



Attachment "A"

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

***December 8, 2016 MINUTES***

5:07 pm Meeting convened at the District office, 747 Mendocino Avenue,  
Suite 100, Santa Rosa, California

**Members Present**

Doug Lipton	Curt Nichols	Jeffrey Holtzman	Laurie Gallian
Jan McFarland	John Nagle	Regan Connell	Elly Grogan
Sue Conley	John Dell'Osso	Steve Rabinowitsh	

**Members Absent**

Cary Fargo	Don McEnhill	Kristin Thigpen	Bill Smith
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**Staff Present**

Misti Arias, Acquisition Program Manager; Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Program Manager; Amy Ricard, Community Relations Specialist; Alex Roa, Assistant Planner; Melina Hammar, Stewardship Technician; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Clerk

Chair Rabinowitsh called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm and welcomed the District's new youth member, Regan Connell, to her first meeting. Annaleigh Nguyen, the other youth member, will not be able to continue; her school schedule became too busy.

**Public Comment**

Duane DeWitt expressed concern over the high price the City of Santa Rosa is asking for the Burbank Avenue property in Roseland.

**Introduction of New Advisory Committee Member**

Chair Rabinowitsh introduced the newest member to the committee, Elly Grogan, who was appointed by Supervisor Zane and is representing the third district. Ms. Grogan introduced herself.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Rabinowitsh asked for any corrections to the October 27, 2016 minutes. Seeing none they were approved.

**Comprehensive Plan Update**

Alex Roa, Associate Planner, gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan noting that the Advisory Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee had its first meeting two days ago with staff. The Subcommittee will be meeting periodically to give staff input on the process. The public kickoff event for the plan

was going to be held on January 11, 2017 but has been postponed and the new date is anticipated to be in late February.

### **General Manager's Report**

Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Program Managers, stood in for Bill Keene, General Manager, and presented the General Manager's Report:

- On December 13, 2016 the Safari West property's conservation easement compliance agreement for approval will go to the Board. The Lang's are in violation with some of the terms of the easement and the District is working towards resolving these.
- On January 24, 2017 two management plans will go to the Board. One is for the Poff (or Wright Hill) property that is along the coast next to Red Hill and Willow Creek. The other is for Calabazas Creek in Kenwood which features Calabazas Creek and other natural resources.
- Amy Ricard, Community Relations Specialist, reported that the Wendle property was taken to the Board on December 6, 2016 as a joint item with Regional Parks, and it was approved. There will be an article in the Press Democrat on Monday, December 12, 2016.

### **Subcommittee Report Out**

Sue Conley, Chair of the Advisory Committee Ag Subcommittee, reported that the Ag Subcommittee did not meet as there were no new items.

Jan McFarland, member on the Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee, reported that they had their first meeting this week with District staff. They will meet every four to six weeks for a couple of hours to give input to the staff.

### **Acquisition Program Update & Overview: 2016 Closings**

Misti Arias, Acquisition Program Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Acquisition Program Update and Overview for the 2016 closings. Ms. Arias explained that it was a Matching Grant Program year so the majority of closings were matching grants.

For more information on the Acquisition Program Update and Overview of the 2016 closings, the PowerPoint presentation is available at the District upon request.

### **Mitigation Administrative Policy Update**

Ms. Emerson presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Mitigation Administrative Policy Update and a handout was distributed to the Advisory Committee members with comments from members of the public and one Advisory Committee member.

The Committee requested a joint meeting be held with the District's Fiscal Oversight Commission to further review the draft policy and it was proposed for February 2017.

For more information on the Mitigation Administrative Policy, the PowerPoint presentation is available at the District upon request.

### **Projects in Negotiations**

Many of the projects in negotiations were discussed in the Acquisition Program Update and there were no questions about the projects.

## **Announcements from Advisory Committee Members**

### **Steve Rabinowitsh**

As this was Laurie Gallian's last meeting, Chair Rabinowitsh expressed appreciation for her contributions to the Advisory Committee through being a member, as well as acting as Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Gallian thanked the Committee and District staff. She expressed how much she has learned serving on the Committee.

Chair Rabinowitsh asked that the meeting being closed in the memory of Pat Eliot who passed away this week and was a champion of the District. Pat was on the LandPaths Board, helped to create the East Slope Trail on Sonoma Mountain, and devoted her life to protecting Sonoma County land. She was an amazing inspiration and will be greatly missed.

**Adjournment in the Memory of Pat Eliot:** 6:57 pm

Next scheduled meeting date: January 26, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson,  
Advisory Committee Secretary