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SONOMA COUNTY

SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

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

**June 25, 2020 | 5:00 pm**

MEMBERS PLEASE CALL IF UNABLE TO ATTEND

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, the June 25, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY NOT ATTEND THIS MEETING IN PERSON**

**\*UPDATE REGARDING VIEWING AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN  
JUNE 25, 2020 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING\***

The June 25, 2020 Advisory Committee Meeting will be held online through Zoom. There will be no option for attending in person. Members of the public can watch or listen to the meeting using one of the following methods:

1. Join the Zoom meeting on your computer, tablet or smartphone by clicking:<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/95265049537?pwd=TWlyYWVWNtOUFZTVJnclF1WTJCakExZz09>
2. If you have the Zoom app or web client, join the meeting using the Password: 609937
3. Call-in and listen to the meeting: Dial 1 669 900 9128 Enter meeting ID: 952 6504 9537

**PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE MEETING:** You may email public comment to [Mariah.Robson@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Mariah.Robson@sonoma-county.org). All emailed public comments will be forwarded to all Committee Members and read aloud for the benefit of the public. Please include your name and the relevant agenda item number to which your comment refers. In addition, if you have joined as a member of the public through the Zoom link or by calling in, there will be specific points throughout the meeting during which live public comment may be made via Zoom and phone.

**DISABLED ACCOMMODATION:** If you have a disability which requires an accommodation or an alternative format to assist you in observing and commenting on this meeting, please contact Mariah Robson by email to [Mariah.Robson@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Mariah.Robson@sonoma-county.org) by 12pm Wednesday, June 24th to ensure arrangements for accommodation.

**\*END OF UPDATE\***

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 28, 2020 Attachment A**
4. **General Manager's Report**
5. **Subcommittee Report Out**  
Matching Grant Program
6. **County Hazard Mitigation Plan**  
Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Manager
7. **Carrington Ranch Transfer**  
Misti Arias, Acquisition Manager  
Catherine Iantosca, Stewardship Technician
8. **Projects in Negotiation Attachment B**
9. **Announcements from Advisory Committee Members**
10. **Adjournment**  
Next Scheduled Meeting: August 27, 2020

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**\* FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**  
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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**7/23/20**

Summer Break

**8/27/20**

Grazing Program

Update on Work with Agriculture





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**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

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**May 28, 2020 | 5:00 pm**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bill Smith	Tawny Tesconi	Evan Wiig	Paul Martin
Curt Nichols	Taj Hittenberger	Steve Barbose	Doug Lipton
John Dell'Osso	Cary Fargo	Austin Maners	Michelle Whitman
Jan McFarland			

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jennielynn Holmes	Leah Gold	John Nagle
Don McEnhill	Neysa Hinton	

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Bill Keene, General Manager; Misti Arias, Acquisition Manager; Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Manager; Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Manager; Julie Mefferd, Admin & Fiscal Services Manager; Kim Batchelder, Conservation Associate Planner; Allison Schichtel, Senior Conservation Planner; Stephanie Tavares-Buhler, Senior Acquisition Specialist; Sara Ortiz, Administrative Aide; Jennifer Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator; Amy Ricard, Community Relations Specialist; Alex Young, GIS Coordinator; Taylor Acosta, Stewardship Technician; Aldo Mercado, County Counsel; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Clerk

**Call to Order**

Chair Dell'Osso called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Approval of Minutes**

Curt Nichols motioned to approve the minutes from February 27, 2020 as is, and Bill Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor, with eight abstentions from Steve Barbose, Austin Maners, Michelle Whitman, Tawny Tesconi, Jan McFarland, Evan Wiig, Doug Lipton, and Paul Martin who were not in attendance at the February meeting.

### **General Manager's Report Out**

- Bill Keene, General Manager, introduced the newest member of the Advisory Committee, Michelle Whitman, who is representing the third district. Ms. Whitman introduced herself to the Advisory Committee members and staff.
- A prescribed grazing contract for Calabazas is going to the Board on June 9, 2020.
- The transfer of Carrington Ranch to Regional Parks is also going to the Board on June 9, 2020. This is a 300 acre property off of Coleman Valley Road.
- Mr. Keene acknowledged staff on all they have accomplished during the COVID-19 pandemic. Several staff have been devoted to disaster service as runners, working on public information, press releases, contact tracing, the emergency hot line, and sewing face coverings. Most staff are sheltering in place and working from home if they are not participating in disaster services and have been very productive. All meetings are being conducted remotely.

### **Subcommittee Report Out**

The Advisory Committee currently has one active subcommittee, the Matching Grant Program. The configuration of members may change once applications have been received in August.

### **Program Updates**

Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Manager, Misti Arias, Acquisition Manager, Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Manager, and Julie Mefferd, Admin & Fiscal Services Manager, updated the committee on the highlights of their program during COVID19 and shelter in place. Committee members asked questions and made comments after each update.

