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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

March 25, 2021 | 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PLEASE CALL IF UNABLE TO ATTEND

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, the March 25, 2021 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
March 25, 2021 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING***

The March 25, 2021 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:

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<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/94798127607?pwd=aWhxUzR4WTJhN0xMaHo1VWE5VG5YUT09>

1. If you have the Zoom app or web client, join the meeting using the Password: 228697
2. Call-in and listen to the meeting: Dial 1 669 900 9128 Enter meeting ID: 947 9812 7607

PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE MEETING: You may email public comment to 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 by 12pm Wednesday, March 24, 2021 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 February 25, 2021 Attachment A

4. General Manager's Report

5. Subcommittee Report Out

- Forming an Acquisition Subcommittee - Discussion
- Matching Grant Program Report Out

6. Vote on Summer Month Break

Michelle Whitman, Chair

7. Acquisition Projects Overview

Misti Arias, Assistant General Manager

8. Projects in Negotiations Attachment B

9. Announcements from Advisory Committee Members

10. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting: April 22, 2021





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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Virtual Meeting Due to Sonoma County's Shelter in Place Order
February 25, 2021 | 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michelle Whitman	Bill Smith	John Nagle	Ariel Kelley
Curt Nichols	Neysa Hinton	Paul Martin	Brian Barnacle
Jan McFarland	Jennielynn Holmes	Sue Conley	Doug Lipton
Tawny Tesconi	Don McEnhill	Kristina Tierney	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cary Fargo

STAFF PRESENT:

Caryl Hart, Interim General Manager; Misti Arias, Acquisition Manager; Jennifer Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator; Amy Ricard, Community Relations Specialist; Lauren Alpert, Community Relations Assistant; Sara Ortiz, Administrative Aide; Lisa Pheatt, County Counsel; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Whitman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. She welcomed new members, Ariel Kelley and Brian Barnacle, both representing Mayors and Councilmembers.

Public Comment

Chair Whitman asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda.

Susan Kirks, representing two non-profits in the community, Paula Lane Network and Madrone Audubon Society, welcomed Chair Whitman as the new chair, and wished John Dell'Osso, former chair and member, the best. Ms. Kirks discussed the projects that the non-profits are working on. The Paula Lane Network is creating a wildlife corridor map of southern Sonoma County that she will provide to staff and members. The Madrone Audubon Society is working on a tree vegetation understory resource list that connects needed resources and she will provide this to staff and members as well, probably in early March.

Resolution of Appreciation for John Dell'Osso

Vice Chair Don McEnhill read and presented the Resolution of Appreciation to former Advisory Committee member and Chair, John Dell'Osso, who was in attendance, on behalf of the Advisory Committee Members and Ag + Open Space staff. Mr. Dell'Osso was a member of the Advisory Committee since 2013 until January 2021, when he stepped down from the position. He served as Chair of the committee since 2017. Advisory Committee members, members of the public and staff thanked Mr. Dell'Osso for his service. Mr. Dell'Osso expressed his thanks to all and his honor to have served in this position.

Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2021

Chair Whitman asked for any comments regarding the minutes. There were none. Neysa Hinton motioned for the minutes to be approved as is, and John Nagle seconded the motion. All in were in favor.

General Manager's Report

- Caryl Hart, Interim General Manager, welcomed the new members, Ariel Kelley and Brian Barnacle.
- The recruitment for the new General Manager position is moving forward. The first interviews will be held on March 18, 2021. There has been a broad national outreach for this position by the Board of Supervisors.
- The Agricultural Specialist position is also moving forward. Second interviews took place this week. This position will help the District build up relationships with the agricultural community.
- Ag + Open Space is moving forward to hire an Assistant General Manager position. This position will focus internally to allow the General Manager to be the external face of the District. Interviews will have taken place by the next Advisory Committee meeting.
- The ASAP Grant Program, providing small farmers who are struggling financially due to COVID-19, will be taken to the Board on March 2, 2021.
- The Emergency Roadside Hazard Tree Removal at Saddle Mountain Open Space Preserve due to the Glass Fire also will be taken to the Board on March 2, 2021.
- Land Management Service Agreements will be taken to the Board on March 16, 2021.
- The Matching Grant Program Funding Recommendations will be taken to the Board on March 23, 2021.
- The Earthseed Conservation Easement Acquisition will be taken to the Board on April 20, 2021.
- The Calabazas and Wright Hill transfers to Regional Parks will be taken to the Board on May 11, 2021.
- The Oken Habitat Restoration Construction and Maintenance Contracts Award will be taken to the Board on June 8, 2021.



