



County of San Mateo Planning & Building Department Agricultural Advisory Committee

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Regular Meeting

Date: Monday, December 11, 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

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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.

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AGENDAS AND STAFF REPORTS ONLINE:

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CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMMITTEE:

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NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is on January 8, 2024.

AGENDA

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Member Roll Call**
3. **Meeting Procedures**
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. Please start by stating your name. Speakers are customarily limited to 3 minutes. See instructions explained above regarding the spoken comments process. *Please note that the Committee cannot discuss or act on an item not on the agenda.*
5. **Committee Member Update(s) and/or Questions** to allow Committee Members to share news and/or concerns for items not on the agenda.
 - a. Status of Peninsula Open Space Trust parcels excluded from wildlife conservation easements that are associated with the Lake Lucerne Mutual Water Company.
6. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes** for the December 12, 2022, April 10, 2023, May 8, 2023 and August 14, 2023 AAC meetings.

Action Request: That the AAC approve the meeting minutes.
7. **Community Development Director's Report.** (*Planning Liaison*)
8. **Consideration of a Recommendation Letter** in support of continued funding for the County's Farm Labor Housing Loan Program.

Action Request: That the AAC approve the recommendation letter.

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9. **Adjournment**

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Voting Members													
James Oku Farmer	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			
Natalie Sare Farmer		X			X	X	X	X		X	X		
John Vars Farmer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Peter Marchi Farmer	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Ryan Casey Farmer	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Cole Mazariegos- Anastassiou Farmer									X	X	X		
Jonathan Winslow Public Member	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Daniel Theobald Ag Business										X	X		
**Vacant Farmer													
**Vacant Public Member	X	X	X										
**Vacant Conservationist	X	X											
Natural Resource Conservation Staff:													
Jim Howard						No							
San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner: Koren Widdel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Farm Bureau Executive Director: Jess Brown	X		X	X	X		X		X	X			
UC Co-Op Extension Representative: Dr. Igor Lacan						X				X	X		
Planning Liaison													
San Mateo County Planning Liaison: Olivia Boo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO - PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

ITEM

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County of San Mateo Planning & Building Department Agricultural Advisory Committee

John Vars
Koren Widdel
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ACTION MINUTES

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Monday December 12, 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. 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.

A full recording of this meeting can be accessed on the official government YouTube channel of the County of San Mateo at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Guykhejfhlw>.

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 7:07 p.m.

2. **Member Roll Call**

Regular Committee Members Present:

Judith Humburg
James Oku
Jonathan Winslow
John Vars
Peter Marchi
Ryan Casey
Fred Crowder

Regular Committee Members Absent:

Natalie Sare
Lauren Silberman

Nonvoting Committee Members Present:

Koren Widdel, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner
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

Planning Liaison Present:
 Summer Burlison, Planning Staff Liaison

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 Chair John Vars moved, and Committee Member Fred Crowder seconded, to adopt the above resolution. No objections were raised and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Consideration of the Action Minutes** for the June 13, 2022 and September 12, 2022 AAC meetings.

Committee Member Fred Crowder moved, and Committee Member James Oku seconded, a motion to approve the Action Minutes for June 13, 2022 and September 12, 2022.

Motion passed 6-0-1, with 1 abstention.

5. **Consideration of the 2023 AAC Meeting Schedule.**

No objects were raised and the schedule was unanimously approved by the Committee.

6. **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.

No speakers.

7. **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, shared that last weekend there was a mountain lion sighting in San Gregorio.
- John Vars, Committee Chair, updating members on his attendance at the County's initial Farmworker Advisory Committee meeting.
- Summer Burlison, Planning Liaison, announced that County public meetings will be returning to in-person meetings starting March 2023.

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** on the County's Farm Labor Housing Guidelines, Application Process and Procedures. Presenter: Summer Burlison, Planning Liaison.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Kerry Burke

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No action taken. The Committee discussed and asked clarifying questions regarding type of housing units allowed for farm labor housing, minimum housing size requirements, and need for assistance for applicants to navigate through the permitting and loan process.

