



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

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### ACTION MINUTES

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Monday April 11, 2022

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 Summer Burlison at [SBurlison@smcgov.org](mailto:SBurlison@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, Vice Chair/Acting Chair John Vars called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

#### 2. **Member Roll Call**

##### Regular Committee Members Present:

Judith Humburg  
James Oku  
Natalie Sare  
Jonathan Winslow  
John Vars  
William Cook  
Peter Marchi  
Ryan Casey  
Fred Crowder  
Lauren Silberman

##### Regular Committee Members Absent:

Louie Figone

##### Nonvoting Committee Members Present:

Koren Widdel, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner  
Summer Burlison, Planning Staff Liaison  
Jess Brown, San Mateo County Farm Bureau Executive Director

##### Nonvoting Committee Members Absent:

Jim Howard, Natural Resource Conservation Staff  
Frank McPherson, UC Co-Op Extension Representative

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.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

None

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Committee Secretary Lauren Silberman moved, and Committee Member Bill Cook seconded, a motion to adopt the above resolution.

**Motion passed 10-0-0, with one absent member.**

4. **Officer Elections** for chair and vice chair, item continued from March 14, 2022 meeting.

The committee nominated members for the Chair and Vice Chair positions and discussed each nominee's interest in and qualifications for the positions respectively, building broad support for and consensus around the nominees.

Committee Member Peter Marchi moved, and Committee Member Fred Crowder seconded, a motion to elect John Vars for Committee Chair.

**Motion passed 9-0-1, with one absent member and one abstention (for members to not vote for themselves).**

Committee Member Peter Marchi moved, and Committee Member Judee Humburg seconded, a motion to elect Louie Figone for Committee Vice Chair.

**Motion passed 10-0-0, with one absent member.**

5. **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.

- Adria Arko, San Mateo County Agricultural Ombudsman, shared the following:
  - The San Mateo County Climate Action Plan is open for public comment for approximately two weeks. The Agricultural Ombudsman Office worked with the plan producers to write and include a new "working lands" section. There is also an affiliated FaceBook Live event addressing agriculture in San Mateo County and potential opportunities for building climate resiliency and sequestering carbon through agricultural practices. The draft document and more information is available at: <https://www.smcsustainability.org/climate-change/climate-action-plans/cc-action-plan>

6. **Committee Member Update(s) and/or Questions** to allow Committee Members to share news and/or concerns for items not on the agenda.

- Summer Burlison, San Mateo County Planning Liaison, shared the following:
  - Midpenninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) is in the process of updating their policies that guide the organization's work around agricultural lands. On April 19, 2022 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm, MROSD will be hosting a workshop to gather input from the local agricultural community.
- Koren Widdel, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner, shared the following:
  - The Department of Agriculture has scheduled a Farmworker and Pesticide Safety training session on May 4, 2022 in Pescadero and May 5, 2022 in Half Moon Bay. There will be two sessions each day, with one in Spanish at 9:00 am and one in

English at 11:30 am. The session will also be made available virtually. More information will be sent out to all growers on their mailing list, and the Agricultural Department is asking attendees to pre-register by calling the Department. This training meets Federal standards for fieldworker pesticide safety training.

7. **Consideration of the Action Minutes** for the March 14, 2022 AAC meeting.

Committee Member Fred Crowder moved, and Committee Member Bill Cook seconded, a motion to approve the Action Minutes for March 14, 2022 as amended. The amendment added a sentence detailing how the February 14, 2022 minutes were amended (to address a small typo on page 4).

**Motion for March 14, 2022 Action Minutes passed 10-0-0, with one absent member.**

8. **Committee Discussion and Update** on the current COVID-19 pandemic, potential policies needed to protect local agriculture 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 that second booster shots are now available for individuals over the age of 50, the continued availability of Covid-19 testing and vaccination clinics weekly across the coastside and at the county Expo Center, that Coastside Hope is pausing their weekly vaccination clinics for now, and that the Department of Agriculture and local service providers also have rapid tests available by request.

