

**AGENDA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SONOMA COUNTY
575 ADMINISTRATION DRIVE, ROOM 102A
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403**

TUESDAY

JANUARY 15, 2013

8:30 A.M.

(The regular afternoon session commences at 2:00 p.m.)

Susan Gorin	First District	Veronica A. Ferguson	County Administrator
David Rabbitt	Second District	Bruce Goldstein	County Counsel
Shirlee Zane	Third District		
Mike McGuire	Fourth District		
Efren Carrillo	Fifth District		

This is a simultaneous meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency, the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, the Board of Directors of the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District, the Sonoma County Public Finance Authority, the Sonoma Clean Power Authority, and as the governing board of all special districts having business on the agenda to be heard this date. Each of the foregoing entities is a separate and distinct legal entity.

The Board welcomes you to attend its meetings which are regularly scheduled each Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. Your interest is encouraged and appreciated.

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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar includes routine financial and administrative actions, are usually approved by a single majority vote. There will be no discussion on these items prior to voting on the motion unless Board Members or the public request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any member of the audience desiring to address the Board on a matter on the agenda: Please walk to the podium and after receiving recognition from the Chair, please state your name and make your comments. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please be brief and limit your comments to the subject under discussion. Each person is usually granted 3 minutes to speak; time limitations are at the discretion of the Chair.

8:30 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Items may be added or withdrawn from the agenda consistent with State law)

II. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CERTIFICATES

III. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 22)

PRESENTATIONS/GOLD RESOLUTIONS

(Items 1 through 3)

PRESENTATIONS AT BOARD MEETING

1. Adopt a Gold Resolution honoring the Analy Tigers football team for their perfect record during the regular Fall season, their win of the Sonoma County League title, and their advancement to the semi-finals of the North Coast Section, Division 3. (Fifth District)
2. Adopt a Gold Resolution commending Sonoma County Probation Officer Richard Ortiz for being selected as the Regional Employee of the Year for the Bay Region by the Bay Region Chiefs of the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC). (Probation)
3. Adopt a Gold Resolution declaring the month of January 2013 as Eligibility Worker and Employment & Training Specialist Recognition Month. (Human Services)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

(Commissioners: Gorin, Rabbitt, Zane, McGuire, Carrillo)

4. Authorize the Chair to execute a Personal Services Agreement with Kathleen Kane as Executive Director of the Community Development Commission from January 15, 2013, through January 14, 2018.

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

(Directors: Gorin, Rabbitt, Zane, McGuire, Carrillo)

5. Authorize Tim Gahagan, Geographic Information Technician II, to travel to the Netherlands to present a paper at the Geospatial World Forum 2013 on sanitation utility management using geographic information system applications, paid for by Geospatial Media and Communication Pvt Limited.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

6. Adopt Resolution authorizing the Sonoma County Water Agency's General Manager to: (A) file a grant application for the City Watersheds of Sonoma Valley Project pursuant to the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 5096.800 et seq.); (B) execute a grant agreement with the State of California; and (C) take all actions necessary to carry out the project and implement the grant agreement. (First District)

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER-TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

7. Review and accept the audit report of the Sonoma County Human Services Department Child Development Program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, with no significant findings.
8. Adopt a Resolution to transfer certain unclaimed funds in the amount of \$5,000 or more totaling \$12,917 to the County General Fund.

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER-TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

AND

AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

(Directors/Commissioners: Gorin, Rabbitt, Zane, McGuire, Carrillo)

9. Adopt a Concurrent Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma and all Districts governed ex-officio by the Board of Supervisors renewing authorization for the County Treasurer to assume full responsibility for all transactions and expenditures related to the investment and reinvestment of funds on deposit in the County Treasury; and Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma ratifying and authorizing the County Treasurer's acceptance and investment of excess funds on behalf of other local agencies in the County Treasury.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

10. Adopt a Resolution supporting the proposed expansion of the Cordell Bank and Gulf of Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

