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SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

October 28, 2021 | 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PLEASE CALL IF UNABLE TO ATTEND

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, the October 28, 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
October 28, 2021 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING***

October 28, 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:

Join the Zoom meeting on your computer, tablet or smartphone by clicking:

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/98316944769?pwd=MURud1o3TDV RWStOSEF5Z225MdeIzdz09>

1. If you have the Zoom app or web client, join the meeting using the Password: 778144
2. Call-in and listen to the meeting: Dial 1 669 900 9128 Enter meeting ID: 983 1694 4769

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, October 27, 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 2 minutes per person/item.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 23, 2021 Attachment A

4. General Manager's Report

5. Acquisition Projects Overview

Jennifer Kuszmar, Acquisition Manager

Stephanie Tavares-Buhler, Senior Acquisition Specialist

Louisa Morris, Acquisition Specialist

Curtis Kendall, Acquisition Specialist

6. Vegetation Management Program Update

Kim Batchelder, Vegetation Management Coordinator

7. Projects in Negotiations Attachment B

8. Announcements from Advisory Committee Members

9. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting: December 9, 2021



FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

11/25/21

No Meeting

12/9/21

Stewardship – Properties Affected by Fire/Recovery Activities
Project Evaluation Criteria

1/27/22

Acquisition Projects Review
Proactive Regional Approach

2/24/22

RCP/FA/DOC (Riparian Easements)
Community Relations Update

3/24/22

Stewardship – Nuts & Bolts of Easement Stewardship

4/28/22

Acquisition Projects Overview
Form MGP Subcommittees





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COMITÉ ASESOR PARA LOS ESPACIOS ABIERTOS DEL CONDADO DE SONOMA

ORDEN DEL DÍA DE REUNIÓN ORDINARIA

Reunión virtual debido a la orden de quedarse en casa según el Condado de Sonoma

28 de octubre de 2021 | 5:00 pm

LOS MIEMBROS DEBEN LLAMAR SI NO PUEDEN ASISTIR

De acuerdo con la Orden Ejecutiva N-29-20, la reunión del Comité Asesor del 28 de octubre de 2021 será virtual por Zoom.

LOS MIEMBROS DEL PÚBLICO NO PUEDEN ASISTIR A ESTA REUNIÓN EN PERSONA.

***ACTUALIZACIÓN SOBRE LA VISUALIZACIÓN Y PARTICIPACIÓN DEL PÚBLICO
EN LA REUNIÓN DEL COMITÉ ASESOR DEL 28 de octubre de 2021***

La Reunión del Comité Asesor del 28 de octubre de 2021 será virtual por Zoom. No habrá opción de asistir en persona. El público puede ver o escuchar la reunión con uno de los siguientes métodos:

Únase al Zoom en su computadora, tableta o teléfono inteligente haciendo clic en: <https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/98316944769?pwd=MURud1o3TDV RWStOSEF5Z25MdElzd09>

1. Si tiene la aplicación o el cliente web de Zoom, únase a la reunión con la contraseña: 778144
2. Llámenos para escuchar la reunión: Llame al 1 669 900 9128 y marque la identificación de la reunión: 983 1694 4769

COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO DURANTE LA REUNIÓN: Puede enviar comentarios públicos por correo electrónico a Mariah.Robson@sonoma-county.org. Todos los comentarios públicos enviados por correo electrónico se remitirán a todos los Miembros del Comité y se leerán en voz alta para el beneficio de todos. Por favor, incluya su nombre y el número del punto del orden del día al que se refiere su comentario. Además, si se ha unido como miembro del público a través de Zoom o por teléfono, habrá momentos específicos a lo largo de la reunión durante los que se podrá hacer comentarios públicos en vivo a través de Zoom y por teléfono.

ADAPTACIÓN PARA LAS PERSONAS CON DISCAPACIDAD: Si tiene una discapacidad que requiera una adaptación o un formato alternativo que le ayude a visualizar esta reunión y hacer comentarios en ella, favor de ponerse en contacto con Mariah Robson por correo

electrónico en Mariah.Robson@sonoma-county.org antes de las 12 p.m. del miércoles, 27 de octubre de 2021, para asegurar los arreglos.

FIN DEL INFORME

1. Apertura

2. Comentarios públicos

Los comentarios públicos que no se encuentren en el orden del día. El tiempo está limitado a 2 minutos por persona/asunto.