9. **Committee Discussion** on action steps for market development for San Mateo County's agricultural production and potential.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

Adria Arko

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

No action required. The Committee discussed that the group coordinating this project continues to conduct planning work and that the initial general interest meeting for this project has been scheduled for May 11, 2022 from 5:30-8:00 pm at the I.D.E.S. Hall in Half Moon Bay. Please RSVP by May 9, 2022 if you are able to attend via <http://tiny.cc/smc-agmarkets>.

Member of the public Adria Arko, San Mateo County Agricultural Ombudsman, shared updates regarding the public interest meeting, noted that over 40 people have already signed up to attend, and asked folks to continue spreading the word about the meeting.

10. **Committee Discussion** to plan for future trainings in topics including but not limited to water, Planned Agricultural District/agricultural land use regulations, wildlife conservation, and Brown Act compliance.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

Kerry Burke  
Adria Arko

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

No action required. The Committee discussed the previously identified and agreed upon training topics (agricultural zoning, land use regulations, Williamson Act, Brown Act, etc.), the desired order of the training topics, and potential contributors to training. The committee also decided that this item does not need to be on the agenda each week moving forward.

Member of the public Kerry Burke recommend including fire resiliency topics as related to agriculture, which is especially timely this year.

Member of the public Adria Arko offered to help coordinate study sessions on fire resiliency in coordination with the Resource Conservation District Fire Program and a former farmer who now serves as Wildfire Coordinator for the Community Alliance for Family Farmers.

Committee Member Bill Cook moved, and Committee Chair John Vars seconded, a motion that the priority of training topics is first regarding agricultural zoning and the Williamson Act and second is on wildfires and preparations.

**Motion passed 8-0-2, with one absent member and two abstentions due to potential conflicts of interest.**

**11. Community Development Director’s Report**

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

None

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

No action required. The Committee reviewed the items on this month’s report.

**Regular Agenda**

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| <b>12.</b> | <b>Owner:</b>                 | <b>N/A</b>   |
|            | <b>Applicant:</b>             | <b>County of San Mateo</b>   |
|            | <b>File Number:</b>           | PLN 2022-00066   |
|            | <b>Location:</b>              | Various; Agriculture (and Open Space – Rural and Timber Production – Rural if the property was used for commercial agriculture for three consecutive years prior to the adoption of the existing Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance (2018)) |
|            | <b>Assessor’s Parcel No.:</b> | Various  |

Consideration of Amendments to Chapter 5.148 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code regarding Commercial Cannabis Cultivation in the unincorporated area of San Mateo County. Please direct any questions to Project Planner Delaney Selvidge at [DSelvidge@smcgov.org](mailto:DSelvidge@smcgov.org).

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

Joseph Otayde  
Ed Wilkinson  
Kerry Burke

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Project Planner Delaney Selvidge provided a brief presentation on the proposed ordinance changes. The Committee discussed the proposed changes, specifically lifting the canopy cap, lifting the conventional agriculture protections, and allowing distribution licenses for licensed cultivators; that proposed changes have no impact to existing hemp regulations; that cannabis crops are not currently considered crops for Williamson Act contracts, but are considered a compatible use; that cannabis crops are generating financial and infrastructure investments in local nurseries; and that the county does not impose additional fees or taxes on cannabis cultivators.

Deputy County Attorney Melissa Andrikopoulos provided clarifications regarding the 66,000 square foot canopy cap, which is a cap per owner per license and not a cap on the amount of cannabis that can be grown on the parcel. This cap wound up creating an unnecessary administrative hurdle.

Member of the public Joseph Otayde, an employee of ONO Associates, a local cannabis cultivation business, spoke in favor of the proposed changes, particularly the distribution license and lifting the canopy cap to increase economic viability of local cannabis operations. He additionally shared support for the development of a local cannabis appellation region.

Member of the public Ed Wilkinson, an owner and operator of Half Moon Grow, a local cannabis cultivation business, spoke in favor of the proposed changes, particularly the importance of allowing the distribution license and lifting the canopy cap. He also shared that these changes are important for the economic viability of local cannabis operations.