11. Accept the 2012 Sonoma County Annual Report.

COUNTY COUNSEL

12. Authorize the Chair to execute an amendment to the Legal Services Agreement with Moscone Emblidge Sater & Otis for representation in an appeal. (4/5 vote required)

CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

GENERAL SERVICES/ AUDITOR CONTROLLER-TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR

13. Authorize the Clerk to publish a notice declaring the Board of Supervisors' intention to enter into a lease agreement with the Sonoma County Employee's Retirement Association (SCERA) for approximately 5,060 rentable sq. ft., for an initial rental rate of \$1.45 per sq. ft. per month (approximately \$88,045 per year), subject to adjustment as more particularly described in said lease, for an initial 3-year term plus options, in the building located at 433 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA for use by the Enterprise Financial System project.

HEALTH SERVICES

14. Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute an agreement with Ag Innovations Network to support efforts related to the Sonoma County Food System Alliance for the period January 15, 2013 through June 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

PERMIT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

15. Adopt a Resolution and Conditions of Approval for a Lot Line Adjustment between three parcels, with one parcel under a Williamson Act contract, owned by The Lands of Joseph W. Dutton and Tracy L. Dutton, Trustees; The Lands of Paul Hobbs Winery; and The Lands of Larry Brooke and Eliana Brooke for properties located at 4082 Highway 116 North, Sebastopol (APN 113-110-028), 8661 Green Valley Road, Sebastopol (APN 130-11-009), and 3800 Vine Hill Road, Sebastopol, (APN 130-110-029) (File No. LLA12-0031) (Fifth District)
16. Authorize the Chair to execute a contract amendment with Cotton, Shires and Associates for an increase of \$20,000 for a new total not to exceed \$40,000, through August 31, 2013, for peer review of technical engineering documents such as geotechnical reports and hydrogeologic assessments.

REGIONAL PARKS

17. Authorize the Chair to execute an amended Professional Services Agreement with LTD Engineering, Inc. to expand the scope of the agreement, extend the term through October 31, 2014, and increase the consideration by \$21,000 for at total of \$106,000 for engineering services for repairs to the Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach dam spillway. (Fourth District)
18. Authorize the Director of Regional Parks to execute a Revocable License Agreement with North Coast Fisheries, Inc. for the use of property located at Mason's Marina, 1820 Westshore Road, Bodega Bay, for an initial term of 1 year, from April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 with an option to renew for 1 year with revenues of \$30,000 per year. (Fifth District)

CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

19. Accept the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Annual Inmate Welfare Trust Fund Report.
20. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Sheriff to take the following actions: (A) apply for the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Anti-Drug Abuse (ADA) grant, (B) accept the grant award totaling \$157,176 for the grant period from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, and (C) execute the related grant agreement including any amendments or modifications that do not substantially change the material terms of the agreement.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

(Items 21 through 22)

21. Appoint Karen Fies, Robert Reynolds, and Kristyn Byrne to the Workforce Investment Board for one year terms ending January 15, 2014. (Human Services)
22. Appoint Supervisor Gorin to the Oversight Board for the Successor Agency to the Sonoma County Redevelopment Agency. (County Administrator's Office)

V. REGULAR CALENDAR

(Items 23 through 27)

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER-TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR
AND
AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
SONOMA COUNTY PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY
SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

(Directors/Commissioners: Gorin, Rabbitt, Zane, McGuire, Carrillo)

23. Adopt a Resolution approving a charter formalizing the responsibilities, reporting lines, and protocols of the Sonoma County Internal Audit function and grant the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector the authority to fulfill its objectives.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

24. Approve the Sonoma County 2013 State and Federal Legislative Program to be used by County staff, legislative advocates and the legislative delegation in efforts to seek policy support and acquire federal and state resources for County priorities.

