



SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS

Mike Sangiacomo (First District)
Todd Mendoza (Second District)
Regina De La Cruz (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

March 3, 2022 | 5:00 pm

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Todd Mendoza, Jorge Inocencio, Jeff Owen

STAFF PRESENT: Misti Arias, General Manager; Lisa Pheatt, County Counsel; Julie Mefferd, Administrative and Fiscal Services Manager; Jennifer Kuszmar, Acquisition Manager; Louisa Morris, Acquisition Specialist; Catherine Iantosca, Stewardship Specialist; Sara Ortiz, Administrative Aide; Howard Levy, contract appraiser.

PUBLIC PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

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

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

3. General Announcements Not Requiring Deliberation or Decision

Misti Arias welcomed back Catherine Iantosca, previously Stewardship Technician, as newly hired Stewardship Specialist.

The County received 40 proposals at over 7 million dollars for the Vegetation Management Program; recommendations will go to the Board 4/19. Vegetation Management Program has received performance reports on 19 projects approved in 2021 and all projects are in compliance.

Ag + Open Space hosted a well-attended cordage demonstration on Dogbane Preserve on 2/12.

The State of California has a 30 by 2030 objective – 30% of the state conserved by 2030. Ag + Open Space has shared feedback on how to make that happen, how the Bay Area can work towards that goal, and in support of the current budget allocation of \$350 million to the State Coastal Conservancy.

Staff is working with the family owners of El Recreo on their story hopefully will see press released soon regarding the conservation easement

Staff is giving stories to Press Democrat regarding how Ag + Open Space's work impacts climate change and resiliency

4. Public Comment

5. Correspondence/ Communications

A list of notable persons who have contributed to the Fiscal Oversight Commission and the Ag + Open Space mission, submitted by Bob Anderson, was read aloud.

6. Approval of Commission Minutes

Commissioner Inocencio suggested a correction to the February 3, 2022 minutes. On a motion by Commissioner Owen and a second by Commissioner Inocencio, the February 3, 2022 corrected minutes were approved. Jorge suggested corrections to minutes, Jeff 1st with corrections, Jorge 2nd Projects in Negotiation – Jeff asked if we could add a column for projected close Americorps Matching Grant Program – Jeff 1st, Jorge 2nd, resolution passed

7. Financial Report

Julie Mefferd reviewed the monthly financial statements for February 2022.

8. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

No Ad Hoc Committee Reports

9. Projects in Negotiation

Jennifer Kuszmar reviewed the projects in negotiation.

10. Americorps Matching Grant Program Project

Resolution 2022-001

On a motion by Commissioner Owen and second by Commissioner Inocencio, the Commission determined that acceptance of the acquisition price for the conservation easement and recreation covenant to be secured by the District as a condition of the Matching Grant to the City of Sebastopol for the Americorps Trail Project does not exceed fair market value.

11. Closed Session (Real Property Negotiations - Government Code Section 54956.8)

The Commission entered Closed Session at 5:27 p.m.

12. Report Out of Closed Session

The Commission reconvened to Open Session at 6:25 p.m. and reported the following:

Resolution 2022-002

On a motion by Commissioner Owen and second by Commissioner Inocencio, the Commission determined that the District is not paying more, or receiving less, than the fair market value for the Mark West Wikiup conservation easement and recreation covenant.

13. Suggested Next Meeting

April 7, 2022

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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