



Thursday, August 24, 2017

**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**  
June 22, 2017
3. **General Manager's Report** **INFORMATIONAL**
4. **Joint Meeting in November with Fiscal Oversight Commission Discussion** **ACTION**  
Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager
5. **Kristin Thigpen Resolution**  
Chair Dell'Osso
6. **Subcommittee Report Out** **INFORMATIONAL**
  - Matching Grant Program
  - Agricultural
  - Vital Lands Initiative
7. **Vital Lands Initiative Update** **INFORMATIONAL**  
Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager
8. **Projects in Negotiation** [Attachment "B"] **INFORMATIONAL**
9. **Announcements from Advisory Committee Members** **INFORMATIONAL**
10. **Adjournment** Next Meeting: September 28, 2017

**Future Meeting Topics**  
**(subject to change)**

**9/28/17**

Vital Lands Initiative Update

**10/26/17**

Field Trip with Fiscal Oversight Commission

**11/23/17**

Break for Thanksgiving Holiday – No Meeting

**12/14/17**

Ag and Open Space Center Options/Overview  
Program Update: Administration & Fiscal  
RCPP

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**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*

*June 22, 2017 MINUTES*

5:04 pm Meeting convened at the District office, 747 Mendocino Avenue,  
Suite 100, Santa Rosa, California

**Members Present**

Curt Nichols	Doug Lipton	Bill Smith	Don McEnhill
Steve Rabinowitsh	John Nagle	Evan Wiig	
John Dell'Osso	Paul Martin	Tawny Tesconi	

**Members Absent**

Kristin Thigpen	Jan McFarland	Cary Fargo
Elly Grogan	Neysa Hinton	David Cook

**Staff Present**

Bill Keene, General Manager; Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager; Alex Roa, Associate Planner; Amy Ricard, Community Relations Specialist; Allison Schichtel, Conservation GIS Analyst; Jennifer Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Clerk

Chair Dell'Osso called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

**Public Comment**

Chair Dell'Osso asked for public comments on items not on the agenda and there were none.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Dell'Osso asked for any corrections to the May 25, 2017 minutes. Don McEnhill motioned to approve the minutes as they were. Curt Nichols seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval.

**General Manager's Report Out**

- Bill Keene, General Manager, welcomed and introduced the newest Advisory Committee member, Tawny Tesconi, who will represent Agriculture on the committee. Ms. Tesconi worked for many years as Sonoma County Fair Manager and Director of General Services. She introduced herself to the Advisory Committee members and shared that she was born and raised in Sonoma County in the fifth District and loves the agriculture in Sonoma County. The Advisory Committee members welcomed Tawny.

- The District's Budget went to the Board and was approved last week for the 2017/2018 fiscal year.
- Mr. Keene discussed upcoming Board items: July 18 Mitigation Policy and some Open Scope Contracts for Baseline Documentation Services; August 1 Young Armos Incubator Farm and Restoration Concept Plan so the Board can direct the District to send out an RFP for operators. A letter of interest was handed out to members and Mr. Keene asked that they pass this letter on to any interested parties; and August 15 Andy's Unity Park Matching Grant – a joint item with Regional Parks.
- The Kashia and Stewart's Point trail went to the Board on Tuesday, June 20 and the District and Regional Parks received Board approval to add two new miles to the trail.
- The District is sponsoring the Farm Bureau's Love of the Land event that is taking place on July 13. Mr. Keene will not be able to attend but there are three tickets available to Advisory Committee members. Any members that would like a ticket should contact Mariah.

### **Subcommittee Report Out**

The District currently has three active subcommittees:

1. Matching Grant Program
2. Agriculture
3. Vital Lands Initiative

The Matching Grant Program Subcommittee has not met recently and there was no report out.

The Ag Subcommittee did not meet at their usual time this month and had no report out.

Vital Lands Initiative Subcommittee did not meet and there was no report out.

### **Vital Lands Initiative Update**

Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager, introduced the Vital Lands Initiative team to the Advisory Committee members: Allison Schichtel, data analysis; Amy Ricard, internal and community engagement; and Alex Roa, planning and scheduling. Currently the team are gathering information from data to create draft products for review. The team will be asking the Advisory Committee for input on the draft products. Mr. Roa gave a timeline of the VLI in the next couple of months. Draft outlines will be complete in June and will be available on the website for everyone's accessibility. This item will be on the Advisory Committee Meeting agenda in August for another update.

