



# SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

## COMMISSIONERS

Mike Sangiacomo (Sonoma)  
Jean Kapolchok (Santa Rosa)  
Bob Anderson (Healdsburg)

Patty Fata (Bodega Bay)  
Todd Mendoza (Petaluma)  
Vacant (Alternate)

## Minutes for the meeting of August 4, 2011

Commissioner Anderson called the meeting of the Fiscal Oversight Commission to order at 5:08 pm.

Commissioners Present: Mike Sangiacomo, Bob Anderson, Patty Fata, Todd Mendoza.

Staff Present: Christine Minkel, Administrative and Fiscal Services Manager; Misti Arias, Conservation Program Manager; Sue Gallagher, County Counsel; Stuart Martin, Land Acquisition Specialist; Paul Rowan, Land Acquisition Specialist; Sue Jackson, Administrative Aide.

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.**

Conservation Program Manager, Misti made the following announcements:

- Klesko Phase I closed on July 26, 2011. Ms Arias reported that a \$250,000 grant from the State Department of Parks and Recreation's Habitat Conservation Fund was awarded to the District to support the second phase of the Klesko conservation easement project. Further, she reported that the Nature Conservancy is also contributing funding to the second phase.
- A joint meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Fiscal Oversight Commission is scheduled for October 27, 2011 to review the District's Three-Year Work Plan.
- Comments and/or suggestions pertaining to the appraisal process as presented at the June 2, 2011 meeting were requested from the Commission members. The Commission had no further comments or questions. Therefore, the process, as presented, will go to the Board of Directors for approval.

- Sue Gallagher reported that the court has issued a decision dismissing a lawsuit filed against the District and John Barella-pertaining to the Board of Directors' determination that a mitigation preserve may be an allowable use under the Roblar Ranch conservation easement. The mitigation preserve was proposed in connection with the Roblar Road rock quarry. The plaintiffs alleged that the District should have performed an environmental review before proceeding with any interpretation of the easement. The Court dismissed the lawsuit. Ms Gallagher said that the action is significant as it impacts the circumstances under which a CEQA review is required on future permitted use requests.

3. **Public Comment.**

There was none.

4. **Correspondence/Communication.**

There was none.

5. **Approval of Commission Minutes.**

On a motion by Commissioner Mendoza and second by Commissioner Fata, the minutes of July 7, 2011 were approved as submitted.

6. **Subcommittee Report Out.**

Commissioner Fata reported that she reviewed agreements between the District and Sonoma County Regional Parks with a focus on projects that are expected to transfer from the Open Space District so Sonoma County Regional Parks. Ms Fata reported that her next step is to meet with Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Program Manager, to review the contracting and vendor selection process.

7. **Ad Hoc/Subcommittee Assignments**

A discussion concerning ad hoc subcommittees and their membership was tabled until a later meeting when all commissioners are present.

8. **Investment Policy**

Sue Gallagher reported that she had researched multiple statutes to determine whether the Commission is considered to be a voluntary body or a statutory body relative to the County's Investment Policy. Ms Gallagher reported that the Commission appears to be a voluntary participant.

9. **Closed Session.**

The commission adjourned to closed session at 5:35 pm.

10. **Report on Closed Session.**

*Resolution No. FOC 2011-007*

The commission reconvened at 6:30 pm. Commissioner Anderson reported that the commission reviewed the Fitch Mountain appraisal and gave direction to staff. On a motion by Commissioner Fata and second by Commissioner Sangiacomo, the Commission approved the resolution with all present in favor.

11. Suggested Next Meeting.

September 1, 2011

12. Adjournment.

The Fiscal Oversight Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Jackson  
Administrative Aide