



AG + OPEN SPACE
SONOMA COUNTY

Thursday, May 23, 2019

REGULAR MEETING
SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE
DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting begins at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PLEASE CALL IF UNABLE TO ATTEND

AGENDA

1. **Public Comment** - Comments on items not listed on the agenda
(*Time is limited to 3 minutes per person/item*)
2. **Approval of Minutes** [Attachment "A"] **ACTION**
April 25, 2019
3. **General Manager's Report** **INFORMATIONAL**
4. **Subcommittee Report Out** **INFORMATIONAL**
Matching Grant Program
5. **Vital Lands Update** **INFORMATIONAL**
Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Program Manager
6. **Matching Grant Program Mayors and Councilmembers Letter** **ACTION**
Jennifer Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator [Attachment "B"]
Misti Arias, Acquisition Program Manager
7. **Projects in Negotiation** [Attachment "C"] **INFORMATIONAL**
8. **Announcements from Advisory Committee Members** **INFORMATIONAL**
9. **Adjournment** Next Meeting: July 25, 2019

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Future Meeting Topics
(subject to change)

6/27/19

Cancelled for Summer Break

7/25/19

Vital Lands Update

8/22/19

MGP Guidelines

9/26/19

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

10/24/19

Community Relations Strategy

Fires and Extreme Events Update

11/28/19

Cancelled for Thanksgiving

12/12/19

MGP 2020 Kickoff

Vital Lands Implementation Update

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.



Attachment "A"

*SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE
DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

April 25, 2019 MINUTES

5:00 pm Meeting convened at the District office, 747 Mendocino Avenue,
Suite 100, Santa Rosa, California

Members Present

Bill Smith	Curt Nichols	Halei Trowbridge	Steve Barbose
Neysa Hinton	Steve Rabinowitsh	Doug Lipton	Cary Fargo
John Dell'Osso	Paul Martin	Jan McFarland	Don McEnhill

Members Absent

Evan Wiig	Tawny Tesconi	Taj Hittenberger
Jennielynn Holmes	John Nagle	

Staff Present

Bill Keene, General Manager; Jennifer Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator; Julie Mefferd, Administration and Fiscal Services Manager; Aldo Mercado, County Counsel; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Clerk

Chair Dell'Osso called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Jan McFarland motioned to approve the minutes, and Steve Rabinowitsh seconded the motion. All in favor, with abstentions from Paul Martin and Don McEnhill who were not in attendance at the February meeting.

General Manager's Report Out

- Bill Keene introduced Julie Mefferd as the new Admin and Fiscal Services Manager. She spoke and introduced herself to the committee members.
- An item is going to the Board next Tuesday, April 30, 2019 approving contracts with three land surveyor firms. These contracts will support our surveying and mapping needs. Another item, Creative Services Contracts, will go to the Board on May 14, 2019. The Stewardship Workshop will go to the Board October 15, 2019.

- Next month instead of an in-office meeting, the Advisory Committee will visit two greenbelt properties. One property, Dogbane, is a three acre preserve that supports a healthy population of the dogbane plant, used by local native Americans to make baskets. The other property, Oken, is a 76 acre property leased for grazing and a stream restoration project is planned for this property. More details on the site visit will be sent out prior to the meeting.
- Sonoma Valley Wildlands Collaborative, that consists of Ag + Open Space, Sonoma Land Trust, Regional Parks, State Parks, Sonoma Mountain Preservation and Audobon Canyon Ranch, received a \$1 million CAL FIRE grant to undertake fuel reduction work on the 18,000 acres of land we collectively own in Sonoma Valley. Among the treatments being planned are controlled burns, targeted thinning and reduction of ladder fuels where appropriate, installation of shaded fuel breaks, and clearing vegetation along roadways to improve access for emergency personnel. We'll be focusing on Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve, with the possibility of a controlled burn managed by CAL FIRE in mid-May if conditions allow.
- Porterfield Creek Open Space Preserve's official opening celebration will be on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Jennifer Kuszmar will be there to speak on behalf of Ag + Open Space.
- On Sunday May, 19, 2019 at 6:30pm on NBC Bay Area, OpenRoad will air an entire episode featuring the history, legacy and vision of Ag + Open Space. Ted Eliot will be interviewed, as well as Halie Trowbridge who sits on the Advisory Committee as a youth representative. We will send an email reminder ahead of the air date, as well as promote in our e-newsletter, on our website and through social media.

