



**AG + OPEN SPACE**  
SONOMA COUNTY

SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**SPECIAL MEETING APPROVED MINUTES**

**Virtual Meeting Due to Sonoma County's Shelter in Place Order  
November 20, 2020 | 10:00 am**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michelle Whitman	Bill Smith	John Nagle	Don McEnhill
Curt Nichols	Neysa Hinton	Evan Wiig	
John Dell'Osso	Jan McFarland	Jennielynn Holmes	

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tawny Tesconi	Kristina Tierney	Cary Fargo
Paul Martin	Taj Hittenberger	Doug Lipton

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Bill Keene, General Manager; Misti Arias, Acquisition Manager; Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Manager; Sara Ortiz, Administrative Aide; Aldo Mercado, County Counsel; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Clerk

**Call to Order**

Chair Dell'Osso called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Chair Dell'Osso explained that this is a special meeting with an abbreviated agenda.

**Public Comment**

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

Susan Kirks, from Paula Lane Action Network and Madrone Audubon Society, wanted to let people know she was attending the meeting and in support of the topic.

**Consideration of a Letter on PG&E Settlement Funds**

At the last Advisory Committee meeting a letter was included in the packet from the Fiscal Oversight Commission that was sent to the Board of Directors in regards to the Pacific, Gas and Electric settlement. The Committee asked to have an item on the next Advisory Committee meeting's agenda to be able to discuss and decide if the Advisory Committee also wanted to write a letter to the BOD. Two members from the Fiscal Oversight Commission were in attendance this

morning and gave some background to the settlement process and outcome and their reasoning for sending a letter to the BOD. There was a discussion among the Advisory Committee members, Commissioners, public and staff. The Advisory Committee decided to write a one page letter to the BOD. The letter would state that the Ag + Open Space spent 1/3 costs on the litigation with PG&E, and that the Ag + Open Space should receive 1/3 of the settlement. This letter will be written and signed by the Advisory Committee Chair. Chair Dell'Osso called for a motion to support the letter going forward. Jan McFarland made a motion, and Neysa Hinton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

### **Projects in Negotiation**

- Staff is working hard on closing the Mattos Dairy project by the end of the year.

Acknowledgment was made that this was General Manager Bill Keene's last meeting and Caryl Hart was in attendance as the new interim General Manager.

Well wishes given to Mr. Keene and a warm welcome was made to Ms. Hart.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.

Next Meeting: December 10, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson  
*Advisory Committee Secretary*

