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SONOMA COUNTY

SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

747 Mendocino Avenue – Suite 100, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
July 25, 2019 | 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PLEASE CALL IF UNABLE TO ATTEND

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment**
Comments on items not listed on the agenda. Time is limited to 3 minutes per person/item.
3. **Approval of Minutes from May 23, 2019 Attachment A | ACTION ITEM**
4. **General Manager's Report**
5. **Subcommittee Report Out**
Matching Grant Program
6. **Vital Lands Initiative Update ***
Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager
7. **Agriculture Position**
Bill Keene, General Manager
8. **Projects in Negotiation Attachment B**
9. **Announcement from Advisory Committee Members**
10. **Adjournment**
Next Meeting: August 22, 2019

***Vital Lands Initiative - a hardcopy of the VLI draft will be available at the Ag + Open Space front desk as of July 19, 2019 and at the meeting**

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

August 22, 2019

MGP Guidelines

Vital Lands Initiative

September 26, 2019

Field Trip to Fee Lands (Greenbelt Theme/Strategy; Fee Lands Strategy)

October 24, 2019

Community Relations Strategy

Fires and Extreme Events Update

November 28, 2019

Cancelled for Thanksgiving

December 12, 2019

MGP 2020 Kickoff

Vital Lands Implementation Update

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Any member of the audience desiring to address the Committee on a matter on the agenda will have an opportunity to speak. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please be brief and limit your comments to the subject under discussion. Each person is usually granted 3 minutes to speak; time limitations are at the discretion of the Chair.





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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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May 23, 2019 | 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Smith	Curt Nichols	Steve Barbose	John Nagle
Neysa Hinton	Evan Wiig	Cary Fargo	Leah Gold
John Dell’Osso	Taj Hittenberger	Jennielynn Holmes	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tawny Tesconi	Paul Martin	Doug Lipton
Jan McFarland	Steve Rabinowitsh	Don McEnhill

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager; Misti Arias, Acquisition Program Manager; Jennifer Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator; Aldo Mercado, County Counsel; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Dell’Osso called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

Change in the Agenda: Chair Dell’Osso asked that the order of the agenda be changed. Agenda item five moved to agenda item six.

Chair Dell’Osso welcomed the newest Advisory Committee Member, Leah Gold, Vice Mayor of Healdsburg. She introduced herself to the committee members and staff.

Public Comment

Duane DeWitt spoke about Roseland and stated that Ag + Open Space helped the City of Santa Rosa save 2.4 acres with tax payers’ dollars. Now the City of Santa Rosa would like to demolish six houses and buildings that were on the property when purchased. Mr. DeWitt would like them to reconsider and not tear the buildings down but use them for something else, perhaps moving them instead of demolishing them. Mr. DeWitt would like the Ag + Open Space to support the movement and use of the buildings rather than tearing them down.

Approval of Minutes

Bill Smith motioned to approve the minutes as is, and John Nagle seconded the motion. All in favor, with abstentions from Taj Hittenberger and Leah Gold who were not in attendance at the April meeting.

General Manager's Report Out

- Misti Arias, Acquisition Program Manager, reported out for Bill Keene, General Manager. Two conservation easements closed, Weeks Ranch North and South, totaling 1200 acres adjacent to Hood Mountain and Sugar Loaf. This is a family owned property that has been in cattle grazing for many years.
- Monica Delmartini, Associate Planner, and Amy Ricard, Community Relations Specialist, are participating in a community information session at the Kenwood Depot tonight regarding potential upcoming controlled burns being planned by the Sonoma Valley Wildlands Collaborative. Residents living in the immediate vicinity of potential burn sites were invited to hear from the Collaborative and CAL FIRE about how the controlled burns will be operated.
- OpenRoad aired last Sunday and we've received a lot of great feedback about the episode. Ms. Ricard sent the link to all of the Committee members, and it also can be found on the OpenRoad with Doug McConnell website.
- We issued a press release this morning announcing the grand opening celebration of the Graton Green on June 2, 2019.
- An email was sent to Committee members with recruitment materials for two new youth members. Ms. Ricard will also be looking for adult allies to help mentor each of our new youth members.

Subcommittee Report Out

The Advisory Committee currently has one active subcommittee, the Matching Grant Program. The subcommittee has not met since the last Advisory Committee meeting and has no update.

Matching Grant Program Mayors and Councilmembers Letter

Jennifer Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator, updated the Advisory Committee on the Mayors and Councilmembers letters. Ag + Open Space has received correspondence from the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association on the issue of recusal of members from Matching Grant Program funding application review, evaluation and recommendations. The Matching Grant Subcommittee developed recommendations regarding recusals when there are conflicts of interest with members of the subcommittee during the Matching Grant Program cycle. At the last Advisory Committee meeting, staff presented the Subcommittee recommendations to the full Advisory Committee, staff, and members of the public. Chair Dell'Osso was directed to write a response



letter to the Mayors and Councilmembers. The Committee members and the members of the public discussed Chair Dell’Osso’s response letter this evening and made some slight changes. John Nagle made a motion to approve the letter with the changes and send the letter to Mayors and Councilmembers. Steve Barbose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

For more information, contact Ms. Kuszmar at Ag + Open Space.

