

**SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE
FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**

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APPROVED

Minutes for the Meeting of August 3, 2017

Commissioners Present: Todd Mendoza, Chair; Regina De La Cruz, Vice Chair; Bob Anderson, Eric Koenigshofer; Jeff Owen, Alternate.

Staff Present: Bill Keene, General Manager; Karen Gaffney, Program Manager – Conservation Planning; Amy Ricard, Community Relations Specialist; Allison Schichtel, Conservation GIS Analyst; Alex Roa, Special Projects Planner; Indigo Bannister, Technician; Seamus Rafferty, Technician; Seamus Rafferty, Technician-Stewardship; Lisa Pheatt, Deputy County Counsel; Sue Jackson, Deputy Clerk/Recorder.

Also Present: Matt Sherman, public participant

1. **Call to Order.**

Commissioner Mendoza called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

2. **Agenda Items to be Held or Taken Out of Order; Off Agenda Items.**

There were none.

3. **General Announcements Not Requiring Deliberation or Decision.**

Mr. Keene made the following announcements:

- The field trip to a District property is planned for September 28, 2017, at a site yet to be determined. The Advisory Committee and the Fiscal Oversight Commission are encouraged to attend.
- The District issued a press release acknowledging a \$216,000 donation from the estate of Don Bradley, a Sonoma County resident, who died on June 20, 2016. The acknowledgement appeared in the Sonoma West Times and was a feature in Chris Smith's column in the Press Democrat (July 24, 2017)
- The District was featured in an "Open Road with Doug McConnell" segment, and showcased Bianchi Diary, Taylor Mountain Park and Preserve, and McNear Peninsula (Steamer Marsh)/Alman Marsh.
- The District is participating in several upcoming events:
 - GreenFest and the Sonoma County Fair (August 7, 2017)
 - Gravenstein Apple Fair (August 12 and 13, 2017)

- Agrarian Games (September 16, 2017)
- The District is bringing several items to the Board of Directors in the next few weeks:
 - Estero Train Plan/Consultant Contract for Environmental Impact Report (August 22, 2017)
 - Public Outings and Education Program (August 22, 2017)F
 - Transfer of Westerbeke Open Space Easements (September 12, 2017)
 - Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Grant Application for Joseph Camozzi Dairy (September 12, 2017)
 - Andy's Unity Park Matching Grant (September 19, 2017)
 - Hansen Ranch (McClelland) Conservation Easement (October 3, 2017)
 - Mark West Transfer and Cresta3 Acquisition (October 10, 2017)

4. **Public Comment.**

Matt Sherman requested an update on the incubator farm project. A student at Santa Rosa Junior College, he and several colleagues, submitted a letter of interest in response to the District's request related to the potential incubator farm project. Mr. Keene responded with an update.

5. **Correspondence/Communication.**

There was none.

6. **Approval of Commission Minutes.**

On a motion by Commissioner Anderson and second by Commissioner De La Cruz, the minutes of June 1, 2017, were approved as submitted.

7. **Financial Report.**

June financial reports were not available and will be presented with the annual audit when it is available.

8. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports.**

- Annual Report/Audit Review (Anderson/Owen) – Nothing to report.
- Finance/Investment (Sangiaco/Owen) – Nothing to report.
- Matching Grant Program (De La Cruz/Owen) – Nothing to report.
- District Office Location Scenarios (Anderson/Koenigshofer) - Nothing to report.

9. **Polling Results – FM3.**

Amy Ricard provided background data and key findings from the District's Countywide Voter Survey that was conducted April 4 – 9, 2017. The Commission made suggestions for follow-up activities, including how future surveys could be structured to address areas of public misconceptions or concerns in greater depth.

10. **Vital Lands Initiative Update.**

Karen Gaffney provided an update on the District's Vital Lands Initiative, and requested that the Commission continue to provide comments and support in framing the development and roll out of the District's initiative.

11. **Suggested Next Meeting.**

The Commission determined that rather than meet on the regularly scheduled date, i.e., the first Thursday of each month, that two alternate meeting dates would be necessary to support deadlines related to ongoing District projects. August 31st and September 14th were discussed as possible dates. The regularly scheduled meeting on September 7th was cancelled. Tentative approval of the alternate dates was agreed upon.

12. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. to a Special Meeting on August 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Jackson
Deputy Clerk