

PATTERSON  
POINT PRESERVE



REPORT TO

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (SCAPOSD)

October - December, 2015

FINAL REPORT: #20

This is the twentieth and final report following the September 17, 2008 approval of the Matching Grant Agreement between Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District (SCAPOSD) and Friends of Villa Grande (FoVG).

The Matching Grant mandated that FoVG undertake activities to achieve the following:

- Acquiring** the Land
- Planning** for Restoration & Land Management of Patterson Point Preserve (creation of Master Plan)
- Restoring** & Preserving the Land
- Providing **Recreational Improvements** for the Public

The following report cites the activities undertaken between September 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 as well as an overview of grant accomplishments to date.

## **ACQUISITION**

The Acquisition of Patterson Point Preserve was completed including the transfer of title to FoVG and creation of a Conservation Easement and Recreation Covenant that were developed in cooperation with Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District. No additional actions or expenses were incurred this quarter.

## **PLANNING**

### **Restoration Committee Planning:**

A key goal of the grant was to create a Land Management Plan for the Restoration and Preservation of Patterson Point Preserve. That objective was accomplished within the first year of the Matching Grant. Since then, FoVG has made several amendments to the plan, all of which were vetted and approved by SCAPOSD.

The planning focus of the Restoration Committee during this quarter was the implementation of the Restoration Plan for 2015-16 that was submitted as part of the previous Report #19, April-September, 2015. The planning for next year's restoration activities will begin in January 2016.

**SCAPOSD REIMBURSABLE PLANNING EXPENSES:           \$ 0**

**IN-KIND PLANNING EXPENSES:                               \$ 0**

## **PRESERVATION/RESTORATION**

An objective of the SCAPOSD Matching Grant was to begin implementation of the approved Restoration and Land Management Plan for Patterson Point Preserve. Since 2009, FoVG has recorded 2,059 hours of weeding and restoration work donated by volunteers. More than 313 cubic yards of debris and weeds have been removed from the Preserve. Restoration work will continue on a volunteer basis after the matching grant has

ended. The FoVG Board is considering a request for a second Matching Fund grant application to continue the restoration efforts begun in the first grant.

**Quarterly Activities:**

Restoration activities are restricted to September 15 to March 15, when bird nesting is not happening in the Preserve. These are the activities that occurred during the first three months of this period:

**Hedgerow:**

The weeding and planting of the boundary area between John Paxton’s property to the East and the Preserve has been a primary focus of restoration this period. We were fortunate to obtain the donated services of Lynnette Norman, Nicholas Bower and Michael Bradley who helped with the planting and mulching of the hedgerow area as part of Lynnette’s Capstone project to become a certified naturalist. The process included removing Armenian blackberries, ivy and other weeds, digging holes in the hard rocky soil, hydrating the plant holes, planting the native plants, and sheet mulching around them using 4 layers of cardboard and wood chips on top.

**Weeding:**

Our paid restoration stewards Ron Bosch, Vickie Sneed, and Julie Cross continue to do the “surgical” weeding, carefully separating invasive weeds from the roots of native plants. This slow, detailed work guarantees the focus on plants native to the area. One example: we found a large dogwood pinned to the ground that sprang upright as soon as it was freed.

Other areas weeded:

Above the gravel beach, Swale #1, hill at entrance (along Kessler fence), entrance utility area.

**Trash:**

Fourteen (14) cubic yards of weeds were removed from the Preserve during this reporting period.

**RESTORATION REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:**

Restoration Stewards

Ron Bosch (Sept: \$180, Oct: \$180/Nov: \$100)	\$ 460
Vickie Sneed (Oct: \$330; Nov: \$220, Dec: \$200)	\$ 750
Julianna Cross (October)	\$ 230

**TOTAL RESTORATION REIMBURSABLE: \$ 1,440**

**IN-KIND RESTORATION EXPENSES:**

Restoration Volunteers:

55 hours in October

45.25 hours in Nov

22.5 hours in Dec

**Quarterly total: \$122.75 hours @ \$20 - \$2,455**

**Total In-kind: \$2,455**

**RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS:**

**Recreational Goal:**

The goal of the Matching Grant was to create a public recreational resource, including the creation of a Recreational Covenant as part of the acquisition of Patterson Point Preserve. This goal has been met and under guidance of the Recreational Covenant, Patterson Point Preserve provides convenient access to the Russian River by fishermen, boaters, swimmers and nature lovers. Patterson Point Preserve has created limited boat anchorage, trash and toilet facilities for users, and educational signage regarding local fish in the Russian River. Additional educational signage regarding the Preserve's birds and their habitat is being prepared.

**Neighbor Access: Kessler Path**

On November 12, we received authorization from SCAPOSD to restore a path from the Kessler property: "In regard to granting the Kesslers individual access to the Property from APN 095-051-033, staff has reviewed the Kessler access agreement and found that enacting this agreement is consistent with the Easement". and "In regard to restoring the pre-existing footpath as shown on the attached Plan, Easement Section 5 (GRANTOR's Reserved and Restricted Rights), Subsection 5.4.2. (Improvements for Recreational and Educational Uses), provides for the construction of "minor improvements associated with low-intensity recreational and educational uses such as unpaved pedestrian trails...." The SCAPOSD letter is attached to this report.

We will be planning the restoration of this path during the next restoration period: January-March, 2016.

**Boat Anchorage:**

The boat anchorage chain and sign was lifted off the beach and stored.

**RECREATION REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: NONE**

**IN-KIND:**

**Toilet Service:**

The signs directing recreational users to the portable toilet were removed from the beaches. We continue to maintain the porta-potty service as a convenience for restoration volunteers, hikers and fisherman visiting the Preserve during the winter months. FoVG provides this ongoing service as a non-reimbursable in-kind expense.