The PowerPoint presentation is available at the District upon request or you can contact Alex Roa with any questions.

### **Projects in Negotiations**

Mr. Keene said Andy's Unity Park will go to the Board in August.

### **Announcements from Advisory Committee Members**

#### **Evan Wiig**

The Community Alliance with Family Farmers is having their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Agrarian Games event on September 16. This is a celebration of sustainable agriculture, local food, and family farms. There will be games and music and plenty of farmers and families and is being held at the Petaluma Fair Grounds from noon to 6:00 pm.

#### **Don McEnhill**

Also on September 16, the RussianRiverKeeper is holding their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Russian River Watershed Cleanup event. The event will begin at 8:30 am until 1:15 pm.

**Adjournment:** 6:24 pm

Next scheduled meeting date: August 24, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson,  
Advisory Committee Secretary

PROJECT	Acreage (approximate)		Supervisory District	Acquisition Plan Category	Project Design	Appraisal Process	Approvals/Baseline	Escrow	Comments
Arrowhead Ranch (Maas)	245	2	Farms & Ranches	x					On hold at request of owner
Cresta 3	46	1	Recreation & Education	x	x	x			Offer accepted
Donnell	909	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside	x					Appraisal underway
Gloeckner-Turner Ranch	3,364	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x					Project design
Hansen Ranch (McClelland)	330	2	Farms & Ranches	x	x	x			Offer accepted
Joseph Camozzi Dairy	403	2	Farms & Ranches						Project design
Lafranconi	211	5	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside	x					On hold at request of owner
Mattos Dairy	866	2	Farms & Ranches	x					Appraisal underway
Rips Redwoods	1,620	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x	x				FOC approval June 1, 2017. Offer made.
Sonoma Developmental Center 5 (Transfor	945	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside						Resource assessment underway
Terrilinda Dairy	175	2	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside	x					On hold at request of owner
Weeks Ranch (Rasmason)	1,372	1	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x					CE under negotiation
Wendle	47	1	Recreation & Education	x	x	x	x		Board approved 12/6/16 - in escrow to close

Total Acres: 10,533

Matching Grant Projects	Acreage (approximate)	Supervisory District	Location	Begin Grant Process	Appraisal Process	Approvals/Baseline	Escrow	Comments
Andy's Unity Park	4	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x				Drafting documents
Bayer Farm Development	6**	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	x	x	x	Reimbursement ongoing, Grant term extended
Colgan Creek Phase 3 MG	7	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a	x	x	Board approved 4/21/15
Crane Creek Regional Trail*	6	1	East of Rohnert Park	x	n/a			Initiating project
Creekside Park, Phase 1A	4**	5	Monte Rio	x	n/a	x	x	Reimbursement ongoing
Denman Reach	2	2	North Petaluma	x	n/a			Drafting documents
Falletti Ranch	4	2	Cotati	x	x	x	x	Tracking match
Forever Forestville	4	5	Downtown Forestville	x	x	x	x	Tracking match
Graton Community Park	1	5	Downtown Graton	x	n/a			Initiating project
Guerneville River Park Phase 2*	5	5	Central Guerneville	x	x	x		Initiating project
Irwin Creek Riparian Restoration	47**	5	West of Santa Rosa	x	n/a	x	n/a	Reimbursement ongoing
Maxwell Farms	79	1	Northwest of Sonoma	x	n/a			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	Tracking match
River Lane	1	5	West of Guerneville	x				Drafting documents
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				Initiating project
Roseland Village Public Space	1	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a			Drafting documents
Sebastopol Skategarden Expansion	1	5	Sebastopol	x	n/a	x	x	Tracking match
Southeast Santa Rosa Greenway	61	1	Southeast Santa Rosa	x		x		Initiating project
SMART Pathway – Hearn to Bellevue	6	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a	x		FOC approved 7/21/16
SMART Pathway - Payran to S. Point	14	2	Petaluma	x	n/a			Initiating project
Sonoma Garden Park Phase 2	5**	1	East of Sonoma	x	n/a	x	n/a	Reimbursement ongoing
Steamer Landing Park Development (McNe	27**	2	Downtown Petaluma	x	n/a			Initiating project
<b>Total Acres:</b>	<b>128</b>							

\* District approved a 2-year extension

Project Status Chart

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

ATTACHMENT "B"

8/18/2017

\*\* Restoration/Development Project on previous acquisition.