

Attachment "A"

***SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 24, 2011 MINUTES***

5:40 p.m. Meeting convened at the District office, 747 Mendocino Avenue,
Suite 100, Santa Rosa, California

Members Present

Kristin Thigpen	Janet Orchard	Bill Smith
Cary Fargo	Dennis Murphy	Sue Conley
Suzanne Doyle	Laurie Gallian	Jeff Holtzman
John Nagle		

Members Absent

Douglas Hanford	Steve Rabinowitsh	Yancey Forest Knowles
Karen Bianchi Moreda	Guy Wilson	Andy Rodgers

Staff Present Maria J. Cipriani, Assistant General Manager; Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Program Manager; Karen Gaffney, Strategic Initiatives Manager; Sue Gallagher, Deputy County Counsel; Janet Christensen, Advisory Committee Secretary; Carrie Johnson, Receptionist.

Public Attendees Donna Norton, Susan Kirks, Susan Baritell, William Billeter, Thanh Quach, Elizabeth Tyree, Ken Wells

Approval of Minutes

Chair Orchard called for comments on the minutes of February 24, 2011. Hearing none she called for the question. Motion by Laurie Gallian and second by Denny Murphy to approve the minutes.

Public Comment

Donna Norton stated that she would like to see the mitigation policy issue agendaized at the April 28th meeting.

Following comments by the public and committee, the committee requested that this issue be included as an item on the April agenda.

General Manager's Report

April 1st the Open Space Authority will transition to its new role as a Fiscal Oversight Commission with tasks that include: audit committee, review of operations and maintenance expenditures, review of procurement practices, review the District's audit, and review of appraisals.

The District will hold a special meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, April 25 at 9 a.m. in the Supervisors Chambers to discuss our program and future direction.

Regional Climate Protection Authority (RPCA) – District Collaboration

Karen Gaffney, Strategic Initiatives Manager, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation of the RPCA/ District collaboration covering these topics:

- Goals
- Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation
- Other Implementation Activities

Ms. Gaffney's presentation can viewed on the District's website at www.sonomaopenspace.org

Fee Lands Update

Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Program Manager, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation with an update of the District's Fee Lands program covering these topics:

- Land Management, operations and maintenance
- Planning and capital improvements
- Transfer of properties
- Opportunities and challenges
- Specific property updates on Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Preserves, North Slope Sonoma Mountain, Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve, Cresta/McCullough, and Montini Open Space Preserve and Trail.

Ms. Emerson's presentation can be viewed on the District's website at www.sonomaopenspace.org Stewardship project managers will present in-depth property updates at future meetings.

Announcements from Advisory Committee Members

Laurie Gallian

- California Federal Junior Duck Stamp Judging and Reception on Friday on March 25th and 26th at the CornerStone Gallery and Gardens in Sonoma.

Dennis Murphy

- Sotoyome Resource Conservation District has a new location at 201 Concourse Blvd., Suite B, Santa Rosa.

Jeff Holtzman

- Enjoyed kayaking and hiking on the Bordessa property.

Adjournment: 7:00 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting date: April 28, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Christensen,
Advisory Committee Secretary