

SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS

Mike Sangiacomo (Sonoma)
Todd Mendoza (Petaluma)
Dee Swanhuysen (Sebastopol)

Bob Anderson (Healdsburg)
Eric Koenigshofer (Occidental)
Jeff Owen (Alternate)

APPROVED

Minutes for the Meeting of May 5, 2016

Commissioners Present: Bob Anderson, Chair; Dee Swanhuysen, Chair Pro Tem; Jeff Owen, Alternate.

Staff Present: Bill Keene, General Manager; Misti Arias, Program Manager – Acquisition; Mary Dodge, Administrative & Fiscal Services Manager; Sara Press, Land Acquisition Associate; Curtis Kendall, Acquisition Assistant; Robert Pittman, Counsel; Christine Minkel, Administrative Aide to the Commission; Karina Chilcott, Administrative Aide; Sue Jackson, Deputy Clerk/Recorder.

1. **Call to Order.**

Commissioner Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

2. **Agenda Items to be Held or Taken Out of Order; Off Agenda Items.**

Ms. Arias announced that the Bell Item (Closed Session) was pulled from the agenda.

3. **General Announcements Not Requiring Deliberation or Decision.**

Mr. Keene made the following announcements:

- Farming for the Future – Stories of Agriculture, Environment, and Community, a special promotional insert, was carried by the North Bay Business Journal on April 18th, and by the Press Democrat on April 24th. It featured stories of local landowners and organizations practicing exemplary agricultural stewardship throughout the County. The publication was a collaborative effort by the District and the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, Sonoma County Farm Bureau, Sonoma County Winegrowers, Sonoma Resource Conservation District, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and University of California Cooperative Extension.
- On May 6th, the District will participate in hosting a reception and field tour for the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Jason Weller, and USDA-NRCS State Conservationist Carlos Suarez. The event will showcase the County's approach to land conservation in the face of drought and climate change that resulted in an \$8 million grant in federal funding. FOC Chair Bob Anderson and several District staff members will participate.

- Ms. Dodge and Mr. Keene are in discussions with NBS Government Finance Group to consider options for recovering costs related to stewardship activities on certain District-owned lands.
- On May 10th, the District will hold a Conservation Easement Workshop with the Board of Directors.
- Karina Chilcott was introduced to the Commission. Recently transferred from the County's Solid Waste Management Agency, she is working for the District as an administrative aide.

4. **Public Comment.**

There was none.

5. **Correspondence/Communication.**

There was none.

6. **Approval of Commission Minutes.**

On a motion by Commissioner Swanhuysen and second by Commissioner Anderson, the minutes of April 7, 2016 were approved, with Alternate Commissioner Owen abstaining.

7. **Financial Report.**

The commissioners reviewed the financial report prepared by Mary Dodge, Administrative and Fiscal Services Manager. The Commission requested that a discussion about the Cooley Endowment Fund be agendized for the July 2016 meeting.

8. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports.**

No meetings were held in the previous month.

9. **Irwin Creek Restoration Matching Grant Agreement.**

Mr. Kendall provided an overview of the Irwin Creek Restoration Matching Grant Agreement. The project was accepted into the District's Matching Grant Program by the Board of Directors on September 18, 2012, with funding of up to \$107,290. The final matching grant amount was reduced to \$105,040 as a result of a project design change prior to drafting the matching grant agreement. The matching funds were realized through a Coastal Conservancy Grant, (\$91,000) and a commitment from the City of Santa Rosa for up to \$35,000.

10. **Closed Session.**

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 5:40 pm.

11. **Report on Closed Session.**

The Commission reconvened to Open Session at 5:55 pm and reported the following:

Mitchell

Resolution No. 2016-006

On a motion by Commissioner Swanhuysen and second by Alternate Commissioner Owen, the Commission determined that the District's contribution for the proposed acquisition does not exceed the fair market value of open space interests being acquired by the District.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

12. **Suggested Next Meeting.** Special Meeting to be held on June 2, 2016 @ 4:00 pm.
13. **Adjournment.**
On a motion by Commissioner Swanhuysen and second by Alternate Commissioner Owen, meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Jackson
Deputy Clerk