgov.org





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San Mateo County Planning Division

# Longbranch breeding program

01/10/2019

### Kevin Palmer

Longbranch Saloon and Farms 321 Verde Rd. Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

## **Overview**

To breed, raise, train and sell top quality jumping horses for profit.

# Goals

- 1. Purchase top quality mares with excellent bloodlines for jumping.
- 2. Research and locate compatible stallions for artificial insemination.
- 3. Raise, train and sell foals.
- 4. Keep exceptional fillies to upgrade breeding program.

# **Specifications**

Currently we have one mare with exceptionable bloodlines, confirmation, tempermentand beauty for breeding.

Freeke - KWPN 2010 Dk. Bay 18H

Stallion choices - Diamont de Semilly

Faraday

Chacco Blue

Breeding will begin when appropriate facilities are built to house and care for the mares and foals. Proper disposal of manure will fall in line with the growing of the flowers. It will be dispersed in the fields to aid in the fertilization process. Some pastures will remain natural for the proper growth of the foals.

# **Milestones**

- I. Build breeding facility by December 2019
- II. Purchase one or more mares, choose suitable stallions and breed by May 2020

# **MEMORANDUM**

# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

**DATE:** January 30, 2019

**TO:** Agricultural Advisory Committee

FROM: Laura Richstone, San Mateo County Agricultural Advisory Liaison

**SUBJECT:** Agricultural Advisory Committee Best Practices for Accurate Meeting Minutes

Due to staffing shortages, the Planning and Building Department is not presently able to physically staff Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) meetings. County Staff will continue to coordinate the meeting rooms, prepare the minutes, agenda, and Director's Report for the AAC meetings, and answer questions that arise during these meetings through the issuance of memos to the Committee. During this time, however, County Staff requests that AAC Members please follow the best practices outlined below so that Staff can prepare the most accurate meeting minutes possible.

#### **Best Practices:**

- 1. Prior to the call to order, begin recording the meeting for the public record.
- 2. Note the date and the time that the meeting starts.
- 3. Perform a Members' Roll Call.
- 4. Identify for the record, each agenda item.
- 4. Have members of the public who speak identify themselves by name for the public record.
- 5. Identify, by name, AAC Members who make a motion and the Member who seconds the motion.
- 6. For split vote and/or contentious items, identify by name Members who voted aye, nay, and those who abstained.
- 7. Clearly state the time the meeting adjourns.
- 8. Email the audio file of the meeting to the County AAC liaison within 1 week of the meeting.

Staff recommends that AAC Members keep a copy of this memo present for reference during future AAC meetings.

# **MEMORANDUM**

# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

**DATE:** January 30, 2019

**TO:** Agricultural Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Laura Richstone, San Mateo County Agricultural Advisory Liaison

**SUBJECT:** Clarification of Agricultural Advisory Voting Rules

The intent of this memo is to clarify when motions carry and the voting rules for members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC).

Section 4.9 (*Voting*) of the Procedural Rules of the San Mateo County Agricultural Advisory Committee state that all resolutions<sup>1</sup> to the AAC shall be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members, constituting a quorum, present and voting except as otherwise provided by law or bylaws of the AAC.

To clarify, an AAC meeting can only be held if a majority of the members are present in person (i.e. a quorum). For example, if the AAC is comprised of 8 voting members a quorum would be achieved when at least 5 voting members are present.

All voting members of the AAC that represent the quorum (including the Chair) are required to take action when a motion is made. When a motion is made, voting members can either vote to approve the motion, vote to deny the motion, or abstain from voting. A motion will carry only when a majority of the members present vote in the affirmative.

For example, let's say that a quorum of 7 out of 8 voting members are present at a regularly scheduled AAC meeting. A motion is made and the following vote ensues: 3 ayes, 2 noes, 2 abstains. In this instance, the motion would not carry because a majority of the voting members did not vote in the affirmative (i.e. 3 voted in the affirmative and 4 did not). The same would be true if the vote was 3 ayes, 3 noes, 1 abstain. A majority of the members did not vote in the affirmative (i.e. 3 affirmative and 4 not affirmative) and thus the motion was not carried. In this instance the motion would only be carried if 4 out of the 7 voting members voted in the affirmative (i.e. at least 4 ayes).

Staff recommends that this memo be placed in the AAC Members' Binders along the Committee Procedural Rules for future reference.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Resolutions are defined in Section 4.8 of the Procedural Rules of the SMC AAC as *all official acts of the AAC shall be taken and authorized by resolution, adopted on motion, duly made, seconded and adopted by vote of the Members.* 



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# Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting December 10, 2018

#### 1. Call to Order

Robert Marsh, Committee Chairman, called the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Ted Adcock Community Center - South Day Room, 535 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay, California.

