

**SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE
FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONERS

Mike Sangiacomo (Sonoma)
Todd Mendoza (Petaluma)
Regina De La Cruz (Rohnert Park)

Bob Anderson (Healdsburg)
Eric Koenigshofer (Occidental)
Jeff Owen (Alternate)

APPROVED

Minutes for the Meeting of February 8, 2018

Commissioners Present: Mike Sangiacomo, (Chair Pro Tempore); Bob Anderson, Eric Koenigshofer, Jeff Owen (Alternate)

Staff Present: Bill Keene, General Manager; Misti Arias, Acquisition Program Manager; Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Program Manager; Stuart Martin, Land Acquisition Specialist; Kathleen Marsh, Stewardship Coordinator; Lisa A. Pheatt, Counsel; Sue Jackson, Deputy Clerk.

Also Present: Duane De Witt, Roseland Action

1. **Call to Order.**

Commissioner Sangiacomo called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

2. **Election of Officers.**

The item was held over to the March meeting.

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

There were none.

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

Mr. Keene made the following announcements:

- The Board of Directors will conduct a series of four workshops focused on post-fire events, the first of which will be held at the Board Chambers on February 13th, entitled “Natural Resources Recovery Workshop.” He and Karen Gaffney, along with Grant Davis and Jay Jasperse (Sonoma County Water Agency), Michael Gossman (County Administrator’s Office) and James Williams (Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services) will be presenting to the Board of Directors.
- Following the aftermath of the recovery efforts necessitated by the October fires, the District is proceeding again with its work on the Vital Lands Initiative. On March 22nd, the Fiscal Oversight Commission will host a joint meeting with the Advisory Committee which will focus on the Initiative. The District will present a draft document to the Board of Directors on April 17th, followed by a presentation of the final document on May 22nd.

5. **Public Comment.**

Duane De Witt, representing Roseland Action, spoke to the Commission about a project currently under consideration by the City of Santa Rosa, Roseland Creek Park Acquisition, potentially funded, in part, through the District's Matching Grant Program.

6. **Correspondence/Communication.**

There was none.

7. **Approval of Commission Minutes.**

On a motion by Commissioner Anderson and second by Alternate Commissioner Owen, the minutes were approved with one correction, i.e., 14. Adjournment – the time was corrected.

8. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports.**

- Annual Report/Audit Review (Anderson/Owen)
- 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. **Creation of Ad Hoc Committees for 2018 and Assignment of Commissioners.**

Mr. Keene requested the creation of a Real Estate ad hoc committee, and recommended that Commissioners Mendoza and Owen be appointed. The Commission recommended that Commissioner Koenigshofer be appointed as an alternate to the ad hoc committee. The Commission also recommended that two ad hoc committees be formed (1) to monitor fire recovery claims, and (2) to form response strategies for catastrophic and natural disasters that impact District-held properties. Further discussion was held over to the March meeting.

10. **District's Role and Response to the 2017 Sonoma County Complex Fires.**

Ms. Emerson provided an overview of activities from the fires' onset, when District personnel staffed the shelters, the Emergency Operations Center, the Large Animal Evacuation Center, the Public Information Center, CalFire headquarters, the Local Assistance Center, and on the fire lines as volunteer firefighters. District staff assisted easement landowners by connecting them with resources for the Local Assistance Center, Cal Fire, Resource Conservation District, National Resource Conservation Service and other resources. Staff implemented work and repairs on District-owned properties. And continuing its role, the District is funding half of the Natural Resources/Watershed Recovery Coordinator position for a term of two years.

The Commission requested detailed information about the District's insurance coverage, particularly related to District-owned lands. District staff will report back to the Commission at a future meeting.

11. **Closed Session.**

The Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 6:25 p.m.

12. **Report on Closed Session.**

The Commission reconvened to Open Session at 7:58 p.m. and reported that additional direction was given to staff.

13. **Suggested Next Meeting.** March 8, 2018

14. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. to March 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Jackson
Deputy Clerk