

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there are several large agricultural fields. One field is filled with rows of green crops, likely corn. Another field is dark brown, suggesting it has been recently plowed. In the middle ground, a small town or village is visible with several houses and buildings. The background shows rolling hills and a forested ridge under a heavy, overcast sky. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent dark band across the middle of the image.

# Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Agricultural Policy Development and Draft Language Review May 10, 2023

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Steve Martarano/USFWS

# Overview

- Introduction & Policy  
Development Background
- Presentation and Discussion of  
Main Goals, Policies,  
Implementation Measures
  - Goal 1: Preserve and support Agricultural  
Operations
  - Goal 2: Environmentally Sensitive and  
Sustainable Agriculture
  - Goal 3: Enhance Diversity, Equity,  
Inclusion
- Timeline

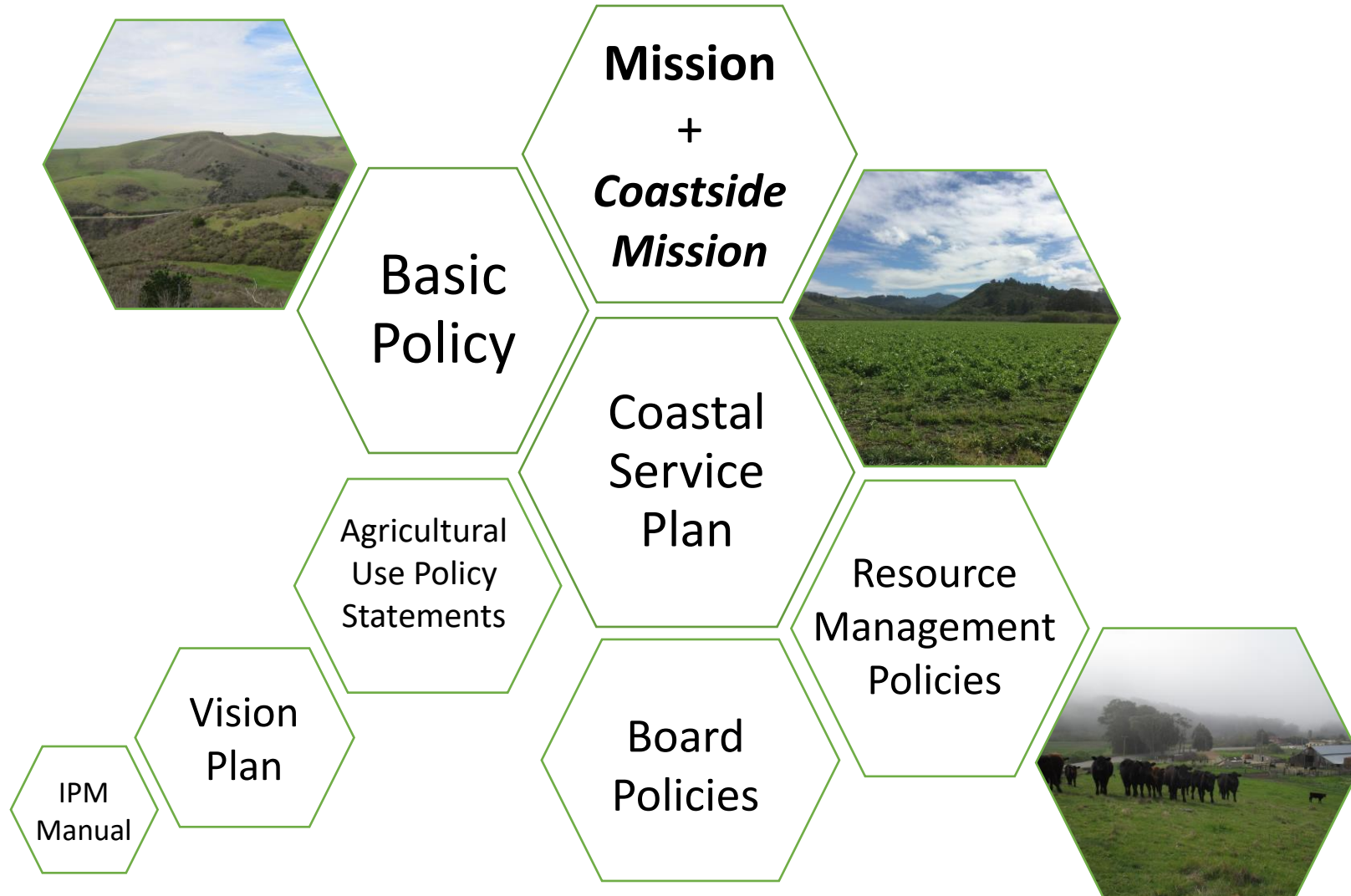


# Agricultural Policy Development Process

- ✦ Review existing policies
- ✦ Review current practices
- ✦ Assess needs/gaps
- ✦ Stakeholder input
- ✦ Identify main themes
- ✦ Draft framework
- ✦ Draft policy language
- ✦ Stakeholder input
- ✦ Adopt and implement policy



# District Policy Framework



# Coastal Service Plan Mission

An aerial photograph showing a vast landscape of rolling green hills and valleys. In the foreground, a steep cliffside meets the ocean, with white waves crashing against a sandy beach. The hills are covered in lush green vegetation, with some areas appearing to be agricultural fields. The sky is clear and blue.

