



County of San Mateo - Planning and Building Department

ATTACHMENT E



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July 14, 2022

Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo
Hall of Justice
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The San Mateo County Farm Bureau is in opposition of the relocation of the Pescadero Fire Station at the site next to the Pescadero High School. This such site is Prime Agricultural Land, which has been in agricultural production for decades and should remain in production, not paved over for other purposes.

San Mateo County's LCP Policy 5.8.a prohibits conversion of prime agriculture land to a conditional use unless (1) no alternative site exists for the use; (2) a buffer area is provided between agricultural and non-agricultural uses; (3) productivity of adjacent agricultural land will not diminish; and (4) use(s) will not impair agricultural viability (through higher assessed value or degraded air and water quality). The considered project of a new fire station at this location (360 Butano Cut-off) would be located on prime agricultural ground. The County would have to find that any proposed conditional uses comply with all four of the above polices in order to comply.

Also, upgrading the station facility at its current location is the best option. It keeps emergency services close to the town center, with better ability to respond to calls in the Highway 1 corridor. Plus, improving the current location eliminates the need for a new water line to service the station.

Thank you for considering our opinion on this matter.

Sincerely,

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BJ Burns
President

CC: Steve Monowitz, Community Development Director at San Mateo County



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April 24, 2017

California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street #2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Commissioners,

The San Mateo County Farm Bureau is opposed to the relocation of the Pescadero Fire Station on to prime farmland. The proposed site at 360 Butano Cutoff, Pescadero, that is being seriously considered by the County of San Mateo is some of the best farmland in our area. It should not be covered over with buildings.

There is also much concern over the potential seismic activity at that site. We have sought professional input from Dr. Gerald Weber, retired engineering geologist, about the San Gregorio fault zone. His report (enclosed) brings forward concerns.

Lastly, the site does not provide the best service location for the community in emergency situations. The best scenario would be that the current fire station be re-built on its present site as its proximity to Highway 1 is much closer than the proposed site at Butano Cutoff.

We ask that the Coastal Commission oppose this proposed relocation. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

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Renee Ananda, Coastal Program Analyst, California Coastal Commission
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