



County of San Mateo Planning & Building Department Agricultural Advisory Committee

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Regular Meeting **BY VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY**

Date: Monday, February 13, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Place: Virtual Meeting
<https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/94435926407>

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1. The February 13, 2023 Agricultural Advisory meeting may be accessed through Zoom online at <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/94435926407>. The **meeting ID 944 3592 6407**. The meeting may also be accessed via telephone by dialing +1 669-900-6833 (Local).

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2. You may download the Zoom client or connect to the meeting using an internet browser. If using your browser, make sure you are using a current, up to date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+. Certain functionalities may be disabled in older browsers including internet explorer.
3. You may be asked to enter an email address and name. We request that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
4. When the Committee calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click on “raise hand” or *9 if calling in on a phone. The Secretary will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
5. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted.

MATERIALS PRESENTED FOR THE MEETING:

Applicants and members of the public are encouraged to submit materials to the Agricultural Advisory Committee. All materials (including but not limited to models and pictures) submitted on any item on the agenda are considered part of the administrative record for that item and must be retained by the Committee Secretary. If you wish to retain the original of an item, a legible copy must be left with the Committee Secretary.

AGENDAS AND STAFF REPORTS ONLINE:

To view the agenda, please visit our website at <https://planning.smcgov.org/agricultural-advisory-committee>. Staff reports will be available on the website one week prior to the meeting. For further information on any item listed below please contact the corresponding Project Planner indicated.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMMITTEE:

Summer Burlison, Interim Agricultural Advisory Committee Liaison
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NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is on March 13, 2023.

AGENDA
7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Member Roll Call**
3. **Adopt a Resolution** that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.
4. **Oral Communications** to allow the public to address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda. If your subject is not on the agenda, the Chair will recognize you at this time.
5. **Committee Member Update(s) and/or Questions** to allow Committee Members to share news and/or concerns for items not on the agenda.
6. **Briefing** on San Mateo County's response to the January 23, 2023 Half Moon Bay shootings.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **Discussion and consideration** on options for returning to in-person public meetings, effective March 1, 2023.

Action Request: That the AAC provide a recommendation for Planning staff's consideration on a preferred plan for returning to in-person meetings.

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

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ROLL SHEET – February 13, 2023
Agricultural Advisory Committee Attendance 2022-2023

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
VOTING MEMBERS														
Judith Humburg Public Member	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	
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	
Vacant Position** Farmer, Vice-Chair	X	X	X		X	X		X	X					
Jonathan Winslow Public Member		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
John Vars Farmer, Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Vacant Position** Farmer	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	X		
Fred Crowder Conservationist		X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X	X	
Lauren Silberman Ag Business	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	
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	
Farm Bureau Executive Director Jess Brown	X			X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
San Mateo County Planning Staff Summer Burlison	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
UC Co-Op Extension Representative Frank McPherson														

X: Present **Blank Space: Absent or Excused** **Grey Color: No Meeting**
*** Special Meeting** ****Position vacant as of Nov 2022**



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO - PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

ITEM

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

DATE: February 3, 2023

To: Agricultural Advisory Committee
From: Summer Burlison, Planning Liaison
Subject: Resolution to make findings allowing continued remote meetings under Brown Act

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, in person meetings of the Agricultural Advisory Committee would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

DISCUSSION:

On January 17, 2023, the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees. The Board's adopted resolution invokes the provisions of recently enacted state legislation (AB 361) to continue teleconferencing for meetings, and strongly encourages other County legislative bodies to make similar findings and continue meeting remotely through teleconferencing.

As encouraged by the Board of Supervisors, and for the reasons set forth in the proposed resolution, we recommend that your Committee similarly avail itself of the provisions of AB 361 allowing continuation of remote meetings by adopting findings to the effect that conducting in-person meetings would present an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees. A resolution to that effect, and directing staff to return each 30 days with the opportunity to renew such findings, is attached hereto.

If the resolution is not adopted, the Committee must meet in person, effective as of February 13, 2023.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Resolution (No. 17) for Adoption

RESOLUTION NO. (17)

RESOLUTION FINDING THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY, IN PERSON MEETINGS OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES

RESOLVED, by the Agricultural Advisory Committee of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, pursuant to section 8550, *et seq.*, of the California Government Code, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus and, subsequently, the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors declared a local emergency related to COVID-19, and the proclamation by the Governor and declaration by the Board remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended certain provisions in the California Open Meeting Law, codified at Government Code section 54950, *et seq.* (the "Brown Act"), related to teleconferencing by local agency legislative bodies, provided that certain requirements were met and followed; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21, which extended certain provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 that waive otherwise-applicable Brown Act requirements related to remote/teleconference meetings by local agency legislative bodies through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which provides that a local agency legislative body may continue to meet remotely without complying with otherwise-applicable requirements in the Brown Act related to remote/teleconference meetings by local agency legislative bodies, provided that a state of emergency has been declared and the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and provided that the legislative body makes such finding at least every thirty days during the term of the declared state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2023 the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors made the finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees, and therefore adopted a Resolution invoking the provisions of AB 361 to continue teleconferencing for meetings, and strongly encouraging other County legislative bodies to make similar findings and continue meeting remotely through teleconferencing; and,

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Advisory Committee concludes that there is a continuing threat of COVID-19 to the community, and that Committee meetings have characteristics that give rise to risks to health and safety of meeting participants (such as the increased mixing associated with bringing together people from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to participate fully in public governmental meetings, and the challenges with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination and other safety recommendations at such meetings); and

WHEREAS, California Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently

the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, that it may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others, resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>); and

WHEREAS, this Agricultural Advisory Committee has an important interest in protecting the health and safety of those who participate in meetings of this Committee; and

WHEREAS, this Agricultural Advisory Committee typically meets in-person in a public setting, such that the number of people present at these meetings may impair the safety of the occupants; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has informed County agencies about the unique advantages of online public meetings, which are substantial, as well as the unique challenges, which are frequently surmountable; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the state of emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the San Mateo County Agricultural Advisory Committee finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and the Committee will therefore invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing for meetings of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, as strongly encouraged by the Board of Supervisors, to make such findings and continue meeting remotely through teleconferencing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The Agricultural Advisory Committee finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of meeting attendees.
3. The Planning staff liaison to the Committee is directed to continue to agendize public meetings of the Agricultural Advisory Committee only as online teleconference meetings, as strongly encouraged by the Board of Supervisors, until the risk of community transmission has further declined.
4. No later than thirty (30) days, or at the beginning of the next regular meeting, after the date of adoption of this resolution the Committee shall again consider whether to make the findings required by AB 361 in order to continue meeting remotely under its provisions.



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO - PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

DATE: February 3, 2023

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

CONTACT INFORMATION: Summer Burlison, Senior Planner, SBurlison@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 Division from December 30, 2022 to February 3, 2023.

PLANNED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (PAD) PERMIT OUTCOMES

No PAD permit applications were heard or considered by the Board of Supervisors and/or Planning Commission during this time period.

UPCOMING PLANNED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PERMIT PROJECTS

No PAD permit applications were received by the Planning Division during this time period.

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT EXEMPTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS

No rural CDX applications were submitted during this time period.

OTHER PROJECTS

None.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.