



SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
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Jeff Owen (Alternate)

APPROVED MINUTES

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

December 2, 2021 | 5:00 pm

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

STAFF PRESENT: Misti Arias, General Manager; Julie Mefferd, Administrative and Fiscal Services Manager; Jennifer Kuszmar, Acquisition Program Manager; Sara Ortiz, Administrative Aide; Lisa Pheatt, Deputy County Counsel.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bob Anderson, Viveka Rydell-Anderson

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Mendoza called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

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

There was none.

3. General Announcements Not Requiring Deliberation or Decision

There was none.

4. Public Comment

The Brown Act requires that time be set aside for public comment on items not agendized.
There was none.

5. Correspondence/ Communications

There was none.

6. Resolution of Appreciation for Bob Anderson

Resolution 2021-007

The Commission unanimously passed 21-007, resolution of appreciation to Robert Anderson for his outstanding service as a member and Chair of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Fiscal Oversight Commission.

7. General Manager Report

Misti Arias reported that the owners accepted our offer for the El Recreo conservation easement. The owner is working on acquiring a neighboring piece that may eventually have a conservation easement as well. Acquisition is working on criteria that aligns with the Vital Lands Initiative (VLI) and will bring to the Acquisition subcommittee.

MGP subcommittee will get together to discuss guidelines.

Steph Tavares-Buhler, Mary Chambers, and Misti will be partnering with CAFF to discuss agriculture in Sonoma

County next week.

Misti had her 6 month meeting with the Board and is working on organizational priorities as a staff based on VLI. The Board is supportive. Misti will present the organizational priorities to the FOC in January and can bring any comments to the board at the 18 month work plan check in with the Board in January.

There are 2 upcoming board items for 12/14 Annual Audit Services Agreement and Herbicide Report (joint yearly item).

8. Approval of Commission Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Kelley and a second by Commissioner Inocencio, the October 7, 2021 minutes were approved.

9. Financial Report

Julie Mefferd reviewed the November financial report. She gave the reminder that the FOC fund has been abolished as a separate fund, so we will not see that on financial reports moving forward.

10. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Annual Report/Audit Report Review (Owen, Kelley) The subcommittee has met to review the annual audit, the annual report, and to review proposals for a new audit services contract

11. Proposed Approval of Annual Report

On a motion by Commissioner Owen and a second by Commissioner Kelley, the Annual Report was approved.

12. Projects in Negotiations

13. Suggested Next Meeting

January 6, 2021

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm.

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