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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

May 28, 2020 | 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PLEASE CALL IF UNABLE TO ATTEND

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, the May 28, 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
MAY 28, 2020 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING***

The May 28, 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://zoom.us/j/93549863029?pwd=Y0ZCaDh1MzgZNVpTOGZjM0JaMWITUT09>
2. If you have the Zoom app or web client, join the meeting with the meeting ID: 935 4986 3029 and enter Password: 865952
3. Call-in and listen to the meeting: Dial 1 669 900 6833 Enter meeting ID: 935 4986 3029

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, May 27th 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 27, 2020 Attachment A**
4. **General Manager's Report**
5. **Subcommittee Report Out**
Matching Grant Program
6. **Program Updates**
7. **Advisory Committee Round Robin**
8. **Plans for Future Meetings**
John Dell'Osso, Advisory Committee Chair
9. **Projects in Negotiation Attachment B**
10. **Announcements from Advisory Committee Members**
11. **Adjournment**
Next Scheduled Meeting: June 25, 2020

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

*TBD Based on Updated Information from Advisory Committee Meeting Conversation





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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

747 Mendocino Avenue – Suite 100, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

February 27, 2020 | 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Smith	John Nagle	Don McEnhill
Curt Nichols	Taj Hittenberger	
John Dell’Osso	Cary Fargo	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jennielynn Holmes	Evan Wiig	Leah Gold	Austin Maners
Steve Barbose	Doug Lipton	Tawny Tesconi	Paul Martin
Neysa Hinton	Jan McFarland		

STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Keene, General Manager; Misti Arias, Acquisition Manager; Stephanie Tavares-Buhler, Senior Acquisition Specialist; Louisa Morris, Acquisition Specialist; Jennifer Kuszmar, Matching Grant Coordinator; Lauren Alpert, Community Relations Assistant; Aldo Mercado, County Counsel; Mariah Robson, Advisory Committee Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Dell’Osso called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes

John Nagle motioned to approve the minutes from January 23, 2020 as is, and Bill Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor, with two abstentions from Don McEnhill and Taj Hittenberger who were not in attendance at the January meeting.

General Manager’s Report Out

- Bill Keene, General Manager, let members know that Steve Rabinowitsh’s wife had passed away recently. A condolences card was passed around for members to sign and will be sent to Steve.
- The Vital Lands Initiative is going to the Board on April 7, 2020.

- Gloeckner Ranch is going to the Board on March 24, 2020. This is a 3,400 acre property on Rockpile Road.
- There was a Strategic Board Planning Retreat that Mr. Keene attended that focused on climate action and resiliency. The County is taking on climate change as an emergency. On April 21, 2020 the Board will adopt the goal of the whole county going carbon neutral by a certain date. Mr. Keene will let the Advisory Committee know how the work of Ag + Open Space fits into this process.
- The Outings and Youth Education Contract is going to the Board on April 7, 2020.
- The Stewardship Workshop/Update will go to the Board on April 21, 2020.
- The Matching Grant Program Recommendations will go to the Board in late summer or early fall. We are still accepting applications right now.

Subcommittee Report Out

The Advisory Committee currently has one active subcommittee, the Matching Grant Program. When the application process closes this spring, the committee will create a new subcommittee, which may include new members.

Acquisition Updates

Misti Arias, Acquisition Manager, introduced two new acquisition staff, Stephanie Tavares-Buhler and Louisa Morris. Ms. Tavares-Buhler presented a PowerPoint presentation on two acquisition projects: Haroutunian North and Joseph Camozzi Dairy. Ms. Morris also presented a PowerPoint presentation on two acquisition projects: the Torr and McCormick properties.

For more information on these acquisition projects, the PowerPoint presentation is available at Ag + Open Space, or contact Ms. Tavares-Buhler, Ms. Morris or Ms. Arias.

Projects in Negotiation

Gloeckner Ranch is going to the Board for approval on March 24, 2020.

Announcements from Advisory Committee Members and Members of the Public

Don McEnhill

Mr. McEnhill has been hiking several open space preserves in Healdsburg and the coast and has noticed many dogs off leash on trails that require a leash. He spoke with some people about this and the message was well received. He was not sure what his role is as a Committee member but staff and other members agreed that it is appropriate to talk to people about this if it seems safe.

Cary Fargo

Mr. Fargo discussed the fact that it used to be quiet while hiking but now many people have amplified music on the trails. He suggested posting signs that amplified music is not allowed on trails.



John Dell'Osso

Mr. Dell'Osso said that the Veronda Falletti property in Cotati that was purchased 12 years ago through the Matching Grant Program will begin trail construction in three weeks.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson

Advisory Committee Secretary



Project Status Chart
5/16/2019

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

PROJECT	Acreage (approximate)	Supervisorial 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					CE under negotiation
Gloeckner-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			To Board December 11, 2018
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 12/6/18
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 9/18/21
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 RPOSP - Cooper Creek Addition	54	3	Southeast Santa Rosa					Initiating project

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Total Acres:	236
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* District approved a 2-year extension

** Restoration/Development Project on previous acquisition.