SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS

Mike Sangiacomo
Todd Mendoza
Brian Ling
Patrick Emery
Jorge Inocencio
Jeff Owen

APPROVED MINUTES

June 4, 2026 | 5:00 pm

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mike Sangiacomo, Brain Ling, Jeff Owen, Jorge Inocencio, Patrick Emery

STAFF PRESENT: Misti Arias, General Manager; Lisa Pheatt, County Counsel; Pierre Ratte, Acquisition Specialist; Stephanie Tavares, Senior Acquisition Specialist; Jennifer Kuszmar, Acquisition Manager; Julie Mefferd, Administrative and Fiscal Services Manager; Sara Ortiz, Fiscal Oversight Commission Clerk.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Duane Dewitt

1. **Call to Order**
   Commissioner Ling called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **Agenda Items to be Held or Taken Out of Order; Off- Agenda Items**
   Sara Ortiz asked to discuss Agenda item 14. Suggested Next Meeting next in the agenda, instead of after closed session.

3. **Suggested Next Meeting**
   Commissioners confirmed a quorum for the next meeting July 2, 2026.

4. **General Announcements Not Requiring Deliberation or Decision**
   None.

5. **Public Comment**
   Duane Dewitt gave public comment regarding the Roseland Creek Community Park.

6. **Correspondence/Communications**
   None.

7. **General Manager's Report**
   - There has been a Request for Proposals for investment services for the Stewardship Reserve (Ag + Open Space Endowment). The contract will go to the Board of Directors in August 2026.
   - Community Resources Update: Staff is attending community events including Ag Days, Sonoma County Pride, fundraiser at Graton Town Square, and a fundraiser for Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)
   - Soda Springs Ranch Open Space Preserve is opening to the public June 6, 2026
   - The Board of Directors approved the Stewardship Assistance Grant Contracts with Sonoma Resource Conservation District and Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District to oversee the Grant Program

8. **Approval of Commission Minutes**
   On a motion from Commissioner Owen and a second by Commissioner Inocencio, the minutes from the May 6, 2026 meeting were approved.

9. **Financial Report**
   Julie Mefferd gave the financial report.

10. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**
    Commissioner Inocencio reported that the Public Access Audit committee met and the Committee findings will be agendized for a later meeting.

11. **Tom Schopflin Fields Phase 2 Community Spaces Matching Grant Project**
    On a motion by Commissioner Emery and second by Commissioner Owen the Commission adopted Resolution No. 2026-005.

    Resolution Of The Board Of Commissioners Of The Sonoma County Open Space Fiscal Oversight Commission Determining That The District Is Not Paying More, Or Receiving Less, Than Fair Market Value For The Recreation Covenant To Be Acquired By The District As A Condition Of Matching Grant Funding To Be Provided To Atletico Santa Rosa For The Tom Schopflin Fields Project

12. **Tierra de Rosas Community Spaces Matching Grant Project**
    Duane Dewitt gave public comment.

    On a motion by Commissioner Inocencio and second by Commissioner Sangiacomo the Commission adopted Resolution No. 2026-006.

    Resolution Of The Board Of Commissioners Of The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation And Open Space Fiscal Oversight Commission Determining That The District Is Not Paying More, Or Receiving Less, Than Fair Market Value For The Conservation Easement And Recreation Covenant To Be Acquired By The District As A Condition Of Matching Grant Funding To Be Provided To The Sonoma County Community Development Commission For The Tierra De Rosas Public Plaza Project.

13. **Adjourn to Closed Session (Real Property Negotiations - Government Code Section 54956.8)**
    The Commission entered into Closed Session at 6:15 pm.

14. **Reconvene to Open Session and Report out of Closed Session**
    The commission reconvened to Open Session at 6:46 pm.

    On a motion by Commissioner Mendoza and second by Commissioner Owen the Commission adopted Resolution No. 2026-007.

    Resolution Of The Board Of Commissioners Of The Sonoma County Open Space Fiscal Oversight Commission Determining That The Acquisition Price For The Purchase Of The Diamond W Ranch Conservation Easement And Agricultural Conservation Covenant By The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation And Open Space District Does Not Exceed Fair Market Value

15. **Adjournment**
    The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

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