Subcommittee Report Out

The Matching Grant Program Subcommittee have been reviewing the 2020 Matching Grant Project applications to make recommendations at tonight's meeting, which will be presented to the Advisory Committee in the next agenda item. The approved recommendations will be brought to the Board on March 23, 2021.

Matching Grant Project Recommendations

Jennifer Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator, presented a PowerPoint presentation of the 2020 Matching Grant Program applications that were received and are being recommended by the Subcommittee. Nine applications were received, and six were recommended.

Chair Whitman opened the meeting to comments and discussion from the members, and then to the public. Members of the public expressed their support of individual projects.

Chair Whitman asked for a vote to accept the recommendations made by the Subcommittee. Don McEnhill motioned to approve the recommendations as presented. John Nagle seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor with two recusals, Ariel Kelley and Kristina Tierney recused themselves.

For more information, the PowerPoint presentation is available upon request, or contact Ms. Kuszmar at Ag + Open Space.

Community Relations Update

Amy Ricard, Community Relations Specialist, presented a PowerPoint presentation of a Community Relations Update. The presentation included recent media coverage, the outings and education program updates, online engagement community efforts, and messaging of wildfires and other topics.

For more information, the PowerPoint presentation is available upon request, or contact Ms. Ricard at Ag + Open Space.

Projects in Negotiations

Chair Whitman moved this item to next month's meeting.

Announcements from Advisory Committee Members

Chair Whitman moved this item to next month's meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Whitman adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm in the memory of Jim Harberson.

Next Meeting: March 25, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson
Advisory Committee Secretary



PROJECT	Acreage (approximate)	Supervisory District	Acquisition Plan Category	Project Design	Appraisal Process	Approvals/Baseline	Escrow	Comments
Armstrong Redwoods SNR - Ayers Addition	320	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas					Initiating project
Baumert Springs	372	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas					Initiating project
Bay Area Ranchers Co-op - Mobile Processi	17	1	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
Big Sulphur Creek (Krasilsa)	507	4	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas					Initiating project
Correia Family Dairy	146	2	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
Deniz (Old Adobe Road)	217	2	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
Deniz (Sonoma Mountain Road)	355	2	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
Denner Ranches	489	4	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
Diamond W Ranch	849	2	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
EARTHseed	14	5	Farms & Ranches	x	x			CE under negotiation
El Recreo	289	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside	x	x			Appraisal process
El Recreo - West	168	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside					Initiating project
Fornage Ranch	1,360	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas					Initiating project
Hardy Ranch	525	2	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
LaFranchi (Laguna)	127	4	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas					Initiating project
Limping Turkey Ranch	158	2	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
Mattos Dairy	701	2	Farms & Ranches	x	x	x	x	SALCP grant.
Miguel-Tocci Ranch	489	5	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
McCormick	253	1	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x	x			Appraisal process
Paulin Meadow (Parcel J)	10	3	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x	x			CE under negotiation
Pfendler (Sonoma Mountain)	852	2	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas					Initiating project
Preston Farm	133	4	Farms & Ranches	x				CE under negotiation
Reibli Family Farm	139	2	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
Russian River Habitat Restoration	63	4	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas					Initiating project
Ryan Ranch	806	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas					Initiating project
Saddle Mountain OSP – Lobban Addition	266	1	Recreation & Education		####			Initiating project
Sonoma Developmental Center 5 (Transfor	945	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside					Land protection proposal underway
Witt Home Ranch	395	2	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
Wolf Creek Ranch	1,195	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas					Initiating project
Total Acres:	12,160							

Matching Grant Project	Acreage (approximate)		Supervisory District	Location	Grant Process				Comments
					Begin Grant Process	Appraisal Process	Approvals/Baseline	Escrow	
AmeriCorps Trail	12	5	Sebastopol		n/a				Initiating project
Andy's Unity Park	4	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x					Escrow closed in 2017. 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
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 Improv	300**	4	West of Windsor	x	n/a				Initiating project; processing extension request
Roseland Creek Community Park - Phase 1c	3	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	x				City is reviewing documents (CE, RC)
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				SMART is reviewing documents (CE, RC)
Steamer Landing Park Development (McNe	27**	2	Downtown Petaluma	x	n/a				Initiating project
Taylor Mtn RPOSP - Cooper Creek Addition	54	3	Southeast Santa Rosa	x					Closed 4/1/20. Tracking match
Total Acres:	236								

* District approved a 2-year extension

** Restoration/Development Project on previous acquisition.

