



## County of San Mateo Planning & Building Department Agricultural Advisory Committee

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### ACTION MINUTES

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Monday February 8, 2021

On March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow for local legislative bodies to conduct their meetings telephonically or by other electronic means. Pursuant to the Shelter-in-Place Order issued by the San Mateo County Health Officer on March 16, 2020 and March 31, 2020, the statewide Shelter-in-Place Order issued by the Governor in Executive Order N-33-20 on March 19, 2020, and the CDC's social distancing guidelines which discourage large public gatherings, public hearings will not be held in person until the Shelter-in-Place Order is lifted. Instead, members of the public may provide written comments by email to the San Mateo County Planning Liaison Laura Richstone at [LRichstone@smcgov.org](mailto:LRichstone@smcgov.org). To be read into the record and discussed at the meeting, comments must be submitted via email no less than 30 minutes before the scheduled meeting. Comments received after that time will be held for the next scheduled meeting.

#### 1. Call to Order

At the virtual meeting room hosted by the San Mateo County Planning Department on the Zoom Video Communications platform due to Covid-19 Shelter-in-Place Orders, Chair BJ Burns called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

#### 2. Member Roll Call

##### Regular Committee Members Present:

Judith Humburg  
BJ Burns  
Natalie Sare  
Peter Marchi  
Ron Sturgeon  
Lauren Silberman

##### Regular Committee Members Absent:

Louie Figone  
Cynthia Duenas  
John Vars  
William Cook  
Robert Marsh

##### Nonvoting Committee Members Present:

Koren Widdel, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner  
Jess Brown, San Mateo County Farm Bureau Executive Director  
Laura Richstone, Planning Staff Liaison  
Frank McPherson, UC Co-Op Extension Representative

##### Nonvoting Committee Members Absent:

Jim Howard, Natural Resource Conservation Staff

**3. Oral Communications**

To allow the public to address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda.

- Rita Mancera, Executive Director of Puente, shared information about upcoming Covid-19 vaccine clinics for agricultural workers in San Mateo County.

**4. Committee Member Update(s) and/or Questions**

The Committee discussed the tone of committee discussions and timing for agenda items.

**5. Consideration of the Action Minutes for the January 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes.**

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

None

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Committee Member Judee Humburg moved and Committee Member Ron Sturgeon seconded a motion to approve the January 19, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

**Motion Carried 5-0-1 with 5 members absent. Committee Member Natalie Sare abstained.**

**6. Committee Discussion and Update on the CZU Complex Fire and current COVID-19 pandemic, potential policies needed to protect local agricultural and water from contamination, how the pandemic may affect local food supply, and access to farm labor and resources available to producers and farm workers.**

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

None

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

No action required. The Committee discussed: vaccine distribution planning for agricultural workers in San Mateo County including the new coastside vaccine clinic, registration processes, and the continued challenge of limited vaccine supplies.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

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| <b>7. Owner</b>       | <b>Mateo Tabachnick</b>   |
| <b>Applicant:</b>     | <b>Allen Ishibashi, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District</b> |
| File Number           | PLN 2020-00011  |
| Location:             | 2100 Lobitos Creek Road, San Gregorio                             |
| Assessor's Parcel No. | 066-300-010   |

Consideration of Minor Subdivision and Planned Agricultural District Permit to allow for the subdivision of a 211-acre parcel located between Tunitas Creek and Purisima Creek Preserves for public recreation use (trail to connect Preserves). Subdivision includes 62 acres to be retained in private ownership and 149 acres to be purchased by MROSD. Trail improvements will occur under a future permit. Please direct any questions to Project Planner Angela Chavez at AChavez@smcgov.org.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

Kerry Burke  
Mike Williams

The Committee discussed: how the proposed subdivision would affect potential agricultural use; lack of water on this parcel and potential for grazing, dry farming, or wildcrafting activities; potential measures to protect remaining agricultural lands from proposed public use (i.e. fencing to keep public out of private/agricultural use lands); the lack of requirements for a master land division plan; and density credits for this property/project.

Member of the public Kerry Burke, a land use consultant, shared reflections on the trend away from agricultural on the coast, how this project reflects the new subdivision allowance for public agencies, a recommendation to consider rezoning this property RM-CZ, and ongoing concerns about the lack of an agricultural easement, agricultural management plan, or master land division plan for this proposed subdivision.

Mike Williams, with MROSD, answered questions about past agricultural use on this property and potential agricultural use as part of MROSD's service plan.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Committee Secretary Lauren Silberman moved and Committee Member Judee Humburg seconded a motion to recommend approval of this project with the comment that we recommend memorializing the potential agricultural use in an agricultural plan or master land division plan.

**Motion did not carry 2-4-0 with 5 members absent.**

Committee Member Ron Sturgeon moved, and Committee Member Peter Marchi seconded a motion to recommend this application is denied due to the lack of a master land division plan.

**Motion carried 4-2-0 with 5 members absent.**

**9. Community Development Director's Report**

No action required. The Committee discussed: a typo correction on the address for item 2a and the ongoing work of the Ad-hoc Subcommittee regarding Agritourism Guidelines recommendations.

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Committee Chair BJ Burns.