GENERAL SERVICES / COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

25. Comprehensive County Facilities Plan Update –
- (A) Accept the Comprehensive County Facility Plan – C.C.F.P.
 - (B) Endorse the development of the County Administration Center to house county staff within county-owned facilities.
 - (C) Direct staff to research and report back to your Board with a County Government Center development program for a centralized county campus, including a recommended funding plan.
 - (D) Direct staff to develop policies and practices identified in the C.C.F.P. that optimize the effective use of work space and equipment.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

26. **11:00 A.M.** – Accept Legislative report from Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

27. Approve Board Sponsorship in the amount of \$470 to cover the cost of renting space at the Santa Rosa Veteran’s Building for the annual Season of Nonviolence community event, scheduled for January 31, 2013. Over 150 people are expected to participate. (Third District)

VI. CLOSED SESSION CALENDAR

(Items 28 through 31)

28. The Board of Supervisors will consider the following in closed session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Name of Case: County of Sonoma v. Inderjit Kalia and Joy Mukherji. Sonoma County Superior Court Case No.: SCV 250096 (Govt. Code Section 54956.9(a)).
29. The Board of Supervisors will consider the following in closed session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Name of Case: River Road Slide Repair Project Claims (Govt. Code Section 54956.9(a)).
30. The Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency will consider the following in closed session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Title: Sonoma County Water Agency General Manager (Govt. Code Section 54957).
31. The Board of Supervisors, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency, the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission, and the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District will consider the following in closed session: Conference with Labor Negotiator, Agency Negotiator: Wendy Macy/Carol Allen/William Kay, Burke & Associates and Carol Stevens, Burke & Associates. Employee organization: All. Unrepresented employees: All, including retired employees (Govt. Code Section 54957.6 (b)).

VII. REGULAR AFTERNOON CALENDAR

(Items 32 through 34)

2:00 P.M. - RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

32. Report on Closed Session.
33. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**
(Comments are restricted to matters within the Board jurisdiction. The Board will hear public comments at this time for up to thirty minutes. Please be brief and limit your comments to three minutes. Any additional public comments will be heard at the conclusion of the meeting.)
34. Permit and Resource Management Department: Review and possible action on the following:
 - a) Acts and Determinations of Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Adjustments
 - b) Acts and Determinations of Project Review and Advisory Committee
 - c) Acts and Determinations of Design Review Committee
 - d) Administrative Determinations of the Director of Permit and Resource Management

NOTE: The next meeting will be held on January 29, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

Upcoming Hearings (All dates tentative until each agenda is finalized)

1. February 5th (PM) – ZCE11-0009-0012; Design Guidelines for Bodega, Duncans Mills, Freestone, and Occidental Historic Districts
2. February 26th (AM) – Sonoma County Transit’s Fiscal Year 2012 Short Range Transit Plan
3. February 26th (PM) – UPE11-0099; 24511 Rich Ranch Road, Cloverdale
4. March 12th (PM) – AGP12-0027; 180 Westside Road, Healdsburg



County of Sonoma
Agenda Item
Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda Item Number: 1
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

To:

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): BOS

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Supervisorial District(s):

Supervisor Efren Carrillo

Fifth

Title: Gold Resolution

Recommended Actions:

Approve Gold Resolution honoring the Analy Tigers football team for their perfect record during the regular Fall season, their win of the Sonoma County League title, and their advancement to the semi-finals of the North Coast Section, Division 3. (Fifth District)

Executive Summary:

n/a

Prior Board Actions:

n/a

Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 4: Civic Services and Engagement

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 0	County General Fund	\$ 0
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$ 0	Total Sources	\$ 0

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):			
Staffing Impacts			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)
Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):			
none			
Attachments:			
Gold Resolution			
Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:			
n/a			



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: January 15, 2013

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Congratulating The Analy Tigers Football Team As Sonoma County League Champions

Whereas, the Analy Tigers finished their perfect regular season in the Fall of 2012 with no losses (10-0) and emerged victorious as the Sonoma County League champions; and

Whereas, The resounding victory was their first title in nineteen years and was one of the most dominant regular season campaigns in Sonoma County League History, scoring 518 points to opponents 120 points; and

Whereas, under the continued leadership of Coach Dan Bourdon the Tigers went on to play in the North Coast Sectionals, advancing to the semi-finals, where their season ended (12-1); and