Member of the public Kerry Burke raised questions about how much revenue has been generated by local cannabis businesses and if details will be included in the county's annual crop report. Planner Selvidge shared that revenue information is not collected by the county and Commissioner Widdel shared that cannabis cannot be included in the crop report due to federal restrictions, and also to protect the privacy of the few local license holders.

Committee Secretary Lauren Silberman moved, and Committee Member Bill Cook seconded, a motion to support the proposed changes to the cannabis ordinance.

**Motion passed 5-0-4, with one member absent and four abstentions due to a desire to understand more about the proposed changes, context, and potential impacts.**

13. **Committee Review of (AAC) Subcommittee Meeting Notes on Agritourism Guidelines** from Subcommittee Meeting 1 (January 28, 2021) and Subcommittee Meeting 2 (February 17, 2021).

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

None

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

No action required. The Committee discussed moving this item to the next meeting.

Committee Secretary Lauren Silberman moved, and Committee Member Bill Cook seconded, to move this item to the next meeting due to timing.

**Motion passed 8-0-0, with three members absent.**

14. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m. by Committee Chair John Vars.



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### ACTION MINUTES

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Monday May 9, 2022

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 Summer Burlison at [SBurlison@smcgov.org](mailto:SBurlison@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, Committee Chair John Vars called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

#### 2. **Member Roll Call**

##### Regular Committee Members Present:

Judith Humburg  
James Oku  
Louie Figone  
Jonathan Winslow  
John Vars  
William Cook  
Peter Marchi  
Ryan Casey  
Lauren Silberman

##### Regular Committee Members Absent:

Natalie Sare  
Fred Crowder

##### Nonvoting Committee Members Present:

Koren Widdel, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner  
Summer Burlison, Planning Staff Liaison  
Jess Brown, San Mateo County Farm Bureau Executive Director

##### Nonvoting Committee Members Absent:

Jim Howard, Natural Resource Conservation Staff  
Frank McPherson, UC Co-Op Extension Representative

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.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

None

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Committee Secretary Lauren Silberman moved, and Committee Member Bill Cook seconded, a motion to adopt the above resolution.

**Motion passed 9-0-0, with two absent members.**

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.

None

5. **Committee Member Update(s) and/or Questions** to allow Committee Members to share news and/or concerns for items not on the agenda.

- Peter Marchi, Committee Member, revisited the April 11, 2022 committee discussion of the proposed changes to the county's cannabis ordinance, sharing that the county's presentation to the Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council (PMAC) on the same topic provided more context that demonstrated the economic need for the proposed changes. Several committee members agreed and expressed interest in reviewing a copy of the PMAC presentation.
- Koren Widdel, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner, shared the following:
  - The Department of Agriculture's recent Farmworker and Pesticide Safety training sessions were a success. The training can be provided again upon request by calling the Department at 650-726-2514.
  - The Department of Agriculture is planning a pesticide disposal event at the end of June, and more details will be provided as they are finalized.
  - The County received a continued drought designation, which opens up loans for farms and small businesses. The Farm Service Agency can be contacted for more information.
  - The Department of Agriculture provided a presentation on Fertile Capeweed, which is an A-rated weed with a yellow flower and a black center that looks similar to plants sold for landscaping. This invasive weed was recently found on private property in Pescadero and is being treated by the Department. Please notify the Department of Agriculture if you see Fertile Capeweed in the county for additional response. More information can be found on the Department's website.
  - The county is seeing moderate Covid-19 levels and it is time to be vigilant; masks are recommended for crowded indoor spaces. The Test and Treat Program is creating a new county testing center that will provide testing services and applications to receive Covid-19 medication that is available. Further details are available on the San Mateo County Health website.

6. **Committee Discussion and Update** on the current COVID-19 pandemic, potential policies needed to protect local agriculture 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 the Agricultural Commissioner’s updates regarding Covid-19 spread and resources; the continued availability of Covid-19 testing and vaccinations available across the county; and that more information and resources can be found on the county’s Covid-19 page on their website.

- 7. **Committee Discussion** on action steps for market development for San Mateo County’s agricultural production and potential.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

Adria Arko  
Dante Silvestri

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

No action required. The Committee discussed that the group coordinating this project continues to conduct planning work, that the initial general interest meeting for this project has been scheduled this week on May 11, 2022 from 5:30-8:00pm at the I.D.E.S. Hall in Half Moon Bay, and that Covid-19 precautions that will be taken at the meeting.

