



***SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE & SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION JOINT MEETING
February 9, 2012 MINUTES***

5:15 p.m. Meeting convened at the Glaser Center, Unitarian Universal Congregation,
547 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, California

Advisory Committee Members Present

Steve Rabinowitsh	Bill Smith	John Nagle
Sue Conley	Shanti Wright	Karen Bianchi Moreda
Kristin Thigpen	Jeff Holtzman	Dennis Murphy
Guy Wilson	Cary Fargo	

Advisory Committee Members Absent

Janet Orchard
Laurie Gallian
Suzanne Doyle

Fiscal Oversight Commission Members Present

Bob Anderson
Todd Mendoza
Patty Fata
Mike Sangiacomo
Jeff Owen (alternate)

Fiscal Oversight Commission Members Absent

Jean Kapolchok

Staff Present Bill Keene, General Manager; Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Program Manager; Misti Arias, Conservation Program Manager; Karen Gaffney, Strategic Initiatives Manager; Sue Gallagher, Deputy County Counsel; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Secretary; Sue Jackson, Fiscal Oversight Commission Deputy Clerk

District Staff Christine Minkel, Sara Press, Carrie Johnson, Terri Saunders, Kim Batchelder, Sarah Bailly, Kathleen Marsh

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

None

Welcome and Meeting Overview

Fiscal Oversight Commission Chair Bob Anderson welcomed everyone in attendance and presented the meeting overview.

Work Plan Overview

Bill Keene, SCAPOSD General Manager, presented a brief description of the Work Plan process.

Introduction of the Fiscal Oversight Commission and the District Advisory Committee

Fiscal Oversight Commission Chair Bob Anderson introduced the Fiscal Oversight Commissioners. Advisory Committee Chair Pro Tem Steve Rabinowitsh introduced Advisory Committee Members.

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District 3-Year Work Plan

Bill Keene, SCAPOSD General Manager, provided an overview of the Work Plan process and a brief synopsis of the Stakeholder's Meetings that were held the last week of January and first week of February 2012. Bill indicated that the District was hoping to receive more input from the Advisory Committee and the Fiscal Oversight Commission, as well as the public. A draft of the Work Plan will be on the District's website March 17 that will reflect comments and input that have been received from the Stakeholder's Meetings and the Joint Meeting tonight. The Work Plan will go before the Board of Directors on March 27, 2012, and will be implemented in July 2012 through July 2015.

Mr. Keene provided a brief financial summary as a foundation for the Work Plan. This financial summary will be presented to the Board of Directors on March 13, 2012.

Mr. Keene briefly discussed District priorities, guiding principles, strategies and proposed actions, and the budget detailed in the Work Plan.

Initial Questions/Comments

Commissioners and committee members had questions related to the funds that make up the budget, e.g., the reserve fund, the Stewardship fund, etc. A discussion of trends over the past several years in sales tax revenue, the impact of reduced revenue on the conservation and stewardship programs, the status of fee lands and maintenance thereof followed.

Public Comment about the Work Plan

There was no public comment.

Fiscal Oversight Commission/District Advisory Committee Discussion

A discussion of specific properties and the impact of reduced sales revenue continued. Program managers addressed questions and described possible remedies.

Public Comment on Items Not Agendized

There was no public comment.

Adjournment: 6:42 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting date for District Advisory Committee

February 23, 2012, 5:00pm, Open Space District, 747 Mendocino Ave, Ste 100, Santa Rosa

Next scheduled meeting date for Fiscal Oversight Commission

March 1, 2012, 5:00pm, Open Space District, 747 Mendocino Ave, Ste 100, Santa Rosa

Respectfully submitted,
Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Secretary
Sue Jackson, Fiscal Oversight Commission Deputy Clerk