



County of San Mateo Planning & Building Department
Agricultural Advisory Committee

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REGULAR MEETING PACKET

Date: Monday, January 8, 2018
Time: 7:00 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. Agenda Topics: Discussion of Mountain Lions in San Mateo County
 5. Consideration of the Action Minutes for the December 11, 2017 regular meeting.
 6. Community Development Director's Report
 7. Adjournment – Next meeting February 12, 2018
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ROLL SHEET – January 8, 2018

Agricultural Advisory Committee Attendance 2017-2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
VOTING MEMBERS													
Brenda Bonner Public Member	X	X	X	X			X	X					
BJ Burns Farmer, Vice Chair	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	
Vacant *** Farmer	X	X	X	X			X						
Louie Figone Farmer	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	
Vacant Public Member	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X		
John Vars ** Farmer		X				X		X	X		X	X	
Vacant Farmer	X	X	X	X		X		X	X		X	X	
Doniga Markegard Farmer	X	X	X				X	X					
Robert Marsh Farmer, Chair	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	
Ron Sturgeon * Conservationist									X		X	X	
Vacant Ag Business													
STAFF													
Natural Resource Conservation Staff													
San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner	X	X	X	X					X			X	
Farm Bureau Executive Director	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	
San Mateo County Planning Staff	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	
UC Co-Op Extension Representative	X								X				

X: Present

Blank Space: Absent or Excused

Grey Color: No Meeting

* As of 9/18/17

** As of 2/1/17

*** As of 1/1/18



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Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting December 11, 2017

1. Call to Order

Robert Marsh, Committee Chairman, called the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) to order at 7:13 p.m. at the Half Moon Bay Historic Train Depot, 110 Higgins Canyon Road, 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

B.J. Burns
Peter Marchi
Robert Marsh
John Vars
Louie Figone
Ron Sturgeon

Regular Voting Members Absent

Doniga Markegard
Robert Cevasco
Brenda Bonner
Marilyn Johnson

Nonvoting Members Present

Rob Bartoli
Jess Brown
Fred Crowder

Nonvoting Members Absent

Jim Howard
Igor Lacan

3. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

Ben Wright spoke about an upcoming presentation regarding Farmlink and asked the AAC for feedback regarding when the presentation should be held.

Kerry Burke noted that the item related to farm labor housing was on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors upcoming agenda. She asked if this item had come before the AAC. Planner Bartoli stated that the item on the agenda was regarding funding for a future project and no permit has yet be submitted.

Agricultural Commissioner Fred Crowder gave an update on a number of items that the Agriculture/Weights & Measures Department is working on, including the County's new cannabis ordinance, pesticide use near schools, and Medfly quarantine area in San Mateo County. Commissioner Crowder stated that there were no changes from the draft ordinance that was presented to the AAC in November.

4. Agenda Topics: Discussion of Mountain Lions in San Mateo County.

Chair Marsh opened the discussion regarding mountain lions in San Mateo County. He spoke about the impact of mountain lions on livestock, particularly cattle.

Vincent Fontana asked a question regarding the use of live traps. He spoke about the cattle losses he has experienced due to mountain lions this year. He stated that he did not believe that he should have any cattle losses due to mountain lions. He expressed his concern about the management of mountain lions in the County.

A conversation occurred about a mountain lion that was recently tranquilized in the City of San Francisco and the procedures that occurred with the tranquilizing and relocation of the lion.

Commissioner Crowder spoke about the State of California regulations regarding mountain lions, specifically the limits that Prop. 117 placed in 1990. He stated that there are issues around public safety that are different than agricultural issues with mountain lions. A conversation occurred about acceptable losses for cattle. Commissioner Crowder also spoke about a US. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services program regarding mountain lions. He stated that it was highly unlikely that this type of program would be implemented in San Mateo County due to the lack of political and public support. He noted that there is a trapper in the County and that the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office has been assisting with mountain lions and public safety issues. He spoke about depredation permit issued by California Fish and Wildlife for the taking of a mountain lion. Any changes to these regulations, he noted, would need to be done at the State level.

Chair Marsh and Vice Chair Burns spoke about how mountain lions sightings have been more frequent and that they are no longer scared of people.

A conversation occurred about Mid-Pen's compensation program for livestock loss on Mid-Pen properties, compensation programs in other counties, and the general concerns of the members of the public and the AAC around compensation programs.

Committee Member Marchi asked about fencing and how to prevent mountain lions from coming into or chasing other animals into agricultural fields.

Kerry Burke suggested the AAC document these issues and that either the public or the AAC should write a letter to the California State Senator Jerry Hill

Committee Member Sturgeon spoke about his concerns regarding mountain lions. He suggested targeted removal of mountain lions.

This item will again be placed on the January 8, 2018 AAC agenda for further discussion at the request of the AAC.

5. Consideration of the Action Minutes for the November 13, 2017 regular meeting.

Vice Chair Burns moved approval the meeting minutes for the November 13, 2017 regular meeting; Committee Member Figone seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 ayes – 0 noes)

6. Community Development Director's Report

Planner Bartoli presented the Director's Report.

Adjournment (9:19 p.m.)

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

DATE: January 8, 2018

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee
FROM: Planning Staff
SUBJECT: Community Development Director's Report

CONTACT INFORMATION: Rob Bartoli, Planner III, 650-363-1857, rbartoli@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 Department from December 1, 2017 to 29, 2017.

PLANNED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PERMIT OUTCOMES

No PAD permits were heard before the Planning Commission in the month of December 2017.

UPCOMING PLANNED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PERMIT PROJECTS

No new applications for PAD permits were received during the month of December 2017.

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT EXEMPTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS

See attached status report regarding the two rural CDX applications that was received by the Planning Department from 12/1/17-12/29/17. The CDX list includes the description of the project and the status of the permit. Copies of CDX's are available for public review at the San Mateo County Planning Department office.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1) CDX List

RURAL CDX'S FOR 12/1/17-12/28/17

Permit Number	RECORD NAME	DATE OPENED	DESCRIPTION	APN	Address	RECORD STATUS
PLN2017-00527	AG WELL	12/15/2017	CDX for ag well to support proposed quail, partridge, squab, & duck raising operation; on legal parcel (APN 087-090-120, zoned RM-CZ).	087090120	S Ranch Road, Pescadero	Submitted
PLN2017-00529	DRIVEWAY	12/15/2017	CDX for paving an existing compacted dirt driveway of an existing farming operation.	056321040	12511 San Mateo Road, Half Moon Bay	Approved