10. **Committee Review of (AAC) Subcommittee Meeting Notes on Agritourism Guidelines.**

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

None

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No action taken. The Committee reviewed previous discussion on this item regarding length and frequency of allowed agritourism activities and farm dinners. The Committee focused continued conversation on defining farm tours and educational tours.

11. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. by Committee Chair John Vars.



County of San Mateo Planning & Building Department Agricultural Advisory Committee

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ACTION MINUTES

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Monday April 10, 2023

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1. **Call to Order**

At the Ted Adcock Community Center, in the South Day Room, located at 535 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay, Vice Chair Natalie Sare called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. **Member Roll Call**

Regular Committee Members Present:

Natalie Sare
John Vars
Peter Marchi
Ryan Casey
Jonathan Winslow

Regular Committee Members Absent:

James Oku
Lauren Silberman

Nonvoting Committee Members Present:

Koren Widdel, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner
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

Planning Liaison Present:

Summer Burlison, Planning Staff Liaison

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.

- Adria Arko, San Mateo Resource Conservation District, introduced the new County Agricultural Ombudsman, Eliza Milio.
- Eliza Milio, San Mateo Resource Conservation District Agricultural Program Manager and Agricultural Ombudsman, introduced herself to the Committee.
- Dante Silvestri, member of the public, voiced desire for Peninsula Open Space Trust to write in utility easements over lands associated with the Lake Lucerne Mutual Water Company

that are planned to be transferred to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District before any land transfer occurs.

- Kerry Burke, member of the public, shared that Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's agricultural policies for agricultural land management on the Coastside is in public review and encouraged all to review and submit input to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

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

- Koren Widdel, Agricultural Commissioner, announced minimum wage increased to \$16.50 as of April 1, 2023 for all unincorporated areas regardless of the size of the business; encouraged certified producers to submit for certification 2 weeks prior to certificate expiration to allow proper time for processing; and that the County Ag Department is working on trying to address a noxious weed, A-rated pokeweed, that was being sold as a cut flower for a short period of time.
- Natalie Sare, Committee Vice Chair, requested clarification on the projects reported in the Director's Report.
- Summer Burlison, Planning Liaison, reviewed general project categories included in the Director's Report each month.

5. **Community Development Director's Report.** *(Planning Liaison)*

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

None

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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

Regular Agenda

6. **Informational Item** on water supply wells in San Mateo County. Presenter: Gregory Smith, Water Protection and Land Use Programs Supervisor, County Environmental Health Services. A copy of the presentation slides is available at: <https://www.smcgov.org/planning/event/agricultural-advisory-committee-meeting-april-10-2023>.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Kerry Burke
Dante Silvestri

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No action required. The presenter addressed a clarifying question from the committee that drilling a hole in the ground, such as a boring for a geotechnical study, does not require a permit from Environmental Health Services if only going down 9 ft. However, if 10 ft. or greater, even if just a boring without construction, a permit from Environmental Health Services is required. Separately, the minimum sanitary seal depth is 20 ft.

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. by Committee Chair John Vars.



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ACTION MINUTES

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Monday May 8, 2023

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1. **Call to Order**

At the Ted Adcock Community Center, in the South Day Room, located at 535 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay, Chair John Vars called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

2. **Member Roll Call**

Regular Committee Members Present:

James Oku
Natalie Sare
John Vars
Peter Marchi
Ryan Casey
Jonathan Winslow

Regular Committee Members Absent:

Lauren Silberman

Nonvoting Committee Members Present:

Koren Widdel, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner
Jess Brown, San Mateo County Farm Bureau Executive Director

Nonvoting Committee Members Absent:

Jim Howard, Natural Resource Conservation Staff
Dr. Igor Lacan, UC Co-Op Extension Representative

Planning Liaison Present:

Summer Burlison, Planning Staff Liaison

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.

- Kerry Burke, member of the public, announced that on tomorrow's Board of Supervisors meeting agenda is a Measure K item for \$1,000,000 earmarked for farmworker housing.
- Ray Mueller, District 3 Board of Supervisor, explained the Measure K item on tomorrow's Board of Supervisors' agenda; that the County farm labor housing survey and task force is informing the County about how much farmworker housing supply exists to help determine how much is needed; and that the task force inspections are to verify current supply and create an inventory of issues that the County can work on addressing.

