

ACTION SUMMARY

**SONOMA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL STUDY SESSION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2013**
Department of Health Services
Rotunda Conference Room
3313 Chanate Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma met this date in adjourned session with the following members present: Susan Gorin, Shirlee Zane, Mike McGuire, Efren Carrillo

Chairman David Rabbitt presiding

Present: Bruce Goldstein, County Counsel
 Veronica A. Ferguson, County Administrator
 Jeanette Feldman, Facilitator

I. Call to Order
9:12 A.M. Chairman Rabbitt called the meeting to order.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public comment on matters not listed on the agenda
9:13 A.M. Public Comment open
Sonia Taylor
Donna Gallagher
Ernie Carpenter
9:16 A.M. Public comment closed

IV. Board Study Session

Chairman Rabbitt made opening remarks and provided an overview of the day.

Streamlining Board Meetings

Chairman Rabbitt led Board members in a discussion concerning streamlining Board meetings. Board members were given the opportunity to make comments and made the following recommendations:

Limit Board Announcements to 3 minutes.
Consider posting AB1234 Announcements online in lieu of announcing at the meeting.
Limit Gold Resolution presentations to 3 per meeting, encourage off site presentations whenever possible, and have Departments work with their Board liaison to place Gold Resolutions on the agenda.

Move Adjournments to the last order of business in the afternoon and explore the adjournment process of the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District.

Consider having Board members inform the Chair and the County Administrator which Consent items will be commented on.

For Regular Calendar items, Board members should consider waiting until after the public has had an opportunity to speak to state their position.

Pursuant to the Board Rules of Procedures (Rule 16) the Board shall conduct business in the order specified in the posted agenda or as modified at the discretion of the Chair. Chair Rabbitt indicated he will work with the County Administrator to incorporate the recommendations into the Agenda.

Speakers:

Ernie Carpenter

Board Roles

County Administrator Ferguson described Department/Agency Liaisons roles and the historical purpose as defined by Board adopted Resolution No. 56467. She also led the Board in a discussion regarding Board member referrals to staff (Rule 43 of the Board Rules of Procedure).

Counsel Goldstein provided an overview of Ad-Hoc and Standing Committees and reviewed Brown Act requirements.

Chairman Rabbitt led a discussion regarding the formation and structure of Ad-Hoc and Standing Committees. The Board discussed which current Ad-Hoc Committees could be disbanded and which should remain.

The Board will consider making appointments to Board Ad-Hoc and revising Standing Committees and Assignments on February 26, 2013.

11:38 A.M. The Board recessed

11:50 A.M. The Board reconvened

The Board engaged in a dialog regarding Board courtesies as it relates to how communication should be handled when a Board member is invited to speak at an event that is in the District of another member. The Board agreed that communication should be coordinated between District Directors.

Board Priorities for 2013

Jim Leddy, Community and Governmental Affairs Manager and Jennifer Murray, Deputy County Administrator made a presentation on past Board approved priorities, projects and major initiatives for 2013, and other priorities to be considered.

The Board participated in a facilitated discussion on the following individual priorities for 2013.

- ♦ Roads/Infrastructure
- ♦ Fiscal Stability – General Fund, Line Management Ratio, Pensions, Comprehensive County Facilities Plan Technology
- ♦ Governance – Fire and Emergency Services, Southwest Santa Rosa and Roseland Annexation, Library JPA, Animal Care and Control
- ♦ Food-Regional Hub
- ♦ Board mentoring in schools
- ♦ Integration of Health/Human Services – Affordable Health Care Act, Cost to County, Mental Health Services focus
- ♦ Clean River Initiative
- ♦ Immigrant Issues – Policy, impact on service delivery, public safety, services/shelter for farm workers
- ♦ Homelessness – Sheltering capacity
- ♦ Constituent Services
- ♦ Past Board Approved Work/Efforts/Relevancy
- ♦ Project Labor Agreements
- ♦ Expand Community Engagement

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12:50 P.M. The Board recessed

1:19 P.M. The Board reconvened

The Board agreed on the following priorities for 2013:

1. Build Organizational and Fiscal Stability
2. Ensure Governance
3. Invest in Infrastructure, Jobs, and Economic Development
4. Become the Healthiest County 2020

Staff will capture some level of ongoing work and identify the items brought forth by the Board under each category.

Counsel Goldstein clarified that the Board would only make recommendations and would not be taking action today.

The Board requested that staff return to the Board with 2013 Priorities for consideration in March 2013.

2:18 P.M. The Board adjourned the meeting to February 26, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Arellano, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board