Subcommittee Report Out

The Advisory Committee currently has one active subcommittee, the Matching Grant Program. The report out will be part of item #6 on the agenda.

Budget Update

Bill Keene, General Manager, updated the Advisory Committee on the budget for the Ag + Open Space, which he presented to the Board on April 9, 2019. He focused on the challenges and opportunities for Ag + Open Space and issues related to fire recovery. He will take this back to the Board in June when the budget will be finalized. The sales tax revenue has increased and will continue to increase in the next several years. The Board was interested in looking at what has been accomplished so far and what Ag + Open Space might accomplish in the future through the lens of recovery.

For more information, contact Bill Keene at Ag + Open Space.

Matching Grant Program Overview, Guidelines Update and Mayors and Councilmembers Letter

Jennifer Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator, gave an overview and update on the Matching Grant Program and guidelines, and the Mayors and Councilmembers letter. Ms. Kuszmar overviewed recent project accomplishments and the schedule for updating the Matching Grant Program guidelines. The Matching Grant subcommittee has met twice to discuss Program Updates, including the matter of Matching Grant Subcommittee recusal. 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. Staff presented the Subcommittee recommendations to the full Advisory Committee, staff, and members of the public. A motion was offered to approve and adopt the recommendations from the subcommittee by Steve Barbose, and seconded by Curt Nichols. All in favor with one abstention from Neysa Hinton.

Direction was given to Chair Dell'Osso to write a draft letter responding to the Mayors and Councilmembers letter. The draft letter will come to next month's meeting for review and discussion.

For more information on the Matching Grant Program overview and guidelines update, the PowerPoint presentation is available upon request, or contact Ms. Kuszmar at Ag + Open Space.

Projects in Negotiations

State legislation proposes that the Sonoma Development open space lands remain protected.

Announcements from Advisory Committee Members and Members of the Public

Steve Barbose

Mr. Barbose is now on the City of Sonoma Planning Commission.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Next scheduled meeting date: May 23, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson,
Advisory Committee Secretary

Amy Harrington
Chair, Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association
City of Sonoma
No. 1 The Plaza
Sonoma, CA 95476

May 23, 2019

Dear Mayor Harrington,

This letter is in response to letters received by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (Ag + Open Space) from the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association (SCMCA) regarding our Matching Grant Program (MGP). Ag + Open Space appreciates the concerns expressed in the SCMCA letter and embraces this opportunity to review and improve MGP processes.

Background

Through the Ag + Open Space Expenditure Plan, Sonoma County voters have authorized public funding for urban open space, natural resource restoration, and recreation projects through matching grants. MGP funding is available to cities, the County, other public agencies, and nonprofit organizations. Ag + Open Space makes these funds available through an every-other-year funding cycle. The most recent funding cycle concluded in fall of 2018. To date, Ag + Open Space has accepted 56 projects into the MGP for a total of \$36 million in funding for open space projects in Sonoma County cities and unincorporated communities. Ag + Open Space is proud that at least one MGP project has been completed in each of the nine incorporated communities in Sonoma County.

Application Review Process

During the application review process, Ag + Open Space staff and a Matching Grant Subcommittee (Subcommittee) review and evaluate applications using criteria outlined in the MGP Guidelines. The Subcommittee is comprised of representatives from the District's Advisory Committee and Fiscal Oversight Commission.

During the evaluation and review process, projects are initially considered individually to determine how well they fulfill the MGP's goals and criteria. This review includes an analysis of project readiness, the certainty of the proposed match funding, and public support, among other criteria. Through the evaluation process, staff and the Subcommittee may prioritize projects that increase the amount of urban open space in a community, as well as those that provide new opportunities for recreation, connections within and between communities and other protected lands, and those that propose habitat restoration. Staff and the Subcommittee also try, where possible, to ensure that projects are delivered to all geographic regions of the County over time. Throughout this process, staff and the Subcommittee use a consistent approach in their review, applying the same rationale across all funding applications, and ultimately in the funding recommendations.

