

**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 September 20, 2018

Commissioners Present: Regina De La Cruz (Chair), Eric Koenigshofer (Chair Pro Tem), Bob Anderson, Jeff Owen (Alternate)

Staff Present: Bill Keene, General Manager (arrived at 5:22 pm); Mary Dodge, Administrative and Fiscal Services Manager; Misti Arias, Program Manager – Acquisition; Stuart Martin, Land Acquisition Specialist; Seamus Rafferty, Technician/Stewardship; Indigo Bannister, (Extra Help)/Conservation Planning; Lisa A. Pheatt, Counsel; Aldo Mercado, Counsel; Sue Jackson, Deputy Clerk.

Also Present: Bert Whitaker, Director, Regional Parks; David Robinson, Park Manager, Regional Parks; Steve Ehret, Park Planning Manager, Regional Parks; Duane DeWitt, Friends of Roseland Creek and Roseland Action.

1. **Call to Order.**

Commissioner De La Cruz called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

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.**

Misti Arias made the following announcements on behalf of Bill Keene.

- The Board of Directors approved funding for Gravelly Lake (Donnell) on August 28, 2018.
- Mark West Creek Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Transfer will go before the Board of Directors on October 9, 2018.
- Graton Community Park Matching Grant Project (a recipient of the 2016 Matching Grant Program) will go before the Board of Directors on November 13, 2018.
- The 2018 Matching Grant Program Funding Recommendations item will go before the Board of Directors on November 13, 2018.
- The District will present a Stewardship Workshop to the Board of Directors on December 4, 2018.

- Jenner Headlands and Pole Mountain opened on September 7, 2018. Ag + Open Space, Sonoma Land Trust, and The Wildlife Conservancy had information tables at the trailhead throughout the opening weekend. The openings were well attended.

4. **Public Comment.**

Duane DeWitt thanked the Commission for the funding it has approved from parks in the Roseland area of Santa Rosa. He asked that the District be vigilant in monitoring funding provided by the District to the City of Santa Rosa.

5. **Correspondence/Communication.**

There was none.

6. **Approval of Minutes.** On a motion by Commissioner Koenigshofer and second by Alternate Commissioner Owen, the July 19, 2018 minutes were approved as submitted, with Commissioner De La Cruz abstaining.

7. **Financial Report.**

Mary Dodge reviewed the financial statements for July 2018. Commissioner Koenigshofer requested an edit to the standard footnote verbiage to more concisely reflect the Commission's direction, i.e., to use the \$7.5 million annual savings resulting from the shortened term to fund the Stewardship Reserve beginning in Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

June statements will be included in the Annual Report and will incorporate all year-end adjustments. The Annual Audit Report/Audit Review committee will meet as soon as draft financial statements are received.

8. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports.**

- Annual Report/Audit Review (Anderson/Owen) – Nothing to report
- Matching Grant Program (Koenigshofer/Owen)

The committee reported meeting twice, with the following outcomes:

- \$4M was set aside for potential funding, which included \$2M for fire recovery.
- The District received approximately \$7M in funding requests.
- The Committee has tentatively approved approximately \$2.5M in funding and will present these recommendations at the Advisory Committee on 9/27 and the FOC on 10/4.
- The Committee recommends including a policy that applicant projects be in full compliance of existing conservation easements prior to receiving Matching Grant funding.
- Stewardship Reserve and Finances (Mendoza/ Sangiacomo) – Nothing to report
- Real Estate Options (Mendoza/Owen) – Nothing to report
- Fire Recovery Review (Anderson/Koenigshofer) – Nothing to report

9. **Mark West Properties Transfer**

Initial Public Access Operation and Maintenance

Bert Whitaker spoke to the Commission in support of Regional Park's request for IPAOM funding. He summarized actions necessary to providing public access, as well as costs needed to operate and maintain the park and preserve for the initial three years.

Misti Arias gave an overview of the project's development, including the impact of the Sonoma Complex Fire of October, 2017. The Commission requested an update of FEMA reimbursement funding over all the properties.

10. **Closed Session.**

The Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 6:20 p.m.

11. **Report on Closed Session.**

The Commission reconvened to Open Session at 7:06 p.m. and reported the following:

Mark West Properties Transfer

Resolution 2018-008

On a motion by Commissioner Anderson and second by Commissioner Koenigshofer, the Commission determined that the cumulative value of the encumbrances at least equals the fair market value of the Mark West Properties including the additions of the McCullough 2 and Wendle properties.

12. **Suggested Next Meeting.** October 4, 2018

13. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Jackson
Deputy Clerk