*To acquire and preserve in perpetuity open space land and agricultural land of regional significance, protect and restore the natural environment, preserve rural character, encourage viable agricultural use of land resources, and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education.*

# Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement: Who we heard from

- San Mateo County Farm Bureau
- Ayudando Latinos A Sonar
- Puente de la Costa Sur
- Farm Worker Affairs Coalition
- San Mateo Food Systems Alliance
- Sustainable Pescadero
- Conservation Council
- San Mateo Ag. Advisory Committee
- Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council
- San Mateo Resource Conservation District
- Peninsula Open Space Trust



**SAN MATEO FOOD SYSTEM ALLIANCE**



# Agricultural Policy Overview

## **Goal 1: Preserve Agricultural Operations**

- ⌘ AG-1: Agricultural Land Protection
- ⌘ AG-2: Public Access
- ⌘ AG-3: Agricultural Housing
- ⌘ AG-4: Agricultural Infrastructure
- ⌘ AG-5: Leases
- ⌘ AG-6: Marketing and Promotion

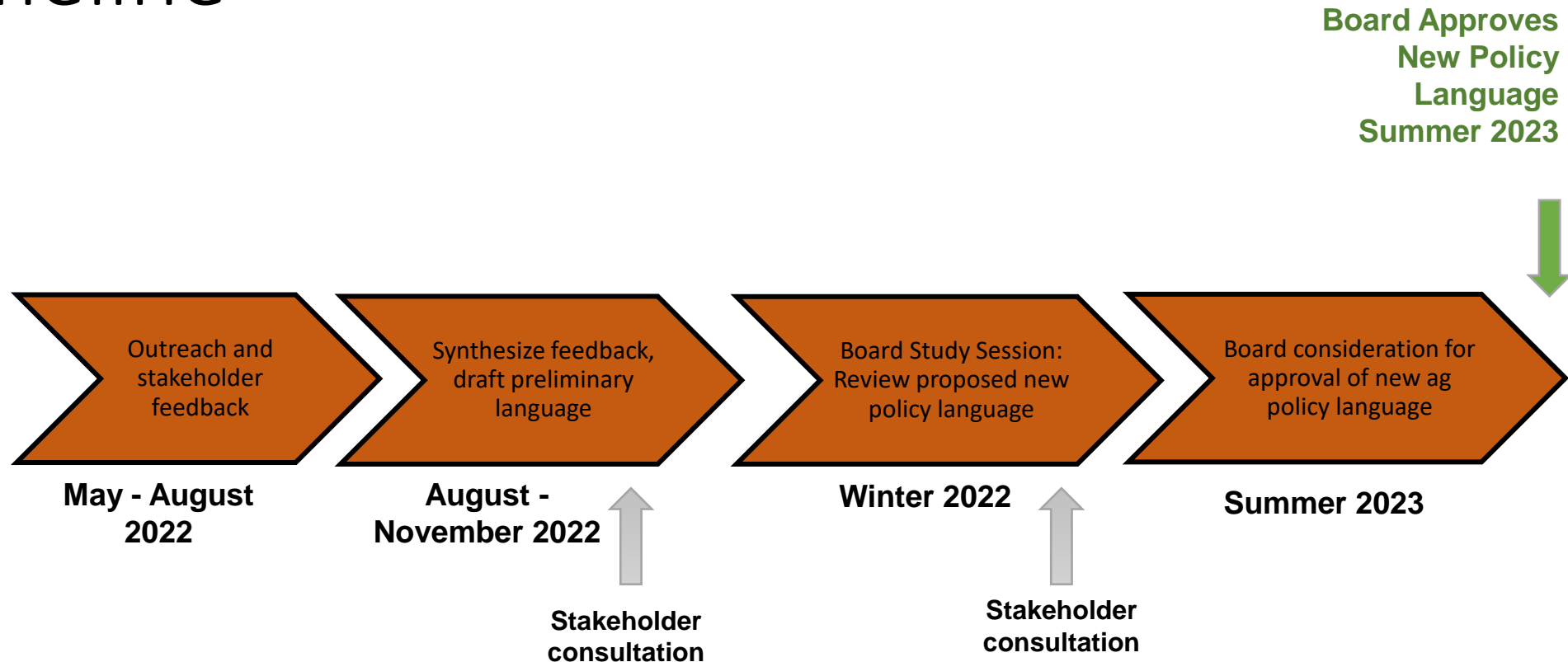
## **Goal 2: Environmentally Sensitive and Sustainable Agriculture**

- ⌘ AG-7: Water Quality
- ⌘ AG-8: Natural Resource Protection
- ⌘ AG-9: Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Resilience
- ⌘ AG-10: Research

## **Goal 3: Enhance Diversity, Equity, Inclusion**

- ⌘ AG-11: Farmworker Advocacy and Engagement
- ⌘ AG-12: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- ⌘ AG-13: Partnerships, Representation and Agreements

# Current Agricultural Policy Development Timeline



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