



SONOMA COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION
AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Thursday, December 10, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

***SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE
DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

Meeting begins at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PLEASE CALL IF UNABLE TO ATTEND

AGENDA

1. **Public Comment** - Comments on items not listed on the agenda
(*Time is limited to 3 minutes per person/item*)
2. **Approval of Minutes** [Attachment "A"] ***ACTION***
October 22, 2015
3. **General Manager's Report** ***INFORMATIONAL***
4. **Sub-Committee Report Outs** ***INFORMATIONAL***
5. **Urban Open Space Overview – Matching Grant Program** ***INFORMATIONAL***
Jennifer Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator
6. **Portrait of Sonoma** ***INFORMATIONAL***
Brian Vaughn, Department of Health Division Director
7. **Projects in Negotiation** [Attachment "B"] ***INFORMATIONAL***
8. **Announcements from Advisory Committee Members** ***INFORMATIONAL***
9. **Adjournment** Next Meeting: January 28, 2016

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Future Meeting Topics
(subject to change)

1/28/16

**Healthy Lands & Healthy Economies: Multiple Benefits of Natural Capital
Audit & Fiscal Update
New Project Overview
Formation of Sub Committees**

2/25/16

**Spotlight: Management Review Implementation
Project Spotlight: Stewardship
Funding Update
New Project Overview**

3/24/16

**Spotlight: Comprehensive Plan
Farm Center Update
New Project Overview**

4/28/16

**Spotlight: Acquisitions
Legislative
New Project Overview
Community Relations Update**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the audience desiring to address the Committee on a matter on the agenda will have an opportunity to speak. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please be brief and limit your comments to the subject under discussion. Each person is usually granted 3 minutes to speak; time limitations are at the discretion of the Chair.



Attachment "A"

SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 22, 2015 MINUTES

Meeting convened at the District office, 747 Mendocino Avenue,
Suite 100, Santa Rosa, California

Members Present

Jeffrey Holtzman	Gary Wysocky	Don McEnhill
Bill Smith	Sue Conley	Kristin Thigpen
Curt Nichols	Jan McFarland	

Members Absent

Doug Lipton	Cary Fargo	John Nagle
Janet Orchard	John Dell'Osso	Steve Rabinowitsh
Laurie Gallian	John Azevedo	

Staff Present

Bill Keene, General Manager; Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager; Misti Arias, Acquisition Program Manager; Amy Ricard, Community Relations Specialist; Mary Dodge, Administrative & Fiscal Services Manager; Bob Pittman, County Counsel; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Clerk

Chair Pro Tem Kristin Thigpen, standing in as chair for Chair Steve Rabinowitsh, called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

Public Comment

Duane Dewitt commented on the Roseland Creek clean up on Saturday. He also commented on the lack of constructive response from Santa Rosa City Hall regarding the limitations on a conservation easement on the McMinn property in Roseland. He requested help from District staff and the Advisory Committee members in saving the McMinn property.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of August 27, 2015 were approved as submitted.

General Manager's Report

- Rancho Mark West conservation easement on St Helena Road went to the Board of Directors and was approved on October 13, 2015.
- Richardson Kashia conservation easement north of Salt Point went to the Board of Directors and was approved on October 13, 2015 and will close in November.
- Conservation Planning Update will go to the Board on November 17, 2015. Karen Gaffney will give an update on LiDAR, Climate Action Through Conservation and Healthy Lands, Healthy Economies.
- Estero Ranch, at the mouth of the Estero Americano, will go to the Board of Directors on November 17, 2015. This property is over 600 acres and will allow access to the mouth of the Estero and will contribute to the Coastal Trail.
- The Conservation Easement Workshop, a workshop on conservation easements and how they work, will go to the Board January 12, 2016.
- The Stewardship Planning Update will be brought to the Board of Directors January 26, 2016.
- The District led a tour that was part of the annual Land Trust Alliance Rally National Conference on October 8, 2015. The tour included a small hike at Taylor Mountain, then a bike ride from Prince Gateway Park along the Prince Memorial Greenway and Santa Rosa Creek Trail to the end of the trail at Willowside Road. The participants were then shuttled to the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation's Heron Hall at Stone Farm for a lunch of local foods and beverages donated from around the County. Lunch included cheese from Sue Conley's farm, Cowgirl Creamery.
- On October 21, 2015, there was a public meeting at the Dunbar Elementary School in Glen Ellen to discuss the Calabazas Creek Resource Management Plan.
- On November 4, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, a public meeting will be held at the Bodega Bay Fire Protection District, 510 Highway One, to discuss the Estero Trail at Bordessa Ranch. The District will present the preliminary trail and staging plan and will solicit public input.

Sub-committee Report Outs and Ag Update

Ag Subcommittee Chair Sue Conley reported out on topics the subcommittee have been working on: the District Farm Center, new tools for managing ag easements, a potential artisan cheese case study and the District comprehensive plan.

Community Relations

Amy Ricard – Community Relations Specialist - updated the Advisory Committee members on the District's community relations strategy with a PowerPoint presentation. Strategies include website development, brand awareness and online and offline tools to reach the community and enhance public awareness of the District.

A member of the public expressed concerns that the use of the term “branding” in this community relations strategy is too corporate for the District. Amy and Bill clarified that the goal is to more effectively share with the community the unique role, as well as the accomplishments and impact of the District.

The PowerPoint presentation is available at the District upon request. For more information, contact Amy Ricard at the District office.

Community Separators

Misti Arias gave an introduction and history of community separators and Greenbelts. A robust discussion of community separators and Greenbelts between District staff, Advisory Committee members and members of the public followed the presentation. Terri Shore and Jenny Blaker from Greenbelt Alliance contributed to the conversation.

