



AG + OPEN SPACE
SONOMA COUNTY

Thursday, April 25, 2019

REGULAR MEETING
SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE
DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting begins at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PLEASE CALL IF UNABLE TO ATTEND

AGENDA

1. **Public Comment** - Comments on items not listed on the agenda
(*Time is limited to 3 minutes per person/item*)
2. **Approval of Minutes** [Attachment "A"] **ACTION**
February 28, 2019
3. **General Manager's Report** **INFORMATIONAL**
4. **Subcommittee Report Out** **INFORMATIONAL**
Matching Grant Program
5. **Budget Update** **INFORMATIONAL**
Bill Keene, General Manager
6. **Matching Grant Program Overview, Guidelines Update** **ACTION**
And Mayors and Councilmembers Letter
Jennifer Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator
7. **Projects in Negotiation** [Attachment "B"] **INFORMATIONAL**
8. **Announcements from Advisory Committee Members** **INFORMATIONAL**
9. **Adjournment** Next Meeting: May 23, 2019

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Future Meeting Topics
(subject to change)

5/23/19

Field Trip to Fee Lands (Greenbelt Theme/Strategy; Fee Lands Strategy)
Vital Lands Update

6/27/19

Cancelled for summer break

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the audience desiring to address the Committee on a matter on the agenda will have an opportunity to speak. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please be brief and limit your comments to the subject under discussion. Each person is usually granted 3 minutes to speak; time limitations are at the discretion of the Chair.



Attachment "A"

*SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE
DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

February 28, 2019 MINUTES

5:01 pm Meeting convened at the District office, 747 Mendocino Avenue,
Suite 100, Santa Rosa, California

Members Present

Bill Smith	Curt Nichols	Halei Trowbridge	Steve Barbose
Neysa Hinton	Steve Rabinowitsh	Doug Lipton	Cary Fargo
John Dell'Osso	Taj Hittenberger	Jan McFarland	

Members Absent

Evan Wiig	Don McEnhill	Paul Martin
David Cook	John Nagle	Tawny Tesconi

Staff Present

Bill Keene, General Manager; Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Program Manager; Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager; Monica Delmartini, Stewardship Associate Planner; Allison Schichtel, Conservation GIS Analyst; Jennifer Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator; Catherine Iantosca, Stewardship Technician; Verne Ball, County Counsel; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Clerk

Chair Dell'Osso called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Bill Smith motioned to approve the minutes, and Curt Nichols seconded the motion. All in favor, with abstentions from Steve Barbose and Halei Trowbridge who were not in attendance at the January meeting.

Chair Dell'Osso introduced the Advisory Committee's newest member, Jennielynn Holmes. She spoke and introduced herself. Members welcomed her to the committee.

General Manager's Report Out

- Several Ag + Open space properties have been effected by the recent storms. Regional Parks reported that a portion of Cresta Road has fallen away and is impassible and will need to be fixed. The State has a declared a State of Emergency.
- Jen Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator, reached out to the City of Santa Rosa to get an update on the Roseland Creek property. The City has experienced staffing shortages and turnovers the last few years. These capacity issues, along with those created following the fires in 2017 have contributed to the City's inability to meet originally proposed timelines, including the completion of the final environmental review of the proposed draft master plan. According to the City, they anticipate that the CEQA document will be circulated in late March for public review and comment. The City anticipates final master plan approval by the City Council this summer. The City also stated their intent to update their website information as soon as possible to reflect this updated timeline. Ag + Open Space will review the CEQA document and associated master plan to ensure compliance with existing conservation easement provisions. Ag + Open Space followed up with the City on their statements last summer about conferring with concerned neighbors on design elements of the proposed master plan. It is our understanding that no such has meeting has occurred to date. However, the City has not yet started to prepare options for specific design elements and have been focused more on completing the environmental review of the draft master plan. The City has told Ag + Open Space staff that they intend to engage the community on the elements of the plan they plan to construct with available funding.
- The Ag + Open Space adopted a strategy on fee lands several years ago that involves transferring fee lands to parks, cities or other entities that will take care of the properties. Healdsburg Ridge is currently still with Ag + Open Space, but it is going to the Board on March 12, 2019 to be transferred to the City of Healdsburg. Later in 2019 Carrington Ranch out on Coleman Valley and Highway 1 will be transferred to Regional Parks.
- The SMART path from Hearn to Bellevue matching grant project is going to the Board on March 19, 2019.
- The Stewardship Workshop (update) will go to the Board in late summer or fall of 2019.

Subcommittee Report Out

The Advisory Committee currently has one active subcommittee, the Matching Grant Program. Chair Dell'Osso, who sits on this subcommittee, said there is a meeting scheduled next week on March 8, 2019 from 9:00 to 11:00. They will be reviewing the matching grant program guidelines to see what needs to be updated or changed. The goal is to bring the recommendations to the Board this fall before the 2020/2021 cycle. Ms. Kuszmar asked the new member, Jennielynn Holmes, if she would have interest in joining the subcommittee and she said she does have interest and will let Ms. Kuszmar know at a later date.

Vital Lands Initiative Update

Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager, updated the Advisory Committee on the Vital Lands Initiative. At this time the draft is being refined and finalized data is being incorporated into the document. The draft will be brought to the Advisory Committee over a series of meetings in April and May as Ag + Open Space brings the draft out to the public for more community input.

