



Attachment "A"

*SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
March 22, 2012 MINUTES*

5:02 p.m. Meeting convened at the District office, 747 Mendocino Avenue,  
Suite 100, Santa Rosa, California

**Members Present**

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| Janet Orchard  | Bill Smith    | Shanti Wright     | Guy Wilson    |
| Suzanne Doyle  | Jeff Holtzman | Steve Rabinowitsh | Dennis Murphy |
| Laurie Gallian | Jan McFarland | John Nagle        |               |

**Members Absent**

Cary Fargo  
Sue Conley  
Kristin Thigpen

**Staff Present** Bill Keene, General Manager; Christine Minkel, Administrative & Fiscal Services Manager; Tom Robinson, Conservation Planner; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Secretary

**Public Attendees** Sue Buxton, Donna Spilman, Jason Merrick

**Announcement from the Chair**

No announcements from the Chair

**Public Comment**

Sue Buxton spoke about mitigation on open space lands: she is opposed to already protected open space lands being used for mitigation.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Orchard asked for comments on the minutes of February 23, 2012. Motion by Laurie Gallian to approve minutes and second by Sue Doyle.

**General Manager's Report**

- Next Tuesday, March 27 the Work Plan will be going before the Board of Directors in the afternoon session, which officially begins at 2:00 pm and starts with a half hour of public comments on items not on the agenda. Bill Keene encouraged the Advisory Committee to attend and make comments as well.

- Advisory Committee member Karen Bianchi Moreda declined reappointment as Agriculture representative. The position is now open.
- The mitigation policy will be brought to the Advisory Committee in April. In early April the Board Ad Hoc Committee will meet and Bill Keene will report out at the next Advisory meeting.
- The Oak Woodlands Management Plan is being finalized internally and a review draft will be made available to the public.
- District is evaluating proposals for consultant services to assist in completion of a fine scale vegetation and habitat map for Sonoma County including fund development. Plans to be brought forward to the Board in late April.
- Bordessa was brought to the Board on March 13. There was a 3-2 Straw vote of the Board for approval of the acquisitions of the conservation easement and trail easement as well as acceptance of a \$650,000 Coastal Conservancy grant towards acquisition of the CE and \$50,000 grant to Regional Parks for trail planning. The board requested additional information regarding on-going costs to Regional Parks for operations and maintenance. Will be brought to the Board again on March 27 for additional information and a final vote. This item will be on the morning calendar.
- Matching Grant Program - the District received nine applications that will go through final analysis and Deanna Kamber, Assistant Planner, will be scheduling the Matching Grant Program subcommittee soon.

### **Conservation Planning Update**

Tom Robinson, Conservation Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation on how the District is planning for land conservation using high-quality, science-based data development, research and planning to efficiently and effectively support the District's mission.

### **Financial Update**

Bill Keene, General Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the District's Financial Update that was presented to the Board of Directors on March 13. The presentation focused on the District's past, present and future financial picture. This information is part of the Work Plan that the District has been developing for the past year and will be presented to the Board on Tuesday, March 27 at 2:30 pm.

### **Projects in Negotiations**

- Bordessa Ranch will go to the Board again on March 27 in the morning session for a final vote.
- Fitch Mountain is going forward and a verbal offer has been accepted. This project has been in the works for 14 years.

## **Announcements From Advisory Members**

### **Laurie Gallian**

- Attended the Regional Climate Protection Authority Annual Strategy Session meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at SCTA. Items discussed could have impact in respect to the District's mitigation policy that is coming to the Advisory Committee in April.

**Adjournment:** 6:45 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting date: April 26, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson,  
Advisory Committee Secretary