The MGP is a competitive grant program. Therefore, the Subcommittee must consider all eligible applications when formulating recommendations. In a typical funding cycle, Ag + Open Space receives requests for funding that exceed the money budgeted by the Board of Directors for the cycle. As such, it is not possible to consider one competitive application without considering the entire suite of competitive applications, as recommending one project for funding could result in another not being

recommended for funding. Recusal of a Subcommittee member from evaluation of applications for a subset of projects prevents that member from participating in significant and valuable discussions that involve a comparative analysis of the applications, as well as final recommendations regarding eligibility and funding that flow from those comparative considerations.

1993 Board Policy on Conflict of Interest and Incompatibility

In 1993, the Ag + Open Space Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 93-0465 (attached) outlining a conflict of interest and incompatibility policy for the Advisory Committee. This policy expressly acknowledged that Committee members were exempt from the conflict provisions of the Political Reform Act, but nonetheless affirmatively imposed all of those conflict of interest rules on the Committee members. To wit, the policy includes the following language:

...members or the Committee shall not make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use their membership on the committee to influence any committee recommendation in which the member knows or has reason to know that his or her loyalty is divided by an incompatible activity..."

Based on this Board-adopted policy, County Counsel direction, and a desire to avoid any actual or perceived conflict, the Advisory Committee has since implemented a practice whereby any member with any interest in a MGP application refrains from participating on the MGP Subcommittee (during a funding cycle year) and that member also recuses him/herself from voting on funding recommendations for MGP projects. This long-standing policy has applied to any member of the Committee, not solely to elected officials.

2018 Matching Grant Process

The 2018 MGP Subcommittee members included Neysa Hinton (SCMCA, Advisory), myself, John Dell'Osso (SCMCA, Advisory), Bill Smith (4th District, Advisory), Halei Trowbridge (youth member, Advisory), Eric Koenigshofer (5th District, Fiscal), and Jeff Owen (alternate, Fiscal). During the 2018 MGP cycle, Ms. Hinton was Vice Mayor of the City of Sebastopol and served as an appointee of the SCMCA to the Ag + Open Space Advisory Committee. Consistent with the practice adopted by the Advisory Committee, Ms. Hinton was asked to recuse herself from the MGP evaluation process as the City of Sebastopol had a pending funding application. Ms. Hinton has since requested that the Advisory Committee reconsider the practice of recusal from the MGP Subcommittee as a part of the MGP update occurring during 2019. She has also raised her concerns over this practice to the SCMCA, which resulted in two letters to Ag + Open Space on this topic.

Response by the Advisory Committee to Date

Following Ms. Hinton's request and the first letter from the SCMCA, the Advisory Committee discussed these concerns at their regularly scheduled public meeting on December 13, 2018. County Counsel, Bob Pittman, reviewed common law rules, particularly as they relate to the duty of loyalty. Also discussed was the Board's 1993 resolution, which established the current policy for participation in review of MGP applications. As Chair of the Advisory Committee, I requested that each of the ten members in attendance briefly state their thoughts on the practice of recusal. Eight of the ten Advisory Committee

members expressed ongoing support of the current practice of recusal of *any* member with *any* conflict of interest in a MGP application. The majority of members cited a desire to avoid both actual and perceived conflict in our process for selecting projects for funding as a primary reason to continue to the recusal practice.

In February of this year, the Ag + Open Space Board of Directors received a second letter from the SCMCA. In an effort to provide a response to this correspondence, the MGP Subcommittee met on April 23, 2019 to discuss MGP Subcommittee recusal and to develop recommendations for consideration by the full Advisory Committee. At their public meeting on April 25, 2019, the Advisory Committee approved the following recommendations by the MGP Subcommittee:

- Amend Advisory Committee by-laws to form the MGP Subcommittee *after* Ag + Open Space receives applications for MGP funding.
- Train/Educate potential MGP Subcommittee members about financial and incompatibility conflicts.
- Commit to working with staff to develop robust and transparent selection criteria.
- Continue the practice of full recusal from the Subcommittee of any members with a financial or incompatible interest that submits an application for funding.
- Request that the Advisory Committee Chair respond to the Mayors and Councilmembers letters, including information detailed above and for staff to request time on the agenda at a future meeting of the SCMCA.

Response to the Four Points in the February SCMCA Letter

In your letter dated February 20, 2019 there are four points approved by the SCMCA. Please see our response below in *italics*.

1. SCMCA: The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space Advisory Committee members should all be treated equally with regard to potential conflicts of interest.