Projects in Negotiations

The Matching Grant Project for the Sebastopol Skategarden will go to the Board of Directors on December 15, 2015.

Announcements From Advisory Committee Members

Kristin Thigpen

The Sonoma Land Trust will hold a breach the levy event at Sears Point Ranch on Hwy 37 on Sunday, October 25, 2015. It is open to the public from 2:00 to 6:00.

Jeffrey Holtzman

In bird news, the Taylor Mountain census has added the Golden Crown Kinglet to its list which is expanding.

Adjournment: 6:53 pm

Next scheduled meeting date: December 10, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson,
Advisory Committee Secretary

PROJECT	Acreage (approximate)	Supervisory District	Acquisition Plan Category	Project Design	Appraisal Process	Approvals/Baseline	Escrow	Comments
Arrowhead-Maas Ranch	245	2	Farms & Ranches	x				CE under negotiation
Bettinelli Dairy	300	2	Farms & Ranches					On hold at request of owner (until June 2016)
Bottarini (Estero Ranch)	548	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x	x		x	Board approved November 17, 2015
Buttke Dairy	253	2	Farms & Ranches					On hold at request of owner
Cresta III	46	1	Recreation & Education	x	x			Appraisal under review
Donnell	909	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside	x				CE under negotiation
Fitch Mountain (Acq P2)	26	4	Recreation & Education	x	x	x		Under contract
Foppiano Vineyards	160	4	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside	x	x			Fiscal Oversight Commission reviewed 3/5/15
Glenn Ranch	230	2	Farms & Ranches	x	x			Appraisal completed but not taken to FOC
Gloeckner-Turner Ranch	3,364	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x				On hold at request of owner
Hansen Ranch	330	2	Farms & Ranches	x	x			Appraisal under review
Howlett Forest	1,395	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x				CE under negotiation
LaFranchi	1,189	4	Farms & Ranches	x				On hold at request of owner
Lafranconi	211	5	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside	x				CE under negotiation
Madeline Poncia Trust	175	2	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside	x				On hold at request of owner
Mattos Dairy	866	2	Farms & Ranches	x				Project design
McClelland Dairy	337	2	Farms & Ranches	x	x			Appraisal underway
McCullough - Phase 2	259	1	Recreation & Education	x	x			On hold at request of owner
Ranchero Mark West	120	1	Recreation & Education	x	x	x	x	Board approved October 13, 2015
Richardson - Kashia	688	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x	x	x	x	Board approved October 13, 2015
Rips Redwoods	1,850	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x				CE under negotiation
Sonoma Developmental Ctr V (Transforma	945	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside					Resource assessment underway
Spring Hill Ranch	313	1	Farms & Ranches	x				On hold at request of owner
Stewarts Point Ranch	871	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x	x			Appraisal underway

Total Acres: 15,631

Matching Grant Projects	Acreege (approximate)	Supervisory District	Location	Begin Grant Process	Appraisal Process	Approvals/Baseline	Escrow	Comments
Bayer Farm Site Development	6**	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	x	x	x	Reimbursement ongoing
Colgan Creek Park and Preserve (Ph 1)	2	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	x	x	x	Board approved 1/29/08
Colgan Creek Park and Restoration (Ph 2)	5	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	x	x	x	Board approved 4/21/15
Colgan Creek Restoration (Ph 3)	7	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a	x	x	Board approved 4/21/15
Crane Creek Regional Trail	6	1	East of Rohnert Park	x	n/a			Advisory Committee accepted project 6/28/07
Creekside Park, Phase 1A	4**	5	Monte Rio	x	n/a	x	x	Reimbursement ongoing
Denman Reach Phase 3	2	2	North Petaluma	x				Drafting documents
East Washington Park	25	2	Northeast Petaluma	x	n/a			Negotiations
Falletti Ranch	4	2	Cotati	x	x	x	x	Tracking match
Forever Forestville	4	5	Downtown Forestville	x	x	x	x	Tracking match
Guerneville River Park, Phase 2	5	5	Central Guerneville	x	x	x		FOC approved 1/9/14
Irwin Creek Riparian Restoration	47**	5	West of Santa Rosa	x	n/a			Negotiations
Laguna Acquisition & Improvements	9	5	Sebastopol	x	x	x	x	Reimbursement ongoing
Moorland Park	4	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x				Initiating project
MRRP-Meadowlark Field	58	5	Sebastopol	x	x	x	x	Reimbursement ongoing
Nathanson Creek Preserve Restoration	1**	1	Sonoma	x	n/a			Drafting documents
Paula Lane OSP	11	2	West Petaluma	x	x	x	x	Tracking match
Patterson Point	2	5	Villa Grande	x	x	x	x	Reimbursement ongoing
Riverfront Regional Park Phase 3	305	4	West of Windsor	x	n/a			Advisory Committee accepted project 7/24/08
Roseland Village Public Space	1	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x				Initiating project
Sebastopol Skatergarten Expansion	1	5	Sebastopol	x	n/a			FOC approved 11/12/15 @ BOD 12/15/15
SMART Pathway – Hearn to Bellevue	6	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a			Negotiations
SMART Pathway - Payran to S. Point	14	2	Petaluma	x				Initiating project
Sonoma Garden Park, Phase 2	5**	1	East of Sonoma	x	n/a	x	n/a	Reimbursement ongoing
Total Acres:	471							

Project Status Chart

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ATTACHMENT "B"

12/4/2015

** Restoration/Development Project on previous acquisition.