For more information, contact Karen Gaffney at Ag + Open Space.

Fire Update: Planning & Stewardship

Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Program Manager, introduced the fire update from Stewardship and Conservation Planning. Monica Delmartini, Stewardship Associate Planner, discussed the immediate actions taken by Ag + Open after the fires, the impacts on different properties, and how they are doing now. Allison Schichtel, Conservation GIS Analyst, discussed the Sonoma Veg Map and the NASA grant and how they contribute to Ag + Open Space and the County as a whole. There will be a NASA/Veg Map Public Workshop on March 14 2019 at the Steele Lane Community Center from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager, concluded the presentation stating that the NASA grant will be incorporated into the Vital Lands Initiative. She asked for comments and questions from members of the Advisory Committee and the public. There were comments made by both.

For more information, the PowerPoint presentation is available upon request, or contact Ms. Emerson, Ms. Delmartini, Ms. Schichtel or Ms. Gaffney at Ag + Open Space.

Projects in Negotiations

Projects in negotiations were discussed during the General Manager's report out.

Announcements from Advisory Committee Members and Members of the Public

There were no announcements.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Next scheduled meeting date: March 28, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson,
Advisory Committee Secretary

ATTACHMENT 'B'

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

Project Status Chart
4/18/2019

PROJECT	Supervisorial District		Acquisition Plan Category				Comments
	Acres (approximate)	Supervisorial District	Project Design	Approvals/Baseline	Escrow	Comments	
Arrowhead Ranch (Maas)	245	2	Farms & Ranches	x		On hold at request of owner	
El Recreo	289	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside			CE under negotiation	
Gloekner-Turner Ranch	3,364	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x		Appraisal process	
Jacobsen Ranches	127	2	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside	x		Appraisal process	
Joseph Camozzi Dairy	403	2	Farms & Ranches	x		CE under negotiation	
LaFranchi (Oak Ridge Angus)	1,189	4	Farms & Ranches	x		CE under negotiation	
Mattos Dairy	866	2	Farms & Ranches	x		Offer made	
McClelland Dairy	337	2	Farms & Ranches	x		On hold at request of owner	
Preston Farm	133	4	Farms & Ranches			Initiating project	
Silva	4,441	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas			CE under negotiation	
Sonoma Developmental Center 5 (Transfor	945	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside			Land protection proposal underway	
Torr	522	5	Recreation & Education			Appraisal process	
Weeks Ranch (Rasmason)	1,372	1	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x		To Board December 11, 2018	
Witt Home Ranch	395	2	Farms & Ranches			Initiating project	

ATTACHMENT 'B'

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Project Status Chart

4/18/2019

Total Acres: 14,628

Matching Grant Projects	Acreage (approximate)	Supervisory District	Location	Begin Grant Process			Approvals/Baseline		Comments
AmeriCorps Trail	12	5	Sebastopol						Initiating project
Andy's Unity Park	4	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x					Reimbursement and tracking match ongoing
Badger Park	20	4	Healdsburg						Initiating project
Bayer Farm Development	6**	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	x	x	x	x	Reimbursement ongoing, Grant term extended
Colgan Creek Phase 3 MG*	7	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a	x	x	x	Board approved 4/21/15
Crane Creek Regional Trail*	6	1	East of Rohnert Park	x	n/a				Initiating project. Grant term extended
Denman Reach	2	2	North Petaluma	x	n/a				Drafting documents
Falletti Ranch	4	2	Cotati	x	x	x	x	x	Tracking match
Forever Forestville*	4	5	Downtown Forestville	x	x	x	x	x	Tracking match
Graton Green	1	5	Downtown Graton	x	x	x	x	x	Escrow closed April 5, 2019
Guerneville River Park Phase 2*	5	5	Central Guerneville	x	x	x			Initiating project
Helen Putnam Regional Park Extension	56	2	Petaluma						Initiating project
Inwin Creek Riparian Restoration*	47**	5	West of Santa Rosa	x	n/a	x	n/a	x	Reimbursement ongoing
Maxwell Farms	79	1	Northwest of Sonoma	x	n/a				Initiating project
McNear Peninsula Addition	21	2	Petaluma						Initiating project
Nathanson Creek Restoration Phase 2	1**	1	Sonoma	x	n/a				Reimbursement ongoing
Paula Lane Open Space Preserve	11	2	West Petaluma	x	x	x	x	x	Tracking match
River Lane	1	5	West of Guerneville	x	x	x	x	x	Board approved 9/11/18
Riverfront Regional Park Recreation Impro	300**	4	West of Windsor	x	n/a				Initiating project
Roseland Creek Community Park - Phase 1	3	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x					Drafting documents
Roseland Village Public Space	1	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a				Drafting documents
Southeast Santa Rosa Greenway	61	1	Southeast Santa Rosa	x		x		x	Initiating project
SMART Pathway - Hearn to Bellevue*	6	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a	x	n/a	x	FOC approved 7/21/16
SMART Pathway - Payran to S. Point	14	2	Petaluma	x	n/a				Drafting documents
Steamer Landing Park Development (McNe	27**	2	Downtown Petaluma	x	n/a				Initiating project
Taylor Mtn RPOSP - Cooper Creek Addition	54	3	Southeast Santa Rosa						Initiating project

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4/18/2019

Total Acres: 236

* District approved a 2-year extension

** Restoration/Development Project on previous acquisition.