

**SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE
FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**

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Jeff Owen (Alternate)

APPROVED

**Minutes for the Special Joint Meeting of the Advisory Committee
and the Fiscal Oversight Commission
March 22, 2018**

Commissioners Present: Bob Anderson, Eric Koenigshofer, Jeff Owen (Alternate)

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Don McEnhill, Bill Smith, Curt Nichols, David Cook, Doug Lipton, John Nagle, Halei Trowbridge, Steve Rabinowitsh, John Dell'Osso, Jan McFarland

Staff Present: Bill Keene, General Manager; Misti Arias, Acquisition Program Manager; Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Program Manager; Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager; Alex Roa, Conservation Planning Special Projects Planner; Indigo Bannister, Conservation Planning Technician; Amy Ricard, Community Relations Specialist; Kim Batchelder, Conservation Planning Associate Planner; Allison Schichtel, Conservation Planning GIS Analyst; Bob Pittman, County Counsel; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Clerk; Sue Jackson, Fiscal Oversight Commission Deputy Clerk

1. **Call to Order.**

Advisory Committee Chair Dell'Osso called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. He opened the meeting by stating the Ag + Open Space Mission, and emphasized the importance of the Vital Lands Initiative in future activities of the Ag + Open Space to achieving the mission.

2. **Public Comment.**

Duane DeWitt, representing Roseland Action, thanked the Advisory Committee and the Fiscal Oversight Commission for its collective work in saving natural resource areas and urban green spaces. He spoke in support of maintaining the

natural landscape and conditions in an urban park under consideration in the Roseland neighborhood.

3. **Vital Lands Initiative Presentation & Discussion.**

Bill Keene made welcoming remarks and outlined the process for the discussion. Karen Gaffney gave a summary of the District's work, its history and guiding principles, and an overview of the draft Vital Lands Initiative.

4. **Public Comment on the Sonoma County Ag + Open Space Vital Lands Initiative.**

Amy Ricard facilitated the discussion, which was designed to capture public opinion, suggestions, concerns, and other matters of interest to those in attendance. Public comment was captured by three note takers and, once assimilated, will be available on the website for public viewing. Upon completion of the public review meetings, the District will present an updated draft to the Board of Directors, and eventually, a final Vital Lands Initiative to the Board of Directors for approval.

5. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Jackson
Deputy Clerk