Vital Lands Initiative Update

Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager, gave an overview and update on the Vital Lands Initiative. This is a comprehensive plan to guide all of the work of Ag + Open Space through 2031. The draft is almost completed and will be sent out in the next couple of weeks for feedback from Committee members. Small group meetings will also be set up with Committee members and Ag + Open Space staff to discuss the draft and to get further input from members. There will also be community meetings that will take place before the VLI is taken to the Board in October. Committee members are invited and encouraged to attend the Board meeting.

For more information on the Vital Lands Initiative, the PowerPoint presentation is available upon request, or contact Ms. Gaffney at Ag + Open Space.

Projects in Negotiation

No updates on projects in negotiations Announcement from Advisory Committee Members

Announcements from Advisory Committee Members and Members of the Public

Chair Dell’Osso | Halei Trowbridge is no longer on the Advisory Committee. Chair Dell’Osso will purchase a card and have members sign at the next meeting and will send it to her

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Next Meeting: July 25, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson
Advisory Committee Secretary



ATTACHMENT 'B'

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

Project Status Chart
7/19/2019

PROJECT	Acreage (approximate)		Acquisition Plan Category				Comments
	Supervisorial District	Project Design	Appraisal/Baseline	Escrow	Appraisal Process	Appraisal/Baseline	
Arrowhead Ranch (Maas)	245	2	Farms & Ranches	x			On hold at request of owner
El Recreo	289	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside				CE under negotiation
Gloekner-Turner Ranch	3,364	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x	x		Appraisal process
Jacobsen Ranches	127	2	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside	x			Appraisal process
Joseph Camozzi Dairy	403	2	Farms & Ranches	x			CE under negotiation
LaFranchi (Oak Ridge Angus)	1,189	4	Farms & Ranches	x			CE under negotiation
Mattos Dairy	866	2	Farms & Ranches	x	x		Offer made
McClelland Dairy	337	2	Farms & Ranches	x	x		On hold at request of owner
Preston Farm	133	4	Farms & Ranches				Initiating project
Silva	4,441	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas				CE under negotiation
Sonoma Developmental Center 5 (Transfor	945	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside				Land protection proposal underway
Torr	522	5	Recreation & Education				Appraisal process
Witt Home Ranch	395	2	Farms & Ranches				Initiating project

ATTACHMENT 'B'

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Project Status Chart

7/19/2019

Total Acres: 13,256

Matching Grant Projects	Average (approximate)		Supervisory District		Location		Begin Grant Process		Approvals/Baseline		Comments
	12	5	Sebastopol	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x				Escrow	
AmeriCorps Trail	12	5	Sebastopol	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x					Initiating project
Andy's Unity Park	4	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	5	Healdsburg						Reimbursement and tracking match ongoing
Badger Park	20	4	Healdsburg	4	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	x	x	x		Initiating project
Bayer Farm Development	6**	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a	x	x		Reimbursement ongoing, Grant term extended
Colgan Creek Phase 3 MG*	7	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	5	East of Rohnert Park	x	n/a				Extension granted to 10/14/21
Crane Creek Regional Trail*	6	1	East of Rohnert Park	1	North Petaluma	x	n/a				Drafting documents. Grant term extended to 12/6/
Denman Reach	2	2	North Petaluma	2	Cotati	x	x	x	x		Drafting documents
Falletti Ranch	4	2	Cotati	2	Downtown Forestville	x	x	x	x		Tracking match
Forever Forestville*	4	5	Downtown Forestville	5	Downtown Graton	x	x	x	x		Tracking match
Graton Green	1	5	Downtown Graton	5	Central Guerneville	x	x	x	x		Escrow closed April 5, 2019. Tracking match.
Guerneville River Park Phase 2*	5	5	Central Guerneville	5	Petaluma						Initiating project
Helen Putnam Regional Park Extension	56	2	Petaluma	2	West of Santa Rosa	x	n/a	x	n/a		Initiating project
Irwin Creek Riparian Restoration*	47**	5	West of Santa Rosa	5	Northwest of Sonoma	x	n/a				Closing out reimbursement
Maxwell Farms	79	1	Northwest of Sonoma	1	Petaluma	x	n/a				Initiating project
McNear Peninsula Addition	21	2	Petaluma	2	Sonoma	x	n/a				Drafting documents
Nathanson Creek Restoration Phase 2	1**	1	Sonoma	1	West Petaluma	x	x	x	x		Reimbursement ongoing
Paula Lane Open Space Preserve	11	2	West Petaluma	2	West of Guerneville	x	x	x	x		Tracking match
River Lane	1	5	West of Guerneville	5	West of Windsor	x	n/a				Drafting documents
Riverfront Regional Park Recreation Improv	300**	4	West of Windsor	4	Southwest Santa Rosa	x					Initiating project
Roseland Creek Community Park - Phase 1	3	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a				Drafting documents
Roseland Village Public Space	1	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	5	Southeast Santa Rosa	x					Drafting documents
Southeast Santa Rosa Greenway	61	1	Southeast Santa Rosa	1	Southwest Santa Rosa	x					Initiating project
SMART Pathway – Hearn to Bellevue*	6	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a	x	x		Finalizing documents
SMART Pathway - Payran to S. Point	14	2	Petaluma	2	Petaluma	x	n/a				Drafting documents
Steamer Landing Park Development (McNe	27**	2	Downtown Petaluma	2	Southeast Santa Rosa	x	n/a				Initiating project
Taylor Mtn RPOSP - Cooper Creek Addition	54	3	Southeast Santa Rosa	3							Initiating project

Total Acres: 236

* District approved a 2-year extension

** Restoration/Development Project on previous acquisition.