#### 2. Member Roll Call

Chair Marsh called the roll. A quorum (a majority of the voting members) were present, as follows:

### Regular Voting Members Present

Louie Figone
Judith Humburg
Robert Marsh
Ron Sturgeon
Lauren Silberman

#### Regular Voting Members Absent

B.J. Burns John Vars William Cook

#### Nonvoting Members Present

Maggie La Rochelle Gunn Jess Brown

#### **Nonvoting Members Absent**

Jim Howard Fred Crowder

### 3. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

One member of the public (Kerry Burke) commented about the previous discussion regarding wood and plastic signs along Highway 92. This member of the public stated that there is a good example of a sign that utilizes both wood and plastic pennants at Santa's Tree Farm.

A member of the public affiliated with Santa's Tree Farm thanked Ms. Burke and clarified that the subject sign is for their crop and not related to the agritourism on the property.

4. Consideration of a Coastal Development Permit and Planned Agricultural District permit to construct two new Farm Labor Housing units, associated septic system, conversion of an agricultural well to a domestic well, the legalization of the conversion for an agricultural storage shed to a permanent farm stand and the installation of a water storage tank and treatment shed. County File No. PLN 2018-00108 & PLN 2018-00109; Location: 2310 Pescadero Creek Road, Pescadero; APN: 086-080-040; Applicant: Lisa Grote.

The applicant, Lisa Grote, provided a brief presentation of the proposed project and stated no changes are proposed for the existing agricultural warehouse on the property and that the County Environmental Health Department has reviewed and conditionally approved the proposed well conversion. The applicant clarified that the farm labor housing (FLH) units would be located behind the warehouse, would be minimally visible from the road, and that a hedge row would be planted to further screen the units. The applicant presented a small clarification to the staff report and stated that non-soil dependent agriculture on the property (i.e. green houses) were not a part of the subject application.

A representative from POST added that they have been working in partnership with the County, through its FLH program, and has secured \$300,000 in loans for the construction of the proposed FLH units.

A member from the public (Peter) inquired how many gallons per minute (gpm) of water the well produced, how deep the well was, how deep the sanitary seal of the well is, and was under the thought that the County did not allow the conversion of an agricultural well to a domestic well. The applicant and POST representative responded that the well would produce 30 gpm, is approximately 130-140 feet deep with a sanitary seal 35 feet deep, and that the County does allow the conversion of agricultural wells to domestic wells as long as the well meets domestic potable water standards.

A separate member from the public (Kerry Burke) stated the parking would not be allowed on top of the proposed septic system and asked where parking for the FLH units would be located. The applicant responded that no parking is proposed

to be located on top of the septic system and that there is parking for approximately 20-22 cars in front of the agricultural warehouse and proposed farm stand. The applicant also stated that additional parking could be added behind the old flower shed if required.

Chair Marsh stated that a large strawflower agricultural operation used to occupy the property over 50 years ago and that it is nice to see that the new owners are keeping agriculture on the parcel instead of letting it be taken over by weeds.

The applicant stated that the proposed buildings are located in the existing farm center and that the project would not be disturbing any additional agricultural land.

A member of the public (Peter) asked what the water source for the agriculture on the property was and if the converted well would also be used for agriculture. An associate of the applicant stated that the property is partnering with the Resource Conservation District (RCD) to build a 15 acre/foot reservoir on the property in order to move away from creek water and stated that they could use the well for agriculture if needed but that they did not believe that they would have to utilize the domestic well in such a manner with a reservoir on the property.

Council Member Silberman asked how many employees work on the farm now and if any of the workers live on the property. An associate of the applicant stated that they currently only have three employees due to lack of housing but that they would like to eventually employ 10 farm workers once the FLH units are built. This individual stated that no workers live on the farm now and that it is difficult to hire and retain workers because the first thing potential workers ask is if housing is available and often workers will leave because someone else will offer a job that comes with housing.

The applicant stated that the 2 3-bedroom FLH units can house between 6-12 people.

A member of the public (Kerry Burke) inquired if the applicant intend to have barrack style housing or family housing. The associate of the applicant responded that they would like to house families but it all depends on who is available to fill the positions and if they have a family.

A member of the public (Peter) stated that the two smaller bedrooms in the units proposed may be too small to fit two people each.

The representative from POST clarified that the answer to the questions in the staff report regarding if the proposed project would have any negative effect on the surrounding agricultural use, would be no.

Committee Member Figone made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed FLH application. This motion was seconded by Committee Member Silberman. The motion was approved (7 ayes – 0 noes)

# 5. Consideration of the Action Minutes for the December 10, 2018 regular meeting.

Several clarifications and corrections from a member of the public (Natalie) associated with Santa's Tree Farm were read into the record. This included clarifications that the Santa's Tree Farm sign is for the agriculture on the property not for the agriculturism and that the sign is necessary for the crop business itself and not the agricultural tourism activities. This member of the public also stated that agriculture and agritourism are two different activities and made a point to clarify this issue because they are concerned that in the future there will be a propensity to assess and permit these activities together where otherwise straightforward agriculture does not require a permit in the Planned Agriculture District.

