



Attachment "A"

*SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE
DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

January 24, 2019 MINUTES

5:04 pm Meeting convened at the District office, 747 Mendocino Avenue,
Suite 100, Santa Rosa, California

Members Present

Bill Smith	Curt Nichols	Don McEnhill	John Nagle
Neysa Hinton	Steve Rabinowitsh	Paul Martin	Doug Lipton
John Dell'Osso	Taj Hittenberger	Jan McFarland	Cary Fargo
Tawny Tesconi			

Members Absent

Evan Wiig	Halei Trowbridge
David Cook	Steve Barbose

Staff Present

Bill Keene, General Manager; Misti Arias, Acquisition Program Manager; Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager; Aldo Mercado, County Counsel; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Clerk

Chair Dell'Osso called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Public Comment

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

Duane DeWitt would like to get an update on any joint progress between Ag + Open Space staff and the City of Santa Rosa regarding the Roseland Creek Park.

Jen Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator, will update the members on where the process is with the City of Santa Rosa at the next Advisory Committee meeting and this item will be added to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Dell'Osso asked for approval of the December 13, 2018 minutes. Steve Rabinowitsh motioned to approve the minutes, and Curt Nichols seconded the motion. All in favor, with abstentions from Doug Lipton and Cary Fargo who were not in attendance at the December meeting.

General Manager's Report Out

- The transfer of Healdsburg Ridge to the City of Healdsburg will go to the Board in March.
- Later in spring the Stewardship Workshop (update) will go to the Board in order to get some Board direction on our long term stewardship plan.
- A new member has been appointed to the Advisory Committee to represent the third district, Jennielynn Holmes. She is the Senior Director of Shelter and Housing for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa. She was sick this evening but will be in attendance next month.
- In late February, the County Department Heads will go to the Board to discuss each departments 2018 accomplishments and 2019 goals. Mr. Keene will discuss the Ag + Open Space accomplishments and goals.

Advisory Committee Administration

a) Election of Committee Officers

Chair Dell'Osso announced that all three of the current committee officers were still interested in their positions, but would step down if anyone else on the committee would like to volunteer. No one came forward. Curt Nichol motioned to continue with John Dell'Osso as Chair, and Cary Fargo and Bill Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor, no oppositions or abstentions. John Dell'Osso motioned to continue with Don McEnhill as Vice Chair and Cary Fargo seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor, no oppositions or abstentions. John Dell'Osso motioned to continue with Curt Nichols as Chair Pro Tem and John Nagle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

b) Advisory Committee Rules of Procedure

Chair Dell'Osso asked for a review of the Advisory Committee Rules of Procedure. There were no suggested changes from the members. Paul Martin motioned to approve the Rules of Procedure as they currently are, and John Nagle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

c) Ad Hoc Subcommittee Assignments

No new subcommittees were formed. The only current subcommittee is the Matching Grant Program. Chair Dell'Osso discussed the subcommittee with the members: Bill Smith, Halei Trowbridge, John Dell'Osso and Neysa Hinton are on this subcommittee, as well as two members from the Fiscal Oversight Committee. There is space for two or three more members if they would like to volunteer. This is not a cycle year for projects, but they will be working on the guideline revisions which will include deciding to run the program every year instead of every other, upping the financial amount, and deciding on replacing old equipment and facilities instead of just accepting new projects. Chair Dell'Osso asked if any other members would like to volunteer on the subcommittee, but no one volunteered. Don McEnhill motioned to keep the Matching Grant Subcommittee as is, and Tawny Tesconi seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

d) Committee Calendar and Roster

Chair Dell'Osso asked members to review the calendar dates for meetings in 2019. The members chose June as their summer break.

Subcommittee Report Out

The Advisory Committee currently has one active subcommittee, the Matching Grant Program, and there was no report out.

Vital Lands Initiative Update

Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager, updated the Advisory Committee on the Vital Lands Initiative.

For more information, contact Karen Gaffney at Ag + Open Space.

Acquisition Project Update: 2018 Accomplishments & 2019 Opportunities

Misti Arias, Acquisition Program Manager, updated the Advisory Committee on the acquisition project accomplishments for 2018 and upcoming opportunities for 2019.

For more information, the powerpoint presentation is available upon request, or contact Ms. Arias at Ag + Open Space.

Projects in Negotiations

Projects in negotiations were discussed in the Acquisition Project Update agenda item above.

Announcements from Advisory Committee Members and Members of the Public

There were no announcements.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Next scheduled meeting date: February 28, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson,
Advisory Committee Secretary