Member of the public Adria Arko, San Mateo County Agricultural Ombudsman, shared updates regarding the public interest meeting, that masks will be provided at the meeting and windows will be open for increased ventilation, and noted that over 70 people have already signed up to attend.

Member of the public Dante Silvestri asked if masks will be required at the meeting. Agricultural Commissioner Koren Widdel clarified that the county recommends (but does not require) wearing masks when in crowded indoor settings.

- 8. **Community Development Director’s Report**

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

None

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

No action required. The Committee reviewed the items on this month’s report.

**Regular Agenda**

- 9. **Informational/Training Item:** Presentation by County staff on agricultural land use regulations including: Planned Agricultural District (PAD) Zoning, Farm Labor Housing Application Process and Procedures, Agritourism Guidelines, and Land Conservation (Williamson) Act Uniform Rule and Procedures. (Presenters: Summer Burlison, [SBurlison@smcgov.org](mailto:SBurlison@smcgov.org); Delaney Selvidge, [DSelvidge@smcgov.org](mailto:DSelvidge@smcgov.org))

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

Kerry Burke  
Dante Silvestri  
James Ingalsbe



Mike Williams

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Planning Department Liaison Summer Burlison provided a presentation on Planned Agricultural District (PAD) Regulations. The presentation was followed by Committee discussion regarding clarification on density credits and usage, especially in relation to parcel subdivisions; footprint limitations for the size of development, especially regarding the difference between square footage versus percentage limits; and expressed gratitude for the informative presentation.

Planner Delaney Selvidge provided a presentation on the Williamson Act. The presentation was followed by Committee discussion regarding the differences between the types of agricultural and open space easements; how to interpret the minimum parcel sizes detailed in the Williamson Act (10 acres of prime soils and/or minimum of 40 acres total parcel size); that the Board of Supervisors can and have waived the minimum parcel sizes, particularly for Arata Farms; and the need to include the Agricultural Advisory Committee expertise in reviewing Williamson Act projects. Please note that there is disagreement between committee members and the Planning Department regarding the wording and interpretation of Uniform Rule 2: Types of Contracts, A. Eligibility Requirements for A/LCA and FSZA/LCA Contracts, 3. Lot Size and Contracted Area.

Member of the public Kerry Burke shared clarifications regarding prime and non-prime soil type PAD regulations, and recommended the Planning Department set standards for prime soils maps provided to the public; addressed the difficulty of small parcels designated PAD without meeting PAD zoning property standards; and noted that many subdivision projects will come before the committee following the recent relaxation of subdivision rules for public agencies.

Member of the public Dante Silvestri requested clarification on the Williamson Act Open Space Conservation Contracts, which was provided by Planners Burlison and Selvidge.

Member of the public James Ingalsbe asked if the presentation materials will be available to the public. Planner Summer Burlison clarified that they will be available on the Agricultural Advisory Committee webpage for this meeting.

Member of the public Mike Williams, with Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD), provided clarification between the 10-year land conservation contracts, 20-year farmland security zone area contracts, and separate open space easement contracts.

- 10. **Committee Review of (AAC) Subcommittee Meeting Notes on Agritourism Guidelines** from Subcommittee Meeting 1 (January 28, 2021) and Subcommittee Meeting 2 (February 17, 2021).

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

None

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

No action required. Members of the past subcommittee provided context on the 2021 subcommittee meetings and subsequent meeting notes. The Committee discussed how to approach future committee discussions on the topic.

- 11. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. by Committee Chair John Vars.



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### ACTION MINUTES

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Monday July 11, 2022

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#### 1. **Call to Order**

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#### 2. **Member Roll Call**

##### Regular Committee Members Present:

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James Oku  
Jonathan Winslow  
John Vars  
William Cook  
Peter Marchi  
Ryan Casey  
Fred Crowder  
Lauren Silberman

##### Regular Committee Members Absent:

Louie Figone  
Natalie Sare

##### Nonvoting Committee Members Present:

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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.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

None

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Committee Secretary Lauren Silberman moved, and Committee Member Fred Crowder seconded, a motion to adopt the above resolution.