- BJ Burns, member of the public, shared that all farmworker housing sites should be inspected now to get inspections done and get any issues addressed rather than delay working on improving farmworker housing in the County.
- Dante Silvestri, member of the public, posed questions as to why farming does not occur on three Peninsula Open Space Trust parcels excluded from the “WCBE” (Wildlife Conservation Board Easement) and why the land is not offered to farmers with water.
- Mike Williams, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space Trust, shared that further research is needed to answer questions raised by Dante Silvestri regarding three parcels excluded from the WCBE.

4. **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, provided praise to Environmental Health Services’ presentation at the last AAC meeting on water supply wells.
- Koren Widdel, Agricultural Commissioner, shared that the Department of Pesticide Regulation is proposing changes to decontamination facility requirements and that a public hearing will be held on May 17, 2023 for public comment. The Department of Pesticide Regulation is also proposing to increase fine levels for Class A and Class B fines. The Ag Department is moving forward on the Ag ID Program and will schedule time at a future AAC agenda to discuss.
- Natalie Sare, Committee Vice Chair, requested the Committee invite a speaker to present on family farm transfer (tax) exemptions under Proposition 19.

5. **Consideration of Action Minutes** for the January 9, 2023 AAC meeting.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

None

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Chair John Vars moved, and Committee Member Jonathan Winslow seconded, a motion to continue the item to the next meeting to allow time for committee members to review.

Motion passed 6-1-0, with 1 absent member.

6. **Discuss** a recommendation to the County to encourage Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) to provide utility/water easements on their agricultural lands, associated with Lake Lucerne Mutual Water Company, before acquisitions by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Dante Silvestri
 Kerry Burke
 BJ Burns
 Mike Williams
 Dan Sare

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No action taken. The committee discussed the topic with members of the public and a representative in the audience from Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District regarding utility easements and Lake Lucerne Water Company shareholder interests.

7. **Community Development Director's Report.** *(Planning Liaison)*

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

None

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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

Regular Agenda

8. **Presentation and Discussion** on Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's Draft Agricultural Policy. Presenter: Lewis Reed, Rangeland Ecologist/Botanist, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

James Ingalsbe
Kerry Burke
Dante Silvestri
Rob Skinner

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No action required. The presenter provided a summary of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's Draft Agricultural Policy development background, the Policy's main goals and implementation measures, and timeline for adoption, and received questions and comments from committee members and members of the public.

9. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. by Committee Chair John Vars.



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Monday August 14, 2023

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1. **Call to Order**

At the Ted Adcock Community Center, in the South Day Room, located at 535 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay, Chair John Vars called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.

2. **Member Roll Call**

Regular Committee Members Present:

James Oku
John Vars
Peter Marchi
Cole Mazariegos-Anastassiou
Lauren Silberman

Regular Committee Members Absent:

Natalie Sare
Ryan Casey
Jonathan Winslow

Nonvoting Committee Members Present:

Koren Widdel, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner
Jess Brown, San Mateo County Farm Bureau Executive Director

Nonvoting Committee Members Absent:

Jim Howard, Natural Resource Conservation Staff
Dr. Igor Lacan, UC Co-Op Extension Representative

Planning Liaison Present:

Olivia Boo, Planning Staff Liaison

3. **Membership Recognitions** for outgoing and incoming members.

Recognized outgoing members:

Lauren Silberman

Recognized incoming members:

Cole Mazariegos-Anastassiou
Daniel Theobald

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.

Public Speakers:

Kerry Burke
 BJ Burns
 Dante Silvestri
 Vince Montana

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

Committee Member Speakers:

Peter Marchi
 Cole Mazariegos-Anastassiou
 Lauren Silberman
 Koren Widdel

6. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes** for the August 8, 2022, October 17, 2022, November 14, 2022, and February 13, 2023 AAC meetings.

Committee Chair John Vars moved, and Committee Member James Oku seconded, a motion to approve the August 8, 2022, October 17, 2022, November 14, 2022, and February 13, 2023 minutes.

Motion passed 3-0-2, with three absent members and two abstentions.