3. Aprobación del acta del 28 de septiembre de 2021 Anexo A

4. Informe de la gerente general

5. Resumen de los proyectos de adquisición

Jennifer Kuszmar, Gerente de adquisiciones
Stephanie Tavares-Buhler, Especialista superior en adquisiciones
Louisa Morris, Especialista en adquisiciones
Curtis Kendall, Especialista en adquisiciones

6. Actualización del programa de gestión de la vegetación

Kim Batchelder, Coordinadora de gestión de la vegetación

7. Obras en negociación Anexo B

8. Anuncios de los miembros del Comité Asesor

9. Clausura de la reunión

La próxima reunión: 9 de diciembre de 2021



TEMAS PARA FUTURAS REUNIONES

(SUJETOS A CAMBIOS)

25/11/2021

No hay una reunión

09/12/2021

Administración – Propiedades afectadas por el fuego/actividades de recuperación
Criterios de evaluación del proyecto

27/01/2022

Resumen de proyectos de adquisición
Enfoque regional dinámico

24/02/2022

Servidumbres de paso en zonas ribereñas (RCPP/AFA/DOC por sus siglas en inglés)
Actualización sobre lazos comunitarios

24/03/2022

Administración – Los básicos de la administración de servidumbres de paso

28/04/2022

Resumen de los proyectos de adquisición
Formación de subcomités del programa de subvención compartida (MGP por sus siglas en inglés)





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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**Virtual Meeting Due to Sonoma County's Shelter in Place Order
September 23, 2021 | 5:00 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Rabinowitsh	Jan McFarland	John Nagle	Don McEnhill
Michelle Whitman	Bill Smith	Ariel Kelley	
Paul Martin	Curt Nichols	Kristina Tierney	
Tawny Tesconi	Doug Lipton	Cary Fargo	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Neysa Hinton	Brian Barnacle	Sue Conley
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STAFF PRESENT:

Misti Arias, General Manager; Julie Mefferd, Administrative & Fiscal Services Manager; Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Manager; Kim Batchelder, Vegetation Management Coordinator; Amy Ricard, Community Relations Specialist; Sara Ortiz, Administrative Aide; Aldo Mercado, County Counsel

Call to Order

Chair Whitman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Public Comment

Chair Whitman asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda. Susan Kirks had a public comment on Paula Lane, stating that the badger's habitat continues to be seriously impacted and they are being misplaced. Ms. Kirks is working with Ag + Open Space staff and the City of Petaluma about this situation.

Approval of Minutes from July 22, 2021

Chair Whitman asked for any comments or revisions regarding the July 22, 2021 minutes. There were none. Paul Martin motioned for the minutes to be approved as is. Curt Nichols seconded the motion. All were in favor except Don McEnhill and Kristina Tierney who were not present at the July meeting. There were no public comments on the minutes.

General Manager's Report

- Misti Arias, General Manager, reported that the Ag + Open Space Stewardship Coordinator, Kathleen Marsh, recently retired and Jacob Newell has been promoted to this position and will be overseeing the conservation easement program area and will be attending a future meeting.
- Kim Batchelder has been promoted to the Vegetation Management Coordinator position. He will be overseeing the vegetation management funds from the PG&E settlement. Mr. Batchelder has been involved with trail design, land management, vegetation and forestry management, and assisted communities in South America to develop sustainable forest management practices.
- As part of the RCPP program, the Denner Ranch conservation easement has officially been selected for funding by NRCS' Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), for \$2.363 million. We are currently negotiating the terms of the easement.
- On September 28, 2021 we are requesting authorization from the Board for the General Manager to extend IPAOM and Matching Grant Program projects on a case by case basis. These extensions are intended to allow our project partners additional time to complete projects as capacity may have been limited directly as a result of the pandemic. We requested similar Board authorization following the 2017 fires.
- On September 28, 2021, we are also requesting authorization from the Board to contract with Hanford Applied Restoration and Conservation to create a shaded fuel break and to complete forest thinning activities at the 960-acre Saddle Mountain Open Space Preserve near northeast Santa Rosa.
- We will be presenting two conservation easements to the Fiscal Oversight Commission at the October meeting. El Recreo in the Mayacamas Mountains facing the Valley of the Moon, and Paulin Meadow, or Parcel J, off Chanate Road in Santa Rosa, in partnership with General Services.

Resolution of Appreciation of Doug Lipton

Ms. Arias read the Resolution of Appreciation of Doug Lipton, who has been representative of the fourth district since 2014. Staff and members spoke fondly of Doug's participation on the committee and will miss him.

Budget Review

Julie Mefferd, Administrative & Fiscal Services Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the recommended budget that was adopted by the Board in April 2021 for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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



Projects in Negotiations

El Recreo is going to the FOC at their October meeting, and will be at the Board soon after (if the landowner accepts our offer).

Ag + Open Space staff are finalizing conservation terms on Denner, LaFranchi (Laguna) and Mark West/Wikiup.

The Armstrong-Woods Ayers project is one where we will be working with State Parks to accept an addition to Armstrong.

Ag + Open Space staff are currently working on a transfer on Harotounian North.

Announcements from Advisory Committee Members

John Nagle

Mr. Nagle asked when the Ag Subcommittee will be meeting. Ms. Arias replied that there are no meetings scheduled yet. Mary Chambers, Ag + Open Space Agricultural Specialist, will be the lead and will reach out to people.