### **Advisory Committee Round Robin**

Advisory Committee members took turns giving an update on what they have been doing during the COVID19 pandemic personally and professionally.

### **Plan for Future Meetings**

Chair Dell'Osso discussed future plans for the Advisory Committee meetings. It was decided to have another zoom call for the next scheduled meeting on June 25, 2020. Some thoughts were discussed to possibly have the meeting include video next time. Chair Dell'Osso asked members to email him with any other ideas for future meetings.

### **Projects in Negotiation**

Gloeckner Ranch is in escrow and will be closing in the next week or two.

The Fiscal Oversight Commission approved the appraisal for the Torr project which will go to the Board in July 2020.



**Announcements from Advisory Committee Members and Members of the Public**  
No announcements.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Next Meeting: June 25, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson  
*Advisory Committee Secretary*



Project Status Chart  
6/18/2020

## Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

PROJECT	Acreage (approximate)	Supervisory District	Acquisition Plan Category	Project Design	Appraisal Process	Approvals/Baseline	Escrow	Comments
Arrowhead Ranch (Maas)	245	2	Farms & Ranches	x				On hold at request of owner
El Recreo	289	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside	x	x			Appraisal process
Gloeckner-Turner Ranch	3,364	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x	x	x	x	Closed 6/3/2020
Joseph Camozzi Dairy	403	2	Farms & Ranches	x	x			SALCP grant.
LaFranchi (Oak Ridge Angus)	1,189	4	Farms & Ranches	x				CE under negotiation
Mattos Dairy	866	2	Farms & Ranches	x	x			New appraisal underway. SALCP grant.
McClelland Dairy	337	2	Farms & Ranches	x				CE under negotiation
McCormick	253	1	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x	x			Appraisal process
Paulin Meadow (Parcel J)	10	1	Recreation & Education	x				Initiating project
Preston Farm	133	4	Farms & Ranches	x				Initiating project
Sonoma Developmental Center 5 (Transfo	945	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside					Land protection proposal underway
Torr	316	5	Recreation & Education	x	x	x		FOC has approved; to BOD next
Witt Home Ranch	395	2	Farms & Ranches	x	x	x		Initiating project
<b>Total Acres:</b>	<b>8,745</b>							

Matching Grant Projects	Acreage (approximate)	Supervisory District	Location	Begin Grant Process	Appraisal Process	Approvals/Baseline	Escrow	Comments
AmeriCorps Trail	12	5	Sebastopol		n/a			Initiating project
Andy's Unity Park	4	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x				Tracking match
Badger Park	20	4	Healdsburg					Initiating project
Bayer Farm Development***	6**	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	x	x	x	Reimbursement ongoing, Grant term extended
Colgan Creek Phase 3 MG***	7	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a	x	x	Extension granted to 10/14/21
Crane Creek Regional Trail*	6	1	East of Rohnert Park	x	n/a			Drafting documents. Grant extended to 12/6/21
Denman Reach	2	2	North Petaluma	x	n/a			Drafting documents
Falletti Ranch	4	2	Cotati	x	x	x	x	Tracking match
Forever Forestville***	4	5	Downtown Forestville	x	x	x	x	Tracking match; processing extension request
Graton Green	1	5	Downtown Graton	x	x	x		Escrow closed April 5, 2019. Tracking match.
Guerneville River Park Phase 2***	5	5	Central Guerneville	x	x	x		Initiating project; processing extension request
Helen Putnam Regional Park Extension	56	2	Petaluma					Initiating project
Maxwell Farms	79	1	Northwest of Sonoma	x	n/a			Drafting Documents
McNear Peninsula Addition	21	2	Petaluma					Drafting documents
Paula Lane Open Space Preserve	11	2	West Petaluma	x	x	x	x	Tracking match
River Lane***	1	5	West of Guerneville	x	x	x	x	Finalizing docs; Grant extended to 10/25/24
Riverfront Regional Park Recreation Impro	300**	4	West of Windsor	x	n/a			Initiating project; processing extension request
Roseland Creek Community Park - Phase 1	3	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	x			Drafting documents, appraisal review
Roseland Village Public Space***	1	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a			Drafting documents
Southeast Santa Rosa Greenway***	61	1	Southeast Santa Rosa	x		x		Initiating project; project extended to 10/25/24
SMART Pathway – Hearn to Bellevue*	6	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a	x		Finalizing documents
SMART Pathway - Payran to S. Point	14	2	Petaluma	x	n/a			Documents to SMART for review
Steamer Landing Park Development (McNe	27**	2	Downtown Petaluma	x	n/a			Initiating project
Taylor Mtn ROSP - Cooper Creek Addition	54	3	Southeast Santa Rosa	x				Closed 4/1/20. Tracking match
<b>Total Acres:</b>	<b>236</b>							

\* District approved a 2-year extension

\*\* Restoration/Development Project on previous acquisition.