



SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION  
**COMMISSIONERS**

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**Gary Wysocky (Third District)**

**Ariel Kelley (Fourth District)**  
**Jorge Inocencio (Fifth District)**  
**Jeff Owen (Alternate)**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Virtual Meeting Due to Sonoma County's Shelter in Place Order**

**August 4, 2022 | 5:00 pm**

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ariel Kelley, Jorge Inocencio, Jeff Owen, Todd Mendoza

**STAFF PRESENT:** Misti Arias, General Manager; Luke Bowman, County Counsel; Julie Mefferd, Administrative and Fiscal Services Manager; Jennifer Kuszmar, Acquisition Manager; Mary Chambers, Agricultural Specialist; Sara Ortiz, Administrative Aide; Ceara McKetchnie-Stanley, Administrative Aide.

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

**1. Call to Order**

Commissioner Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

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

**3. General Announcements Not Requiring Deliberation or Decision**

**4. Public Comment**

**5. Correspondence/Communications**

**6. General Manager's Report**

Misti Arias reported on the Sonoma Development Center – the State of California has put out an RFP looking for planning that will be aligned with the County plan. The State has said that the open space area will not be developed, so it is likely that the area will get transferred to Regional or State Parks. Ag + Open Space is involved in talks; if the State transfers land with no cost there may not be a role for Ag + Open Space.

Vegetation Management – we have entered into 18 new grant agreements, as well as conditionally approved grants, and received reporting from 19 grant agreements that are 50% or more completed. The Board has a subcommittee and Kim Batchelder is heading a technical advisory committee.

Three Board items going 8/30 – Carbon Sequestration Composting Program Funding, AFA Grants, and McClelland Dairy SALC Application Approval

Misti has been in closed session discussions with the Board surrounding Chanslor Ranch and Regional Parks

**7. Approval of Commission Minutes**

On a motion by Commissioner Owen and a second by Commissioner Mendoza, the July 7, 2022, minutes were approved.

## 8. Election of Officers

Commissioner Mendoza motioned to nominate Commissioner Inocencio for Chair Pro Tempore, Commissioner Owen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

## 9. Discussion of Hybrid Meetings

Julie Mefferd opened a discussion of hybrid meetings and explained the technology in place to allow for virtual and physical meetings. Hybrid meetings will begin in Fall 2022.

## 10. Farmland for All Presentation

Mary Chambers presented and answered questions on the Farmland for All program.

## 11. Projects in Negotiation

Jennifer Kuszmar shared the monthly projects in negotiation list.

## 12. Suggested Next Meeting

September 1, 2022

## 13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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