



Attachment "A"

*SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE SONOMA COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION*

*March 22, 2018 MINUTES*

5:06 pm Meeting convened at the: Finley Community Center  
2060 West College Avenue  
Santa Rosa, California

**Advisory Committee Members Present**

Don McEnhill	Bill Smith	Curt Nichols	David Cook
Doug Lipton	John Nagle	Halei Trowbridge	
Steve Rabinowitsh	John Dell'Osso	Jan McFarland	

**Fiscal Oversight Commissioners Present**

Eric Koenigshofer  
Bob Anderson  
Jeff Owen

**Advisory Committee Members Absent**

Elly Grogan	Paul Martin	Tawny Tesconi	
Eddie Smith	Neysa Hinton	Cary Fargo	Evan Wiig

**Fiscal Oversight Commissioners Absent**

Todd Mendoza  
Regina De La Cruz  
Michael Sangiacomo

**Staff Present**

Bill Keene, General Manager; Misti Arias, Acquisition Program Manager; Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Program Manager; Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager; Alex Roa, Conservation Planning Special Projects Planner; Indigo Bannister, Conservation Planning Technician; Amy Ricard, Community Relations Specialist; Kim Batchelder, Conservation Planning Associate Planner; Allison Schichtel, Conservation Planning GIS Analyst; Bob Pittman, County Counsel; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Clerk; Sue Jackson, Fiscal Oversight Commission Deputy Clerk

Chair Dell'Osso called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

Chair Dell'Osso read the Ag + Open Space mission as in introduction to the meeting and emphasized the importance of the Vital Lands Initiative for the next 20 to 25 years of the Ag + Open Space.

## **Public Comment**

Chair Dell'Osso asked for public comments on items not on the agenda.

Duane DeWitt from Roseland thanked the Advisory Committee and the Fiscal Oversight Commission for all the work that has been done through the Ag + Open Space in saving natural resource areas and urban green spaces. He discussed that the Roseland Creek is on the urban edge where people cannot see the value of the natural resources of the creek. Mr. DeWitt is opposed to a bicycle track that the City of Santa Rosa would like to install in the park. He is concerned that this track could add to erosion and pollution and is not part of saving the natural resources of the park.

## **Vital Lands Initiative Presentation and Discussion**

Bill Keene, General Manager, let the members of the public know that this is a meeting to hear from them on the Vital Lands Initiative. The format of the meeting is that the Ag + Open Space will make a presentation and then the public will give input.

Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager, gave a short introduction and presentation on the Ag + Open Space creation, history and guiding policies, and an overview of the draft Vital Lands Initiative.

Amy Ricard, Community Relations Specialist, facilitated a public input session. Members of the Advisory Committee and the Fiscal Oversight Commission shared their perspectives.

Comments were captured by two manual note takers and via computer and will be available on the website for the public to view. The staff will take the feedback from the public and will revise the draft accordingly. The draft will be taken to the Board of Supervisors on May 8, and the final will be taken to the Board in June.

For more information, contact Ms. Gaffney. The PowerPoint presentation is available upon request.

**Adjournment:** 6:56 pm.

Next scheduled meeting dates: Fiscal Oversight Commission: April 5, 2018  
Advisory Committee: April 26, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson,  
Advisory Committee Secretary