Tawny Tesconi

Ms. Tesconi asked a question regarding drought challenges for farmers and wondered if there was anything from conservation easements regarding water availability, especially concerning dairies. Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Manager, has not heard anything specifically, just in general that farmers are suffering to get through the season. Stewardship staff are reaching out to landowners via a survey to see what assistance would be helpful.

Paul Martin

Donors to the Marin Agricultural Land Trust supported improvements aimed at extending ability to enhance water capability. Ms. Arias said that Ag + Open Space will explore this and will bring to the Ag Subcommittee.

Adjournment

Chair Whitman adjourned the meeting at 5:45.

Next Meeting: October 28, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson
Advisory Committee Secretary



Project Status Chart
10/22/2021

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

PROJECT	Acres (Approximate)	Supervisory District	Acquisition Plan Category	Project Design	Appraisal Process	Approvals/Baseline	Escrow	Comments
Abril Ranch	1,929	4	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x				Initiating project
Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserv	320	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x				Project Structure phase
Baumert Springs	372	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas					Initiating project
Big Sulphur Creek (Krasilsa)	507	4	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas					Initiating project
Cloverdale Ridge Park & Open Space Prese	209	4	Recreation & Education	x				Project Structure phase
Correia	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	x				Negotiating CE
Diamond W Ranch	849	2	Farms & Ranches	x				Initiating project
El Recreo	289	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside	x	x			Approved by FOC; Made offer to landowner
El Recreo - West	168	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside	x				Initiating project
Lafranchi (Laguna)	127	4	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x				Drafting CE
Limping Turkey Ranch	158	2	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
Mark West Wikiup Preserve	31	4	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x	x			Negotiating CE
McCormick Ranch - Regional Parks	253	1	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x	x			Appraisal process
Miguel-Tocci	489	5	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
Petersen Rd Dairy	10	3	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x	x			Finalizing deed documents
Paulin Meadow (Parcel J)	96	2	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
Preston Farm	133	4	Farms & Ranches	x				CE under negotiation
Riebli Family Dairy	139	2	Farms & Ranches	x				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 Open Space Preserve – L	266	1	Recreation & Education	x	x			CE drafting; review of fee appraisal
Sonoma Developmental Center 5 (Transfor	945	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside					Land protection proposal underway
Sonoma Mountain Vernal Pools	174	1	Recreation & Education	x				Project Structure phase
Witt Home Ranch	395	2	Farms & Ranches					Initiating project
Wolf Creek Ranch	1,195	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas					Initiating project
Total Acres:	11,130							

Matching Grant Project	Acreage (approximate)		Supervisory District	Location	Grant Process				Comments
					Begin Grant Process	Appraisal Process	Approvals/Baseline	Escrow	
A Place to Play	87	5	Western Santa Rosa						Initiating project
AmeriCorps Trail	12	5	Sebastopol	x	n/a				Negotiating CE, Rec Covenant
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
Bodega Bay Trail	179	5	Bodega Bay						Initiating project
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
Healdsburg Montage Park	36	4	North Healdsburg						Initiating project
Helen Putnam Regional Park Extension	56	2	Petaluma						Initiating project
Keiser Park Expansion 2	2	4	Windsor						Initiating project
Maxwell Farms	79	1	Northwest of Sonoma	x	n/a				Drafting Documents
Paula Lane Open Space Preserve	11	2	West Petaluma	x	x	x	x		Tracking match
Petaluma River Park	20	2	Petaluma						Initiating project
River Lane***	1	5	West of Guerneville	x	x	x	x		Finalizing docs; Grant extended to 10/25/24
Roseland Creek Community Park - Phase 1c	3	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	x				Negotiating CE, Rec Covenant
SMART Pathway – Hearn to Bellevue*	6	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a	x			Finalizing documents
SMART Pathway - Payran to Southpoint	14	2	Petaluma	x	n/a				Negotiating CE, Rec Covenant
Southeast Santa Rosa Greenway***	61	1	Southeast Santa Rosa	x		x			Initiating project; project extended to 10/25/24
Steamer Landing Park Development (McNe	27**	2	Downtown Petaluma	x	n/a				Initiating project
Taylor Mountain Regional Park & Open Spa	54	3	Southeast Santa Rosa	x					Closed 4/1/20. Tracking match
Tierra de Rosas***	1	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	n/a				Drafting documents
Total Acres:	674								

* District approved a 2-year extension

** Restoration/Development Project on previous acquisition.

*** District approved 5-year extension (MGP 2 year, fire 3 year)

TRANSFER	Acreage (approximate)	Supervisory District	Transaction Type	Project Design	Transfer Agreement	Approvals/Baseline	Escrow	Comments
Saddle Mountain Open Space Preserve	960	1	Transfer					Initiating project
Tierra Vegetables	15	4	Resale	x				Resale
Wright Hill Ranch	1,236	5	Transfer	x	x	x	x	Closed on 8/16/2021
Total Acres:	2,211							