7. **Community Development Director's Report.** *(Planning Liaison)*

Speakers:

None

Committee Action:

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

Regular Agenda

8. **INFORMATION ITEM** on Proposition 19 related to transfers of a family farm between parents and their children without causing a change in ownership for property tax purposes. Speaker: James Bonnin, Principal Appraiser at the Office of Mark Church Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder & Chief Elections Officer. ***During meeting proceedings, this item was heard as the last item of the meeting.***

Public Speakers:

BJ Burns

Committee Action:

No action required. The Committee heard a presentation on Proposition 19. A copy of the presentation is available online here: <https://www.smcgov.org/planning/event/agricultural-advisory-committee-meeting-august-14-2023>.

9. **Consideraton of AAC Recommendation Letter** to San Mateo County Planning and Building Department on Agritourism Guideline Updates. ***During meeting proceedings, this item was heard before Informational Item 8.***

Public Speakers:

Ron Sturgeon
BJ Burns

Committee Action:

Committee Chair John Vars moved, and Committee Member James Oku seconded, a motion to approve the Recommendation Letter.

Motion passed 5-0-0, with three absent members.

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. by Committee Chair John Vars.



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO - PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

ITEM

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

DATE: December 4, 2023

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

CONTACT INFORMATION: Olivia Boo, Planner, oboo@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 September 29, 2023 to December 3, 2023.

PLANNED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (PAD) PERMIT OUTCOMES

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

UPCOMING PLANNED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PERMIT PROJECTS

One (1) PAD permit application was received by the Planning Division during this time period.

- a. Owner: Half Moon Bay Properties, LLC
Applicant: Jim Guan
File Number: PLN2023-00334
Location: 12761 San Mateo, Half Moon Bay (unincorp)
Assessor's Parcel No.: 056-270-100

Planned Agricultural District Permit, Coastal Development Permit (CDP), and Grading Permit to legalize an existing cold storage, keep an existing green house, remove one substandard farm labor housing unit, and add or remove associated infrastructure on a 130.7 acre parcel; involves 1,525 cubic yards of grading and no tree removal. The CDP is appealable to the California Coastal Commission. Application received October 12, 2023; Project Planner: Sonal Aggarwal, saggarwal@smcgov.org.

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT EXEMPTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS

No rural CDX applications were submitted during this time period.

OTHER PROJECTS

None.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. AAC vacancy update.
2. Next meeting is on January 8, 2024.



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO - PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

ITEM

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December 11, 2023

To Ray Mueller
c/o San Mateo County Board of Supervisor
County Government Center
Redwood City, CA

RE: Support for Farmworker Housing Funding

Dear Supervisor Ray Mueller:

The Agricultural Advisory Committee of San Mateo County requests your support of Farm Worker Housing. We are specifically in support of funding being restored to the program that allows and supports housing on producers' property. We wish you to support this funding for the following reasons:

- Farmers, producers, are supportive of the need for safe affordable housing for the lifeblood of our business and food supply for San Mateo County residents, Farmworkers.
- Decentralized housing for farmworkers, achieves many goals for San Mateo County that are important to the quality of life for all residents in San Mateo. Safe and affordable housing on the property of the farmer makes sense in achieving two critical goals mentioned in most Climate Action Plans. Decentralized housing reduces greenhouse gas emissions and traffic on the Coast and in San Mateo County.
- Larger projects are often met with opposition from neighbors who fear affordable housing projects in their neighborhood.
- Keeping affordable housing on the property of the farmers keeps the housing agriculturally related. Larger projects can evolve into generic affordable housing, which is a critical need and in short supply, but would meet the challenges facing many residents in our area for a safe place to live.
- Given the sometimes-migratory nature of farm work, housing tied to a specific property will maintain the integrity of the intent of Farmworker Housing.

The above points are critical to the success of a \$100 million dollar industry that supports many families, both farmworker and producers in San Mateo County. Our Agricultural industry supports a quality of life for San Mateo County residents that allows them to experience a rural lifestyle along the Coast that allows our fellow citizens a respite from urban living over the hill. Recreation and food are both a basic human need.

Please support the farmers moving forward to obtain the housing needed for our farmworkers that support the citizens of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,

Natalie Sare
Committee Chair, on behalf of the Agricultural Advisory Committee

This letter was finalized and approved at the AAC meeting held on December 11, 2023 with the following voting results:

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