

FAIR OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
SAN MATEO COUNTY EVENT CENTER
2495 SOUTH DELAWARE STREET, SAN MATEO
Thursday, January 9, 2025 - 4:00 pm

Our mission is to provide a resilient space that enhances daily life through social connectedness, economic opportunity, and community well-being.

Present:

Steven Wong, Chair	Dana Stoehr
Leonard Iniguez	Justin Aquino
Kitty Lopez	Charlene King
	Milla Khano

I. Oral Communications

Justin reported that the CDFA state veterinarian has placed a ban on poultry and dairy cattle at California fairs due to the H5N1 bird flu virus. He noted that this ban will affect ½ of the barn during our Fair, and staff is working on plans to fill that space. CEO Stoehr reported that most of our livestock show consists of poultry entries, and there is a risk that this ban may prevent exhibitors from entering next year. We are considering alternative projects to provide education on poultry. There was discussion regarding the consideration of hosting an open show. It was agreed that we will survey our stakeholders and speak to the 4H clubs at upcoming meetings.

II. Exhibits Department Local Rules

Justin provided the committee with a copy of the exhibits department local rules and noted the existing rules remain unchanged for 2025. The department supervisors are currently completing their exhibitor handbooks and the books will be available in early February.

III. Livestock Department Exhibitor Code of Conduct

Justin provided the committee with a copy of the 2024 Exhibitor Code of Conduct for participation in the Fair Youth Livestock Show. There was a discussion about the care and treatment of sick animals. It was agreed to clarify the livestock rules to specify that the treatment of sick animals is the exhibitor's responsibility. Additionally, the rules will state that sick animals must be examined by a licensed veterinarian and that leaders are required to report any sick animals to Fair Management.

IV. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the committee will meet quarterly in 2025, with the next meeting scheduled for April 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

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