Response: As detailed above, the practice of recusal has been applied equally to all MGP Subcommittee members, which includes members of the Advisory Committee and Fiscal Oversight Commission. Any member with a conflict of interest (e.g. their agency/non-profit submitted an application for funding) has been asked to recuse themselves from the MGP Subcommittee. In previous funding cycles, City Council members as well as non-profit employees and Board members have refrained from participating in the MGP Subcommittee or in recommending projects for funding.

2. SCMCA: The Mayors and Councilmember Appointees should have the full ability to participate and represent the Association in all matters related to the Open Space Advisory Committee and subcommittees.

Response: SCMCA members have the full ability to participate in all matters and subcommittees. In the event that the three members appointed by the SCMCA to the Advisory Committee submit applications to the MGP, the SCMCA could choose to appoint alternates to serve on the MGP Subcommittee. To date, we have not received applications from all nine incorporated cities in a single funding cycle.

3. SCMCA: The Association opposes the creation of any new rule preventing Cities from full participation.

Response: Cities are allowed full participation, notwithstanding the recusal process outlined above. Further, the practice of recusal is not a new rule but one that has been in place for a number of years.

4. SCMCA: In the future, any decision on new rules and regulations affecting the Advisory Committee should be made in collaboration with stakeholders.

Response: Ag + Open Space intends to continue our collaboration with our stakeholders, including the SCMCA, as we update our MGP Guidelines. As mentioned above, Ag + Open Space staff would welcome the opportunity to present at a future meeting of the SCMCA to review our process to date and to receive your input on the Matching Grant Program.

Next Steps

Ag + Open Space staff is currently working with the 2019 MGP Subcommittee to make recommendations for updates to the MGP guidelines and other MGP policy matters. Because this is not a funding cycle year and the 2019 Subcommittee's activities will be limited to developing recommendations for refinements and updates to the MGP, any members of the Advisory Committee may participate on the MGP Subcommittee. Staff and the Subcommittee will present recommendations at noticed public meetings of the Advisory Committee, the Fiscal Oversight Commission and the Board of Directors. Ag + Open Space staff welcome the input of the SCMCA on the MGP Guidelines and related administrative processes, and we are happy to engage the Association as we prepare recommendations for our Board. Vetting any proposed recommendations through a public process is crucial to provide an opportunity for discussion and input by all Committee/Commission members as well as the general public. Later this year, staff will present recommended updates to the MGP Guidelines and application materials for consideration by Ag + Open Space's Board of Directors in advance of the 2020 MGP funding cycle. A recommended approach to participation and recusal of Subcommittee members will be based on the action taken by the Advisory Committee in April as well as any additional feedback received. Ag + Open Space staff will contact SCMCA to see if it is possible to attend and/or present at a future meeting of the Association.

I hope this letter helps to clear up any lingering concerns. If not, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

John A. Dell'Osso

Chair, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Advisory Committee

Cc: Bill Keene, General Manager, Sonoma County Ag + Open Space
Board of Directors, Sonoma County Ag + Open Space
Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association



Patrick Slayter

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October 17, 2018

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

Bill Keene

General Manager

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Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Received by CJ
 Date 10-24-18
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Dear Mr. Keene:

As you are aware, the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association (SCMCA) Board of Directors appoints three elected members to serve on the Agricultural and Open Space Advisory Committee. While the Association understands the Committee is advisory, this committee, to include the Mayors and Councilmembers appointees, offers opinions and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors or General Manager as requested. The Agricultural and Open Space Advisory Committee also has subcommittees that the Mayors and Councilmembers appointees can volunteer to participate in. Specifically, this letter is to address the subcommittee related to the Matching Grant Program. As Chair of the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers for 2018, I am bringing to your attention a concern that was raised regarding the roles of appointees from the Mayors and Councilmembers Association to the Sonoma County Agricultural and Open Space District, particularly in respect to the roles of members of the subcommittee.