**Motion passed 9-0-0, with two absent members.**

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.

None

5. **Committee Member Update(s) and/or Questions** to allow Committee Members to share news and/or concerns for items not on the agenda.

- Bill Cook, Committee Member, requested clarification about requirements for serving in a Farmer position on the committee and discussed the end of his term later this year. Planning Department Liaison Summer Burlison provided clarification on terms and the process for renewing committee positions.
- Fred Crowder, Committee Member, asked about the status of recent meeting minutes. Committee Secretary Lauren Silberman updated the committee regarding personal news that led to a delay in drafting the minutes from recent meetings.
- Koren Widdel, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner, shared a warning to stay away from San Gregorio Creek due to toxic algae.

6. **Committee Discussion and Update** on the current COVID-19 pandemic, potential policies needed to protect local agriculture 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. Agricultural Commissioner Koren Widdel shared that the county is at a high community case level, so the county continues to recommend wearing masks indoors and on public transportation and staying up to date on vaccinations. The Committee discussed the Agricultural Commissioner's updates regarding Covid-19 spread and resources and the continued availability of Covid-19 testing and vaccinations available across the county. More information and resources can be found on the county's Covid-19 page on their website.

7. **Committee Discussion** on action steps for market development for San Mateo County's agricultural production and potential.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

Adria Arko

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

No action required. The Committee discussed the community interest meeting that was held in May, the community survey underway, the working group that will determine next steps on the project, and that progress updates will continue to be provided to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Member of the public Adria Arko, San Mateo County Agricultural Ombudsman, reported on the recent community interest meeting, shared that the organizers are conducting a community survey, and that the working group will conduct a five-to-six-month process to determine next steps.

Farm Bureau Executive Director Jess Brown shared that the Farm Bureau is exploring several leads regarding a location for shared agricultural infrastructure, and gave a special thanks to Committee Member Judee Humburg for helping the search for farm center locations.

**8. Community Development Director’s Report**

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

None

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

No action required. The Committee reviewed the items on this month’s report.

**Regular Agenda**

**9. Presentation on Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District’s agricultural policy development process. Presenter: Kirk Lenington, Natural Resources Department Manager, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.**

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

James Ingalsbe

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) staff provided a presentation on MROSD’s agricultural programs and policies, with the goal of gathering feedback for potential policy updates. The presentation was led by Natural Resources Department Manager Kirk Lenington with the support of Brandon Stewart, Brian Malone, Jane Mark, and Omar Smith.

The presentation was followed by Committee discussion regarding continued alignment with the existing MOU between MROSD and the Farm Bureau, dating from the MROSD annexation of the coastside; the severe lack of farm labor housing units on the coastside, and MROSD’s recently expanded mission that may allow for direct support on farm labor housing; support for environmentally sensitive agricultural activities, which are already well regulated; MROSD’s research and science driven policies and activities; and clarification regarding MROSD and POST’s roles in the purchase and management of lands for conservation.

Member of the public James Ingalsbe asked about the remaining public meetings and how to be notified about them. He also raised questions about the crisis regarding farm worker housing and economic opportunities for farm workers, and asked how MROSD can support farm workers.

MROSD staff shared about outreach to local community groups serving farm workers, submitting all leases to competitive public bids, the focus on agricultural activity and/or ecologically sensitive public access with a focus on low intensity use, and feedback regarding the need for more farm labor housing.

10. **Committee Review of (AAC) Subcommittee Meeting Notes on Agritourism Guidelines** from Subcommittee Meeting 1 (January 28, 2021) and Subcommittee Meeting 2 (February 17, 2021).

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

None

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

No action required. Members of the past subcommittee provided context on the 2021 subcommittee meetings and subsequent meeting notes. The Committee then determined a process for reviewing the subcommittee notes and determining committee recommendations. The Committee will address the first two topics from the subcommittee notes at the August 8, 2022 regarding the length/frequency of agritourism uses.

11. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. by Committee Chair John Vars.