This member of the public also stated that the concern that competing business may lead to the creation of larger and more numerous signs does not apply to Santa's Tree Farm as the farm is not indirect competition between them and the other tree farms along Highway 92 due to the fact that: 1) Santa's Tree Farm is the first tree farm heading west along Highway 92, 2) that most of their clientele is from the larger bay area as a whole while other tree farms may serve locals, and 3) the fact that they offer a larger selection of tree species compared to other tree farm operations.

A member of the public stated that agriculture and agritourism are not necessarily two separate things and that one can't have agritourism without agriculture. The member of the public associated with Santa's Tree Farm responded that while agritourism supports the agriculture on a property it is not necessary for the production of agriculture (i.e. one can produce crops without agritourism).

A member of the public stated that a problem that this committee has seen in the past is that there is no agricultural component to support proposed agritourism permits. This individual reiterated that an agricultural tourism permit cannot be approved if the property has no agriculture and stated in that sense agritourism and agriculture are related to one another.

The Chair stated that he can see the distinction between agriculture and agritourism and that the farming community does not want anyone to think that a permit is required to engage in agriculture on agriculturally zoned land.

Committee Member Sturgeon stated that he believes that a previous motion regarding a Williamson Act Non-Renewal did not carry, that it would take four

ayes when there are seven voting members present to carry the motion, and that the Minutes failed to record the Chair's vote.

The Chair stated that he thought the motion carried with 3 ayes, 2 noes, and 1 abstain and that he neither voted nor abstained and only votes when a tiebreaker is required.

Committee Member Sturgeon stated that the Council bylaws state that a motion carries when a majority of the vote by a quorum of committee members present govern the action of the Committee.

Chair Marsh requested that County staff provide clarification on the issue.

A member of the public (Kerry Burke) stated that they contacted Mr. Cline about the Williamson Act Non-Renewal and told him that he should contact Planning directly if he wanted to continue to pursue his Williamson Act Contract. Ms. Burke stated that Mr. Cline contacted Planning and wrote to the Board of Supervisors that he did not wish to challenge the appeal and wanted to be released from the contract.

Chair March stated that the Council tried to keep it fair for Mr. Cline so that agriculture could persist on the parcel.

Ms. Burke responded that the parcel is zoned for agriculture and just because the current owner would like to be released from the Williamson Act Contract does not prohibit a new owner (the parcel is for sale) from entering into their own Williamson Act Contract.

Committee Member Sturgeon made a motion to approve the December 10, 2018 regular meeting minutes with the corrections as read. Committee Member Humburg seconded the motion. The motion was approved (7 ayes – 0 noes).

### 7. Community Development Director's Report

No comments were raised.

Adjournment (8:04 p.m.)

# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

**DATE:** June 10, 2019

**TO:** Agricultural Advisory Committee

FROM: Planning Staff

**SUBJECT:** Community Development Director's Report

CONTACT INFORMATION: Laura Richstone, Planner II, 650-363-1829, <a href="mailto:lrichstone@smcgov.org">lrichstone@smcgov.org</a>

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 Department from December 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019.

#### PLANNED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PERMIT OUTCOMES

On March 13, 2019 the San Mateo County Planning Commission approved PLN2018-00108 and PLN2018-00109, PAD permits for the Peninsula Opens Space Trust to construct two new Farm Labor Housing (FLH) units (890 sq. ft. each), convert agricultural well to a domestic well and convert a storage shed into farm stand at 2310 Pescadero Creek Road.

#### <u>UPCOMING PLANNED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PERMIT PROJECTS</u>

One new PAD permit application was received in December 2018. PLN2018-00472 is for a PAD Permit and CDP for a new single-story 1,508 sq. ft. residence on a legal 11-acre parcel in Pescadero off of Stage Road.

#### COASTAL DEVELOPMENT EXEMPTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS

One rural CDX application was submitted from December 1, 2018 to May 29, 2019. Please see the attached status report regarding the CDX application. The CDX list includes the description of the project and the status of the permit. Copies of the CDX's are available for public review at the San Mateo County Planning Department Office.

#### **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the AAC is scheduled for July 8, 2019. Due to renovations to the Half Moon Bay Community Center the next meeting will be held at the Half Moon Bay Library in Community Room A located at 620 Correas St., Half Moon Bay, CA 94019.

| Permit No.    | Record<br>Name | Date<br>Opened | Description  | APN         | Address   | Record Status |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|--|-------------|---|---------------|
| PLN2019-00116 | FENCE          | 3/20/2019      | CDX to allow Giusti Farms to construct an 8' high field fence to keep deer away from crops (Brussels sprouts), on lands leased from POST; associated with BLD2019-00500. | 065-210-220 | HIGGINS CANYON<br>RD, HALF MOON<br>BAY, CA 94019-<br>0000 | Approved      |