



# 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)  
Jeff Owen (Alternate)

## Minutes for the meeting of December 1, 2011

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

Commissioners Present: Bob Anderson, Patty Fata, Todd Mendoza, Jeff Owen (Alternate)

Staff Present: Bill Keene, General Manager; Christine Minkel, Administrative and Fiscal Services Manager; Misti Arias, Conservation Program Manager; James Botz, District Counsel; Sara Press, Associate Open Space Planner; Sue Jackson, Deputy Clerk.

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 Keene made the following announcements:

- The Matching Grant Program Revisions will be presented to the Board of Directors on December 6, 2011. Board action will be reported at the next Fiscal Oversight Commission meeting.
- The Klesko Conservation Easement closed on November 22, 2011. The Nature Conservancy and the California Habitat Conservation Fund were funding partners.
- The Sonoma Garden Park Matching Grant project closed on November 18, 2011.

3. **Public Comment.**

There was none.

4. **Correspondence/Communication.**

There was none.

5. **Approval of Commission Minutes.**

On a motion by Commissioner Fata and second by Commissioner Mendoza, the minutes of November 3, 2011 were approved as submitted.

6. **Subcommittee Report Out.**

Annual Report and Audit Review: Commissioner Anderson reported that he and Commissioner Kapolchok met with James Botz, District Special Counsel, and Christine Minkel, District Administrative and Fiscal Services Manager, on November 23, 2011, to continue their review of the District's FY09/10 audit.

7. **Federal Legislature Program Update.**

Mr. Keene provided an update of the District's Federal Legislature Program. A focus of the program was to provide a "local" (District of Columbia) presence that would promote opportunities for congressional funding of District programs. He reported that while The Carmen Group, our contracting lobbyists, met with staff members from Representatives Woolsey and Thompson offices, as well as with representatives of Senators Feinstein and Boxer, The Carmen Group's efforts did not bring the desired results. Frequently, the national agencies and offices referred District representatives back to local agency offices. For this reason, and given the possible reduction and/or elimination of earmark funding, District management determined it was best to suspend the Federal program. Mr. Keene expressed disappointment in the program results to date. Management will reassess the viability of reviving the program at a future date

Mr. Keene described the District's efforts in securing alternative funding opportunities, including funding partners and grants. He recommended that Karen Gaffney, the District's Strategic Initiatives Manager, provide an update, with a focus on the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation grant and The Nature Conservancy partnership.

8. **Closed Session.**

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

9. **Report on Closed Session.**

**Resolution No. FOC 2011-008**

The commission reconvened at 7:20 pm. Commissioner Anderson reported that the commission reviewed the following items:

(1) Colgan Creek Restoration Phase 2 Matching Grant Program Appraisal Review. On a motion by Commissioner Fata and second by Commissioner Mendoza, the Commission approved the resolution, with all present in favor.

(2) Bordessa: Coastal Conservancy Trail. The Commission reviewed the appraisal of the Bordessa Ranch property at the July 7, 2011 regular meeting and found that the appraisal meets the District's Standards and Guidelines and meets the fair market value standard. At this time, the Commission provided additional direction to staff, based on a requested amendment.

10. **Suggested Next Meeting.** February 2, 2012

11. **Adjournment.**

The Fiscal Oversight Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Jackson  
Administrative Aide

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