



SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS

Mike Sangiacomo (District 1)
Todd Mendoza (District 2)
Jean Kapolchok (District 3)

Bob Anderson (District 4)
Eric Koenigshofer (District 5)
Jeff Owen (Alternate)

APPROVED

Minutes for Meeting of June 6, 2013

Commissioner Sangiacomo called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Commissioners Present: Bob Anderson, Eric Koenigshofer, Todd Mendoza, Jeff Owen (Alternate), Mike Sangiacomo.

Staff Present: Bill Keene, General Manager; Misti Arias, Program Manager, Acquisition; Mary Dodge, Administrative & Fiscal Services Manager; Sara Press, Associate Planner, Acquisition; Sue Jackson, Deputy Clerk; Sue Gallagher, Deputy County Counsel.

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

There were none.

2. **General Announcements not Requiring Deliberation or Decision.**

General Manager Bill Keene made the following announcements:

- The Preservation Ranch project closed on May 31, 2013, bringing the total number of acres protected by the District to just over 100,000. He acknowledged Misti Arias and Sue Gallagher for their efforts in bringing this project to closure. Henceforth, Preservation Ranch will be known as "Buckeye Forest."
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company removed tree limbs on the Cooper's Grove property on Sonoma Mountain. No trees were removed.
- Three workshops were conducted by David Batker of Earth Economics on "the economic value of conservation." The workshops were attended by over 100 participants, including the District's Commissioner Anderson.
- On June 27, 2013, the District will host an informal hike on the Laguna de Santa Rosa trail. Members of the Fiscal Oversight Commission and the District Advisory Committee and their guests are encouraged to attend.

3. **Public Comment.**

There was none.

4. **Correspondence/Communication.**

There was none.

5. **Approval of Commission Minutes.**

On a motion by Commissioner Anderson and second by Commissioner Owen, the minutes of May 2, 2013, meeting were approved as submitted.

6. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports.**

- **FY 12/13 Annual Report/Audit Report Review** (Anderson, Kapolchok)
The committee reported that have had no response from the Auditor to their letter dated March 20, 2013. Additionally, they reported that, as their task has been completed, the ad hoc committee will be disbanded.
- **Investment** (Mendoza)
The committee met with Mary Dodge, Administrative and Fiscal Services Manager on May 7, 2013. Ms. Dodge reported to the committee that the District is receiving no interest from funds held by the bond trustee, the Bank of New York Mellon. The District has contacted the Bank of New York Mellon and staff from the County Treasurer's office regarding changing to an account where it will earn interest income.
- **Review of County Services** (Mendoza)
Nothing to report.
- **Stewardship** (Mendoza, Sangiacomo)
The committee met with Ms. Dodge on May 15, 2013, to discuss a long-term model for calculating the amount of funding budgeted for stewardship activities. Mr. Keene recommended that the Commission use the services of a specialist to ensure that a sufficient reserve is budgeted. The District's FY 2013-2014 budget has funds allocated for a consultant to provide this assistance.
- **Initial Public Access/Operations and Maintenance** (Anderson, Koenigshofer)
The committee met on May 8, 2013. Mr. Keene reported that Supervisor Shirley Zane (District 3) is concerned that properties have not been transferred from the District to managing entities, and that public access has been slow. Mr. Keene recapped the O&M Policy from 2007. The inclusion of capital projects in the O&M expenditures is under review. The District expects further discussion of the scope of "operations and maintenance" at the upcoming budget hearings.

7. **Closed Session.**

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 6:10 pm to review the Forever Forestville appraisal and reconvened at 7:15 pm.

8. **Report on Closed Session.**

Forever Forestville:

Resolution 2013-05

The Chair reported that the Commission reviewed the Forever Forestville appraisal and gave direction to staff. On a motion by Commissioner Koenigshofer and second by Alternate Commissioner Owen, the Commission approved the resolution as amended with all present in favor.

9. **Suggested Next Meeting.** July 11, 2013

10. **Adjournment.**

Commissioner Sangiacomo adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Jackson
Deputy Clerk