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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

September 23, 2021 | 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PLEASE CALL IF UNABLE TO ATTEND

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, the September 23, 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
September 23, 2021 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING***

September 23, 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/94300921945?pwd=MEVFb2RYZFp6SEo2OTZGamVwYll1UT09>

1. If you have the Zoom app or web client, join the meeting using the Password: 795836
2. Call-in and listen to the meeting: Dial 1 669 900 9128 Enter meeting ID: 943 0092 1945

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, September 22, 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 July 22, 2021 Attachment A**
4. **General Manager's Report**
5. **Resolution of Appreciation for Doug Lipton**
Misti Arias, General Manager
6. **Budget Overview**
Julie Mefferd, Administrative & Fiscal Services Manager
7. **Projects in Negotiations Attachment B**
8. **Announcements from Advisory Committee Members**
9. **Adjournment**
Next Scheduled Meeting: October 28, 2021



FUTURE MEETING TOPICS
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

10/28/21

Acquisition Projects Overview
Drought & Climate Resilience

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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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**Virtual Meeting Due to Sonoma County's Shelter in Place Order
July 22, 2021 | 5:00 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Rabinowitsh	Jan McFarland	Brian Barnacle	John Nagle
Michelle Whitman	Bill Smith	Ariel Kelley	
Curt Nichols	Paul Martin	Sue Conley	
Tawny Tesconi	Doug Lipton	Cary Fargo	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kristina Tierney Neysa Hinton Don McEnhill

STAFF PRESENT:

Misti Arias, General Manager; Amy Ricard, Community Relations Specialist; Jennifer Kuzmar, Acquisition Manager; Kathleen Marsh, Stewardship Supervisor; Jake Newell, Stewardship Specialist; Allison Schichtel, Senior Conservation Planner; Marina Davies, Stewardship Technician; Sara Ortiz, Administrative Aide; Lisa Pheatt, County Counsel

Call to Order

Chair Whitman called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Public Comment

Chair Whitman asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda. Susan Sullivan had a public comment on Paula Lane, and was directed to say her comment during that part of the agenda.

Approval of Minutes from June 24, 2021

Chair Whitman asked for any comments or revisions regarding the June 24, 2021 minutes. There were none. The minutes were unanimously approved. There were no public comments on the minutes.

General Manager's Report

- Misti Arias, General Manager, reported that Ag + Open Space has received a grant from the State Coastal Conservancy for \$575,000 for high priority tree thinning and shaded fuel break work on Saddle Mountain, which burned in the Glass Fire. The SCC then contacted the Ag + Open Space and said that there was an additional \$80,000 in funds available. This is going to the Board on August 17, 2021 for approval of the grant and there will be a Request for Proposal process to pick a contractor for the tree work. The contract for this work will go to the Board on September 28, 2021.
- Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve has been officially transferred to Regional Parks. Ag + Open Space hosted a media visit to the property last Friday in conjunction with the closing of the transfer. Attendees included Supervisor Susan Gorin; Misti Arias, General Manager; Leslie Lew, Stewardship Specialist; and Karen Davis-Brown, Regional Parks Planner.

Paula Lane Update

Ms. Arias, Jennifer Kuszmar, Acquisition Manager, and Jake Newell, Stewardship Specialist, gave an update on the Paula Lane Matching Grant Program project, providing background of the project, overview of terms of the matching grant agreement and conservation easement, and Ag + Open Space's role.

Advisory Committee members and the public had questions regarding the badgers on site, and Patrick Carter, City of Petaluma Senior Management Analyst and Dana Riggs, Sol Ecology CEO, Founder and Principal Biologist, answered them as they were able.

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

Vital Lands Network Update

Ms. Arias, Ms. Kuszmar and Allison Schichtel, Senior Conservation Planner, gave a presentation on the Vital Lands Network.

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

Projects in Negotiations

Ms. Arias pointed out that several projects have been moved to the active list in anticipation of upcoming work.

Announcements from Advisory Committee Members

Doug Lipton

Mr. Lipton announced that this would be his last meeting. He represents the Fourth District and had a conversation with Supervisor James Gore regarding finding a replacement. Mr. Lipton feels Ag + Open Space is in great hands with the current staff and members on the Advisory Committee. He has other projects he would like focus on at this point in his life. He encouraged Supervisor Gore to appoint a BIPOC member to the committee.



Adjournment

Chair Whitman adjourned the meeting at 6:47.

Next Meeting: September 23, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Robson
Advisory Committee Secretary



PROJECT	Acreage (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 Reserve	320	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas				Initiating project
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 Preserve	209	4	Recreation & Education				
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			Initiating project
Diamond W Ranch	849	2	Farms & Ranches				Initiating project
EARTHseed	14	5	Farms & Ranches	x	x		Appraisal process
El Recreo	289	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside	x	x		Appraisal process
El Recreo - West	168	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside				Initiating project
Hardy Ranch	525	2	Farms & Ranches				Initiating project
Lafranchi (Laguna)	127	4	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x			Initiating project
Limping Turkey Ranch	158	2	Farms & Ranches				Initiating project
Mark West Wikiup Preserve	31	4	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas	x			Initiating project
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 CE documents
Paulin Meadow (Parcel J)	96	2	Farms & Ranches				
Preston Farm	133	4	Farms & Ranches	x			CE under negotiation
Riebli Family Dairy	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 Open Space Preserve – L	266	1	Recreation & Education	x	x		Initiating project
Sonoma Developmental Center 5 (Transfo	945	1	Greenbelts & Scenic Hillside				Land protection proposal underway
Sonoma Mountain Vernal Pools	174	1	Recreation & Education				Initiating project
Witt Home Ranch	395	2	Farms & Ranches				Initiating project
Wolf Creek Ranch	1,195	5	Water, Wildlife & Natural Areas				Initiating project
Total Acres:	11,669						

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				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
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 1	3	5	Southwest Santa Rosa	x	x				City is reviewing documents (CE, RC)
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				SMART is reviewing documents (CE, RC)
Southeast Santa Rosa Greenway***	61	1	Southeast Santa Rosa	x		x			Initiating project; project extended to 10/25/24
Steamer Landing Park Development (McN)	27**	2	Downtown Petaluma	x	n/a				Initiating project
Taylor Mountain Regional Park & Open Sp	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)	Supervisorial 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							