



Attachment "A"

*SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 22, 2011 MINUTES*

5:35 p.m. Meeting convened at the District office, 747 Mendocino Avenue,
Suite 100, Santa Rosa, California

Members Present

Janet Orchard	Bill Smith	John Nagle
Suzanne Doyle	Steve Rabinowitsh	Karen Bianchi Moreda
Kristin Thigpen	Laurie Gallian	

Members Absent

Dennis Murphy	Cary Fargo	Jeff Holtzman	Andy Rodgers
Douglas Hanford	Sue Conley	Guy Wilson	

Staff Present Bill Keene, General Manager; Misti Arias, Conservation Program Manager; DeAnna Kamber, Assistant Open Space Planner; Sue Gallagher, Deputy County Counsel; Sara Press, Associate Open Space Planner; Janet Christensen, Advisory Committee Secretary; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Secretary

Public Attendees Ken Wells, Susan Kirks, Elizabeth Tyree

District Staff Carrie Johnson, Christine Minkel, Sue Jackson, Stu Martin, Sheri Emerson

Approval of Minutes

Chair Orchard called for comments on the minutes of June 23, 2011. Hearing none she called for the question. Motion by Laurie Gallian and second by Kristin Thigpen to approve the minutes.

Motion by Laurie Gallian and second by Suzanne Doyle to move item # 7 to item # 3.

Public Comment Advisory Committee members, members of the public and District staff said a fond farewell to Advisory Committee Secretary and Executive Secretary to Bill Keene, Janet Christensen, who is leaving the District after 11.5 years of exemplary service.

Ken Wells announced an upcoming event at Sonoma Trails: SCTC's Annual Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8, at 6:00 pm. Dave Gould, Director of the Parks Alliance, will be the guest speaker. SCTC Members only, you can join at the door. Dinner and beverages provided. Free t-shirt for new members. Join other trail advocates at the Sonoma County Driving and Riding Club on Aston Ave., just inside the south gate at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa. Details at www.sonomatrails.org

General Manager's Report

- District Management and Staff are working on the Work Plan: from now until Dec, they will take input from the public, partner organizations and stakeholders. There will be a joint meeting of the Fiscal Oversight Committee and Citizens' Advisory Committee in December/January and will go to the Board of Directors for their approval March/April.

Matching Grant Program Guidelines & App. Revisions

DeAnna Kamber, Assistant Planner, gave the committee members an overview of the proposed revisions to the Matching Grant Program. Input was received from committee members and the public. Ms. Kamber said if anyone had any other comments or suggestions, please email her at: deanna.kamber@sonoma-county.org by Sept 30, 2011.

Motion to continue the Brown Act Agenda Item to a future meeting. Motion by Laurie Gallian and second by Bill Smith.

Roblar Road Litigation Update

Sue Gallagher, Deputy County Counsel, gave an update on the Roblar Road Quarry Litigation.

Project in Negotiations

- Meadowlark Field Matching Grant Project was approved by the Board of Directors on August 9, 2011
- Sonoma Garden Park going to the Board for approval on September 27, 2011

Announcements from Advisory Members

Laurie Gallian

Late Summer Farm Forum: A conversation on the future of food and farming in Sonoma County. Led by panel of experts in food and farming, this informal gathering celebrates agriculture in Sonoma County. This was held at the Estate Restaurant in Sonoma.

Janet Orchard

Janet Orchard read a thank you note from Maria Cipriani, former Assistant General Manager of the District.

Adjournment: 7:50 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting date: October 27, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson,
Advisory Committee Secretary