**Trash Service**

FoVG pays for this service as an in-kind contribution, however the billing for this cycle called for a \$123.13 additional charge for rate increases during the year. The trash can was reduced in size during the winter months, effective Dec 1.

**IN-KIND RECREATION EXPENSES:**

Portable Toilet: Pacific Sanitation		
Sept-Oct	\$87.24	
Oct-Nov	\$87.24	
Nov-Dec	\$87.24	
		\$261.72
Trash Service		
Annual retroactive rate increase:		\$123.13
<b>Total In-Kind</b>		<b>\$ 384.85</b>

**SUMMARY OF SCAPOSD FUNDS**

SCAPOSD FUNDS	Allocated	*This Quarter's Reimbursables	Prior Expenses	Expenses to Date	SCAPOSD Fund Balance
<b>ACQUISITION</b>	\$104,400.00	\$0	\$104,400.00	\$104,400.00	\$-
<b>PLANNING</b>		\$0	\$500.00	500	-\$500
<b>RESTORATION</b>	\$28,500.00	\$1,440.00	\$33,092.84	\$34,532.84	-\$6,032.84
<b>RECREATION</b>	\$7,100.00		\$649.50	\$649.50	\$6,450.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,440.00</b>	<b>\$138,642.34</b>	<b>\$140,082.34</b>	<b>-\$82.34</b>

**SUMMARY OF FoVG IN-KIND & MATCHING FUNDS:**

FoVG Matching Funds	Quarter's In-Kind Matching	Prior Inkind-Matching	Total In-kind & Matching Funds	Quarter's Notes
<b>ACQUISITION</b>	\$0.00	\$72,016.00	\$72,016.00	
<b>PLANNING</b>	\$0.00	\$29,516.59	\$29,516.59	
<b>RESTORATION</b>	\$2,455.00	\$41,177.07	\$43,632.07	<i>Volunteers</i>
<b>RECREATION</b>	\$ 385.15	\$ 6,426.07	\$ 6,811.22	<i>Signage/Garbage/toilet service</i>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	\$2,840.15	\$149,135.73	\$151,975.88	

**PROJECT EXPENDITURE SUMMARY**

FUND SUMMARY	SCAPOSD FUNDS	FOVG MATCHING/ IN-KIND	Total Project EXP to Date
<b>ACQUISITION</b>	\$104,400.00	\$72,016.00	\$176,416.00
<b>PLANNING</b>	\$500.00	\$29,516.59	\$30,016.59
<b>RESTORATION</b>	\$34,532.84	\$43,632.07	\$78,164.91
<b>RECREATION</b>	\$649.50	\$6,811.22	\$7,460.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>*\$140,082.34</b>	<b>\$151,975.88</b>	<b>\$292,058.22</b>

**Note: FoVG funds now are now at 52% match of total project costs**

\* only \$140,000 of SCAPOSD funds are allowable; the balance of \$82.34 should be considered in-kind.

FUND SUMMARY	SCAPOSD Paid	Balance
<b>PAYMENT/Report</b>	<b>SCAPOSD PAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>
<b>Payment 1: Acquisition</b>	\$104,400.00	\$35,600
<b>Payment 2: Report 1 Sept/Dec 2009</b>	\$600.00	\$35,000
<b>Payment 3: Report 2 Jan/Mar 2010</b>	\$4,600	\$30,400
<b>Payment 4: Report 3 Apr/June 2010</b>	836.24	\$29,563.76
<b>Payment 5: Report 4 Jul/Oct 2010</b>	\$2,438.26	\$27,125.50
<b>Nov/Dec 2010:</b>	no reported activity	no reported activity
<b>Payment 6: Report 5 Jan/Dec 2011</b>	\$2,845.67	\$24,279.83
<b>Payment 7: Report 6 Jan-Mar 2012</b>	\$1890.20	\$22,389.63
<b>Payment 8: Report 7 April-June 2012</b>	\$763.95	\$21,625.68
<b>Report #8: July-Sept 2012</b>	\$280	\$21,345.68
<b>Report #9: Oct-Dec 2012</b>	\$3,411.01	\$17,934.67
<b>Report #10 Jan-March</b>	\$657.70	\$17,276.97
<b>Report #11 April-June, 2013</b>	\$500.00	\$16,776.97
<b>Report #12 July-Oct, 2013</b>	\$2,987.5	\$13,789.47

**FOVG Report to SCAPOSD: October-December, 2015**

<b>Report #13 Oct-Dec, 2013</b>	\$7,170.30	\$6,619.17
<b>Report #14 Jan-Mar 2014</b>	\$260.25	\$6,358.92
<b>Report #15 Apr-June 2014</b>	0	\$6,358.92
<b>Report #16 July-Sept 2014</b>	\$1,226.38	\$5,132.54
<b>Report #17 Oct-Dec 2014</b>	\$1,604.92	\$3,527.62
<b>Report #18 Jan-March 2015 REQUEST</b>	\$1,017.84	\$2,509.78
<b>Report #19 Apr-Sept 2015</b>	\$1,152.12	\$1357.66
<b>REPORT #20 Oct-Dec 2015</b>	<b>\$1,357.66</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Exhibits:**

**1: Letter of 11.12.2015 regarding Kessler "Request for Neighbor Access..."**

**2: Reimbursable Invoices:**

<b>Restoration Stewards</b>		
Ron Bosch (June/July/Aug)		\$ 460.00
Vickie Sneed (September)		\$ 750.00
Julianna Cross (September)		\$ 230.00

**In-Kind Invoices:**

Pacific Sanitation (toilet):		\$ 261.72
Oct-Nov	\$87.24	
Nov-Dec	\$87.24	
Dec-Jan	\$87.24	
Redwood Empire/Trash Service Annual fee		\$123.13