

SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 23, 2011 MINUTES

5:30 p.m. Meeting convened at the District office, 747 Mendocino Avenue,
Suite 100, Santa Rosa, California

Members Present

Janet Orchard	Bill Smith	John Nagle
Cary Fargo	Guy Wilson	Andy Rodgers
Karen Bianchi Moreda	Douglas Hanford	Laurie Gallian

Members Absent

Dennis Murphy	Suzanne Doyle	Jeff Holtzman
Kristin Thigpen	Sue Conley	Steve Rabinowitsh

Staff Present Bill Keene, General Manager; Maria J. Cipriani, Assistant General Manager; DeAnna Kamber, Assistant Open Space Planner; Janet Christensen, Advisory Committee Secretary

Public Attendees Ralph Benson, Wendy Eliot, Amy Chesnut, Patty Fata, Jean Kapolochok, Bob Anderson, Jennifer Barrett, Mary Thayer

District Staff Misti Arias, Marta Puente, Carrie Johnson, Sara Press, Christine Minkel, Sue Jackson, Kathleen Marsh, Stu Martin

Approval of Minutes

Chair Orchard called for comments on the minutes of May 26, 2011. Hearing none she called for the question. Motion by Laurie Gallian and second by Guy Wilson to approve the minutes.

Public Comment Advisory Committee members, members of the public and District staff said a fond farewell to Assistant General Manager, Maria Cipriani, who is leaving the District after 23 years of exemplary service.

General Manager's Report

- The District's FY 11/12 budget was approved on the consent calendar in May.
- Karen Gaffney will take over coordinating the Advisory Committee meetings.
- A panel which included Jared Huffman, Bill Keene, Ruth Coleman, Caryl Hart and Craig Anderson met on June 10th to discuss the possible closure of State Parks.
- Sonoma Land Trust will fund the newly-organized Save Our State Parks Alliance. Dave Gould, Director and Lauren Dixon, Assistant Director will lead the effort.

- Maria Cipriani will be presented with a Gold Resolution for her service to the County of Sonoma at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on July 12.

Work Plan Overview

Bill Keene gave the committee members an overview of the District's Three-Year Work Plan for FY 2012-2015. The Work Plan will:

- Identify priorities in context of existing plans and commitments
- Demonstrate a balanced program
- Commit to a spending plan for FY 2012-2015

Peggy Flynn will be the manager lead and Sara Press will be the staff lead.

Process:

(Now through August)

- Compile goals from adopted documents, proposed budget, other board direction, work we are currently doing and anticipate doing in the next three years.

September

- Circulate preliminary work to Advisory Committee, Fiscal Oversight Commission, Board members and partners. Develop a fact sheet, develop a web page on our website, utilize events, project meetings, and program milestones to solicit feedback, draft the Work Plan, incorporate feedback, announce future joint meeting

October

- Joint meeting with Advisory Committee and Fiscal Oversight Commission and continue outreach to partners

January 2012

- Final Work Plan to Board of Directors

Matching Grant Program Overview and Update

DeAnna Kamber gave the Advisory Committee a brief overview of the Matching Grant program which included the history, program guidelines, application and the program cycle. DeAnna will work with the subcommittee on a revision of the guidelines and application in July, present the revisions to the full committee in September, and present them to the Board of Directors for approval and adoption in October. The program workshop/application period will begin in the fall.

Announcements from Advisory Members

Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting date: August 25, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Christensen,
Advisory Committee Secretary