

**SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE
FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**

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Regina De La Cruz (Rohnert Park)

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Jeff Owen (Alternate)

APPROVED

Minutes for the Meeting of June 1, 2017

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

Staff Present: Bill Keene, General Manager; Mary Dodge, Administrative and Fiscal Services Manager; Misti Arias, Acquisition Program Manager; Sara Press, Land Acquisition Associate; Seamus Rafferty, Technician-Stewardship; Lisa Pheatt, Deputy County Counsel; Sue Jackson, Deputy Clerk/Recorder.

Also Present: Bert Whitaker, Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks; Steve Ehret, Sonoma County Park Planning Manager; Aldo Mercado, Sonoma County Deputy County Counsel; Dana Burwell, Appraiser.

1. **Call to Order.**

Commissioner De La Cruz 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.**

There were none.

4. **Public Comment.**

Bert Whitaker, Director of Regional Parks, addressed the Commission. He thanked the Commission and the District for the support he and Regional Parks received during his previous tenure as Park Planning Manager. He highlighted major accomplishments of the partnership and looks forward to collaborating further on the development of world-class regional parks in Sonoma County. Mr. Keene congratulated and welcomed Mr. Whitaker to his new position.

5. **Correspondence/Communication.**

The District's independent sales tax analyst firm, HdL Companies, quarterly report titled Q4 Sonoma County Measure F Sales Tax Update was distributed and discussed. Mr. Keene directed Ms. Dodge to discuss with HdL the need for more clarity in the summary information on their quarterly reports.

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6. **Approval of Commission Minutes.**

On a motion by Commissioner Koenigshofer and second by Alternate Commissioner Owen, the minutes of May 4, 2017, were approved with one correction. Commissioner De La Cruz abstained.

7. **Financial Report.**

Ms. Dodge reviewed (1) the Consolidated Balance Sheet – District and OSSTA Funds for April 30, 2017, and (2) the Consolidated District and OSSTA Budget to Actual for the ten months ended April 20, 2017.

8. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports.**

- Annual Report/Audit Review (Anderson/Owen) – Commissioner Anderson reported that the committee met on May 19, 2017 and reviewed the draft of the 6th Annual Report to the District’s Board of Directors. The Commission requested a few amendments to the draft. On a motion by Commissioner Anderson and second by Koenigshofer, the report was approved as amended with all present in agreement.
- Finance/Investment (Sangiaco/Owen) – Commissioner Owen reported that the committee met on May 10, 2017, and reviewed policy restrictions related to investment opportunities and long-term funding of easement costs.
- Matching Grant Program (De La Cruz/Owen) – Nothing to report.
- District Office Location Scenarios (Anderson/Koenigshofer) - Nothing to report.

9. **California Coastal Trail Segments Funding Agreement and Kashia Coastal Reserve Recreation Covenant.** *Resolution No. 2017-004*

Ms. Press provided an overview of Sonoma County Regional Park’s request for Initial Public Access, Operation and Maintenance funding. The District’s proposed acquisition of a Recreation Covenant over the Kashia Coastal Reserve is associated with the funding request. On a motion by Commissioner Anderson and second by Alternate Commissioner Owen, the Commission determined that the acquisition price for the recreation covenant over the trail easement on the Kashia Coastal Reserve property does not exceed fair market value. Commissioners Anderson and Koenigshofer requested it be noted that the 3-year timeframe specified for “initial public access” funding commences at the onset of the access project, not at the completion of access improvements or construction.

10. **Paulin Creek Update.**

Mr. Keene reviewed the history of the Paulin Creek Preserve, the roles of the City, the District, the County and the Water Agency and the perspective land holdings of each entity. Currently, the County is in real estate negotiations with a developer. Parcel J, owned by the County, is located between the District-owned and Water Agency-owned parcels. Parcel J is included in the proposed development sale. Neighboring residents as well as many residents of the County in general oppose the sale, and the publicity has not been positive for those involved in the discussion. The District will continue to monitor the situation and will keep the Commission informed if any action is recommended.

11. **Closed Session.**

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 6:32 pm.

12. **Report on Closed Session.**

Resolution No. 2017-005

The Commission reconvened to Open Session at 7:40 pm and reported the following:

On a motion by Alternate Commissioner Owen and second by Commissioner Koenigshofer, the Commission determined that the District's contribution for the proposed acquisition of a conservation easement over the Rips Redwoods property does not exceed fair market value.

13. **Suggested Next Meeting.** July 6, 2017

14. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Jackson
Deputy Clerk