



SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
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APPROVED MINUTES

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

October 6, 2022 | 5:00 pm

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Todd Mendoza, Jorge Inocencio, Jeff Owen, Gary Wysocky

STAFF PRESENT: Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Manager; Lisa Pheatt, County Counsel; Jennifer Kuszmar, Acquisition Manager; Jacob Newell, Stewardship Supervisor; Taylor Acosta, Stewardship Technician; Catherine Iantosca, Senior Stewardship Specialist; Sue Jackson, Administrative Aide; Ceara McKetchnie-Stanley, Administrative Aide; Mariah Robson, Executive Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Mendoza called the meeting to order at 5:02 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

Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Manager, on behalf of Misti Arias, General Manager, reported several items going to the Board: 10/25 Regional Conservation Partnership Program – Vital Streams and Forests in order to authorize to extend five year plan of agreement; 11/8 Vital Lands Implementation Update; 12/6 Joint Countywide Landscape Management Report for Fiscal Year 2021/2022; 12/13 Vegetation Management Program Update and Proposed Recommendations for Future PG&E Settlement Expenditures for 2023 and 2024.

Vegetation Management – we have entered into 18 new 2022 grant agreements for \$3.2M, as well as 9 new grant agreements to the Conditionally Approved projects for \$1.6M; 19 2021 grantees are submitting their 12-month monitoring reports for \$1.6M. Acquisitions – updated landowner applications are on the Ag + Open Space website; an application was submitted to the Department of Conservation's Sustainable Ag Land Program for the McClellan Dairy project on September 8, 2022; there will be a special Fiscal Oversight Commission meeting on October 20, 2022 considering an appraisal for Soda Springs Ranch; another acquisition project will be presented to the Fiscal Oversight Commission at the November 3, 2022 meeting.

7. Approval of Commission Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Owen and a second by Commissioner Inocenio the August 4, 2022, minutes were approved.

8. Financial Report

Ms. Emerson presented the Financial Report for Julie Mefferd, Administrative & Fiscal Services Manager. There are still some adjustments that will need to be made based on revenues coming in. If there are any questions, Ms. Mefferd will be at the next meeting and will be able to answer them at that time. The fiscal year 21/22 audit being completed and the Fiscal Oversight Commission subcommittee will meet later this month to discuss.

9. New Monitoring Tools and Technology: Remote Monitoring Using Lens

Jacob Newell, Stewardship Supervisor, and Taylor Acosta, Stewardship Technician, presented and answered questions on the new monitoring tools and technology being used at Ag + Open Space and the platform Lens was demonstrated.

10. Projects in Negotiation

Ms. Emerson shared the monthly projects in negotiation list.

11. Suggested Next Meeting

October 20, 2022

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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