At their meeting of October 11, 2018, the Sonoma County Cities discussed the concerns raised by Sebastopol Vice Mayor Hinton, one of the three Mayors and Councilmembers appointees to the Agricultural and Open Space Committee, on the roles of the appointees on the Ag and Open Space sub-committee for the Matching Grant Program. The SCMCA board received a verbal report from Vice Mayor Hinton on the email and telephone conversations between herself and various members of staff, as well as receiving a written report, a copy of which is attached for reference. As a representative appointed to this committee from the Mayors and Councilmembers Association, it is the goal and expectation that the SCMCA appointee represent all cities, and the decision to request that Vice Mayor Hinton recuse herself from voting during the decision of funding for the nine City applications for the Matching Grant Program affects all cities that submit proposals to this program. It would be understandable for an appointee to recuse him or herself during voting on an application that impacts their particular jurisdiction, but not for the remainder of the applications. The SCMCA's concern is the disallowance of an elected member of the subcommittee to participate and vote in matters before the subcommittee while other appointees appointed by various elected officials from other organizations have no such restrictions.

As noted by the cities in attendance at the October 11, 2018 Mayors and Councilmembers Board Meeting, it was a unanimous decision that the Sonoma County Agricultural and Open Space members/representatives should all be treated equally, whether they are an elected or not; that the General Manager's discussion of setting new

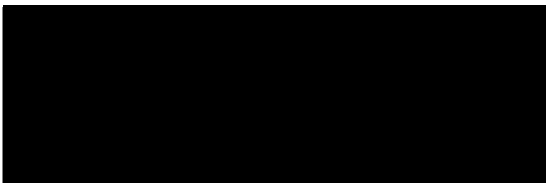
rules for the subcommittee be done in collaboration and conjunction with the Mayors and Councilmembers Association; that the Mayors and Councilmember representatives should have the full ability to participate and represent the Association in all matters related to the Open Space Advisory Committee or subcommittees; and that the Association, in collaboration with the Open Space District staff and Board, should be party to any proposed changes.

The Association is requesting that any decision on rules and regulations for the subcommittee be delayed until such time that the General Membership of all nine cities can discuss this item at their January 31, 2019 meeting, as well as to request that the Association be included in the discussion of the roles and responsibilities of the subcommittee.

Only by a collaborative, inclusive and transparent process, can the County and cities work together to ensure that we are maintaining the unique qualities of each city, as well as working together to ensure the goals of the Sonoma County Agricultural and Open Space Committee are met, particularly "partner with local agencies and organizations to leverage funding for land protection, foster stewardship, and provide opportunities for recreational and educational experiences."

The Association looks forward to hearing from you and how we can work together to address this issue.

Sincerely,



Patrick Slayter
Chair
Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association

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February 20, 2019

Director Susan Gorin
 Director James Gore
 Director Lynda Hopkins
 Director David Rabbitt
 Director Shirlee Zane
 Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
 575 Administration Drive
 Room 100 A
 Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Dear Directors Gorin, Gore, Hopkins, Rabbitt and Zane:

The Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association Board of Directors appoints three (3) elected members (hereinafter "Appointees") to serve on the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space Advisory Committee. The Appointees offer opinions and make recommendations to the Board of Directors and General Manager on open space matters in Sonoma County. The Agricultural Preservation and Open Space Advisory Committee has formed sub-committees to work on projects and tasks that require ongoing attention between their regular meetings. This letter addresses the sub-committee related to the Matching Grant Program.

In October 2018, the Chair of the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association, sent a letter to Bill Keene, General Manager, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, with a copy to the Board of Directors, and raised concerns about the role of Appointees on the sub-committee for the Matching Grant Program.

The MC Board and General Membership have been informed that our Appointees have been excluded from voting on grant applications requesting funding from the Matching Grant Program, if their City has a pending application.

As a representative appointed to this committee from the Mayors and Councilmembers Association, it is the goal and expectation that the MC appointee represent all Cities. It is reasonable for an appointee to recuse themselves during a vote on an application that impacts their jurisdiction, but not for the remainder of the applications. It is also deeply concerning to the Association that elected officials are prohibited from participating in and voting on matters, while placing no restrictions on the other non-elected members.

The following was unanimously approved by the Mayors and Councilmembers Association:

1. The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space Advisory Committee members should all be treated equally with regard to potential conflicts of interest;
2. The Mayors and Councilmember Appointees should have the full ability to participate and represent the Association in all matters related to the Open Space Advisory Committee and sub-committees;

3. The Association opposes the creation of any new rule preventing Cities from full participation;
4. In the future, any decision on new rules and regulations affecting the Advisory Committee should be made in collaboration with stakeholders.

The Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District provides a unique opportunity for the County and Cities to work together to ensure that we are protecting land, fostering stewardship, and providing opportunities for recreational and educational experiences in Sonoma County and in each City. The Association looks forward to working with you to ensure full participation from all appointees to the advisory committee.

Sincerely,



Amy Harrington
Chair

Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association

cc: Sonoma County Ag and Open Space, Bill Keene
Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association

THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT IS A
CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL
ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

ATTEST: April 14, 1993

EEVE T. LEWIS, County Clerk & ex-officio
Clerk of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma
County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space
District

By: J. Bonelli
Deputy Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 93-0465

Dated: April 13, 1993

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ADOPTING A
CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND INCOMPATIBILITY POLICY FOR THE
DISTRICT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE
SECTIONS 5536(a) AND 5543 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 81013

WHEREAS, this Board did on February 5, 1991 create an
advisory committee by its resolution no. 91-0219; and

WHEREAS, it is now the desire of this Board to
establish abstention requirements for members of the advisory
committee where there is a financial conflict of interest or
where the member is engaged in an incompatible activity not
involving a financial conflict;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the
authority contained in Public Resources Code §§5536(a) and
5543, this Board of Directors hereby finds, determines,
declares and orders as follows:

1. *Public Interest.* That it is in the public interest
that the recommendations made to this Board by the Committee be
free from financial and other conflicts of interest;

2. *Political Reform Act.* That regulations of the Fair
Political Practices Commission exempt the members of the
Committee from the requirements of the Political Reform Act but
do not preempt this Board from imposing similar restrictions
(Government Code §81013);

3. *Financial Conflicts.* That hereafter the members of
the Committee shall not make, participate in making, or in any
way attempt to use their official position to influence any
committee recommendation in which the member knows or has
reason to know that he or she has a financial interest;

4. *Incompatibility.* That hereafter the members of the
Committee shall not make, participate in making, or in any way
attempt to use their membership on the committee to influence
any committee recommendation in which the member knows or has
reason to know that his or her loyalty is divided by an
incompatible activity;

5. *Definitions.* That the words and phrases contained
in paragraph 3 shall have the meaning given to them

by section 87103 of the Political Reform Act and the implementing regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission set out in Chapter 7 of Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations; that for purposes of paragraph 5 the phrase "incompatible activity" shall mean any employment, activity, or enterprise which is inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical with the duties, functions or responsibilities of the District;

6. *General Manager.* That the General Manager shall provide members of the Committee with certified copies of this resolution and copies of relevant provisions of the Political Reform Act and relevant regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission.

DIRECTORS:

CALE aye SMITH aye ESPOSTI aye CARPENTER absent HARBERTSON absent

AYES 3 NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT 2

SO ORDERED.

received JPB 1470
1-25-93 C.V.U. C:D

PROJECT	Acreage (approximate)		Supervisory District	Acquisition Plan Category	Project Design				Comments
					Appraisal Process	Approvals/Baseline	Escrow		
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
Weeks Ranch (Rasmason)	1,372	1	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x	x	x	x		Closing May 17
Witt Home Ranch	395	2	Farms & Ranches						Initiating project

Total Acres: 14,628

Matching Grant Projects	Acres (approximate)	Supervisory District	Location	Begin Grant Process	Appraisal Process	Approvals/Baseline	Escrow	Comments
AmeriCorps Trail	12	5	Sebastopol					Initiating project
Andy's Unity Park	4	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x				Reimbursement and tracking match ongoing
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 term extended to 12/6/19
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
Helen Putnam Regional Park Extension	56	2	Petaluma					Initiating project
Irwin Creek Riparian Restoration*	47**	5	West of Santa Rosa	x	n/a	x	n/a	Reimbursement ongoing. Extension granted to 9/15/19
Maxwell Farms	79	1	Northwest of Sonoma	x	n/a			Initiating project
McNear Peninsula Addition	21	2	Petaluma					Drafting documents
Nathanson Creek Restoration Phase 2	1**	1	Sonoma	x	n/a			Reimbursement ongoing
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	Drafting documents
Riverfront Regional Park Recreation Improv	300**	4	West of Windsor	x	n/a			Initiating project
Roseland Creek Community Park - Phase 1	3	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x				Drafting documents
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
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			Drafting documents
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					Initiating project

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Total Acres: 236

* District approved a 2-year extension

** Restoration/Development Project on previous acquisition.