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Regular Meeting

Date: Monday, July 10, 2023
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Place: Ted Adcock Community Center – South Day Room
535 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay, California

*****IN-PERSON WITH REMOTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE*****

This meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be at the Ted Adcock Community Center, South Day Room, at 535 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay, California. Members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting in person at the Ted Adcock Community Center, South Day Room, or remotely via the Zoom platform. For information regarding how to participate in the meeting, either in person or remotely, please refer to the instructions below.

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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.

*Written public comments may be emailed to sburlison@smcgov.org, and such written comments should indicate the specific agenda item on which you are commenting.

***Please see instructions for written and spoken public comments below.**

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***Instructions for Public Comment During Meeting**

Members of the public may address the Members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee as follows:

***Written Comments:**

Written public comments may be emailed in advance of the meeting. Please read the following instructions carefully:

1. Your written comment should be emailed to sburlison@smcgov.org.
2. Your email should include the specific agenda item on which you are commenting or note that your comment concerns an item that is not on the agenda or is on the consent agenda.
3. If your emailed comment is received by 5:00 p.m. on the business day before the meeting, it will be provided to the Members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee and made publicly available on the agenda website under the specific item to which your comment pertains. If emailed comments are received after 5:00 p.m. on the business day before the meeting, the Planning Liaison will make every effort to either (i) provide such emailed comments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee and make such emails publicly available on the agenda website prior to the meeting, or (ii) read such emails during the meeting. Whether such emailed comments are forwarded and posted, or are read during the meeting, they will still be included in the administrative record.

***Spoken Comments**

If you wish to speak to the Agricultural Advisory Committee, please fill out a speaker's slip and hand it to the Committee Secretary. If you have anything that you wish distributed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee and included in the official record, please hand it to the Committee Secretary who will distribute the information to the Agricultural Advisory Committee members and staff.

If participating by Zoom, please click on the "raise hand" feature or *9 if calling in on a phone. Once the Chair calls on you to speak, you will be activated and/or unmuted to speak.

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Secretary. If you wish to retain the original of an item, a legible copy must be left with the Committee Secretary.

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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. To subscribe to the Agricultural Advisory Committee agenda mailing list, please “subscribe” to email updates at the above website link.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMMITTEE:

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NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is on August 14, 2023.

AGENDA
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Member Roll Call**
3. **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.
4. **Committee Member Update(s) and/or Questions** to allow Committee Members to share news and/or concerns for items not on the agenda.
5. **Community Development Director’s Report.** (*Planning Liaison*)
6. **Discussion** on status of Peninsula Open Space Trust parcels excluded from wildlife conservation easements that are associated with the Lake Lucerne Mutual Water Company.

Regular Agenda

7. **Presentation and Discussion** on San Mateo County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures’ Agricultural Access (Ag ID) Program. Presentation by: San Mateo County Agriculture/Weights & Measures.

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8. **Adjournment**

Roll Sheet – July 10, 2023														
Agricultural Advisory Committee														
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July
Voting Members														
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	
John Vars Farmer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Peter Marchi Farmer	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	X	
Jonathan Winslow Public Member	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Lauren Silberman Ag Business		X	X		X	X		X	X	X			X	
**Vacant Farmer	X		X	X										
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**Vacant Public Member	X	X	X	X			X	X	X					
**Vacant Conservationist	X	X	X	X			X	X						
Non-Voting Members														
Natural Resource Conservation Staff: Jim Howard														
San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner: Koren Widdel	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			
UC Co-Op Extention Representative: Dr. Igor Lacan												X		
Planning Liaison														
San Mateo County Planning Liaison: Summer Burlison	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
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**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

DATE: June 30, 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 June 1, 2023 to June 30, 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

One (1) rural CDX application was submitted during this time period. Please see the attached status report regarding the application. The CDX list includes the description of the project and its status. A copy of the listed CDX is available for public review upon request.

OTHER PROJECTS

None.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. AAC vacancy update.

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Count Distinct (RECORD ID)	RECORD NAME	DATE OPENED	DESCRIPTION	APN	ADDR FULL LINE1	RECORD STATUS
1						
Permit Number						
PLN2023-00193	WELL	6/5/2023	CDX for two (2) ag wells in PAD/CD district.	056350020	306 San Mateo Rd, Half Moon Bay	Approved



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Ag ID (Agricultural Identification) Program Concept Sheet

Purpose

The County Agriculture/Weights and Measures Department has begun soliciting feedback from stakeholders, to inform the creation of a new Ag ID (Agricultural Identification) program. The goal of the program is to provide a transparent and uniform way to identify commercial farmers and ranchers to law enforcement and emergency personnel, to facilitate access to agricultural properties within a mandatory evacuation area during a wildfire or other emergency. This fact sheet gives a brief summary of the program development and outreach activities that are in progress.

During a disaster, an Ag ID program would provide a framework for firefighting personnel, California Highway Patrol officers, Sheriff's deputies and other emergency personnel to allow farmers and ranchers limited emergency access to areas that may otherwise be restricted to the public, to undertake critical and essential agricultural work. Our goal is to create a program for the 2023 fire season in a way that protects the health and safety of agricultural workers and safety crews, while enabling safe access to growing sites to protect and ensure the viability of local agriculture.

Ad-Hoc Program

During the 2020 CZU Complex fires, the County saw an urgent need for agricultural producers to access their properties in the coastal evacuation zone to avoid heavy crop and livestock losses. At that time, the County Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures compiled a list of verified growers requesting access, which was submitted and reviewed by CalFire before being sent to law enforcement personnel operating the evacuation checkpoints. This enabled producers and their employees to gain entry through these checkpoints in the short term, but there is a need to create a more formal countywide program that addresses the many limitations of this ad-hoc solution.

Regulatory History

In October 2021, the State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 1103, which created a legal framework for establishment of agricultural access programs for livestock producers. In the most recent legislative session a new bill, Assembly Bill 1141 has been introduced. If chaptered in its current wording, this bill would expand the previously chaptered livestock access framework to all producers, including those of row crops, nursery stock and other, "planted," agriculture. The County is discussing the creation of an Ag ID program using this framework that will allow safe entry to producers of both livestock and "planted" agriculture in a disaster.

Other rural-urban counties in the Bay Area such as Sonoma, Napa, and Marin have adopted Ag ID programs. The experiences of those counties have highlighted the need to ensure that the process to inform the program is inclusive of the needs and knowledge of farmworkers, community organizations that serve that population, as well as agricultural employers. Some of the considerations to keep in mind are employee safety and training policies, and language access to ensure that the Ag ID program is implemented equitably.

Community Outreach

Last year, the Agriculture Department conducted outreach to the county's agricultural producers and other community organizations. A survey sent to producers in June of 2022 offered a useful snapshot into the disaster staffing needs of the county's agricultural operations. Stakeholder meetings are being conducted with entities that may be affected by the policies of this program.

- Share what the county's current Ad-Hoc Ag ID program is, how it is currently working in SMC, preliminary limitations identified based on CZU experience, and the ultimate policy outcome
- Determine what resonates with the community about the program and intended outcome, and identify concerns, gaps or unintended consequences
- Determine the best ways to engage farmworkers, including: language preference, format and venues, and policies (what's working, worked, and needs to improve)

Program Contact Information

For Ag ID program updates or more detailed questions, please contact Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer Jeremy Wagner at (650) 363-4700, or by e-mail at jwagner@smcgov.org.