Whereas, the Analy Tigers team showed grace under pressure, and played with determination and will throughout their season and their final game in the Sectionals.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma congratulates the Analy Tigers Football team on their undefeated regular season, their stellar performance in the North Coast Sectionals, and their Sonoma County League Championship.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Zane:

McGuire:

Carrillo:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda Item Number: 2
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

To: Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s):

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Robert Ochs 565-2732

Supervisorial District(s):

County wide

Title: Recognition of Sonoma County Probation Officer Richard Ortiz

Recommended Actions:

Adopt a Resolution of Commendation for Sonoma County Probation Officer Richard Ortiz who was selected as the Regional Employee of the Year for the Bay Region by the Bay Region Chiefs of the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC).

Executive Summary:

The Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) is an association comprised of fifty-nine Chief Probation Officers representing 58 Counties in California. The CPOC organization is divided into five regions, South, North, Sacramento, Bay and Central. Sonoma County is a member of the Bay Region, which is comprised of twelve counties in total.

Each year the Chief Probation Officers of California select outstanding employees and other persons who make significant contributions to the field of Probation. Winners are selected from nominations received from a Chief Probation Officer. Each region selects a Regional Employee of the Year. Of these regional winners, one person is selected as the CPOC Employee of the Year.

In December 2012, Sonoma County Probation Officer Richard Ortiz was honored at the CPOC annual awards luncheon as the Bay Region's Regional Employee of the Year. Officer Ortiz was nominated for this honor by Chief Probation Officer Robert Ochs and was one of several outstanding Officers nominated by the Bay Region Chiefs.

Richard is assigned to the Adult FACT Program (Forensic Assertive Community Treatment), working with mentally ill offenders. In this role with FACT, Richard is the Probation Officer embedded with Mental Health staff. But it is what Richard does above and beyond normal expectations of his regular, full-time job that makes him stand out to his colleagues, supervisors, and clients.

Richard excels at building relationships, and has built these across the County and the community. He identifies gaps in services, and calculates ways to step in and fill the gaps. Recognizing a need for

employment services for the County’s adult offenders, Richard created an “Ex-offender Employment Workshop.” He recruited presenters, employers, co-workers and motivational speakers, (successful clients), who volunteer their time to the workshop. The workshops, presented quarterly, offer participants classes in interview skills, resume writing and expungements, as well as give them a chance to speak with employers and learn about vocational opportunities in the area. Richard also partners with the Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) to present half-day workshops on educational and vocational opportunities. Presenters from SRJC include re-entry specialists, financial aid, disability services and vocational specialists as well as general education programs, so that participants can learn about the JC’s offerings in a safe environment.

Richard also serves as a member of the Santa Rosa Junior College’s Puente Council. The Puente Project (Spanish for "bridge") is a national award-winning program that has helped prepare thousands of students for success in university studies. The Puente Project's mission is to increase the number of educationally underserved students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities, earn college degrees, and return to the community as mentors and leaders to future generations. As part of his duties on the council, Richard mentors students with an interest in law enforcement.

Outside of work, Richard donates his “free” time throughout the community and was recently recognized by the United Way for his volunteer efforts.

In 2011, Richard was ordained as a Law Enforcement Chaplain and was accepted to serve as a volunteer chaplain for the West Coast Post-Trauma Retreat, (WCPR). WCPR is a program for first responders who have been impacted by their work experience, one of only two such treatment centers in the world. Richard currently acts as a peer support counselor for an officer who has been through the WCPR program.

Richard gives “Stranger Danger” presentations at elementary schools, teaching children about personal safety. He has also developed a program in conjunction with a local health club where he works with children from homeless shelters. Richard offers the children free boxing lessons. In exchange, the children must spend a portion of their time doing homework, and once a month they go out into the community and provide meals to the homeless. Richard offers free boxing lessons to his FACT Probation clients as well, in an effort to help them integrate themselves into the community and promote positive self esteem.

Richard has dedicated his life to the field of probation and approaches each day with a positive attitude and a wealth of ideas that re-energize those around him. He truly is a remarkable individual, employee, and ambassador for Probation.

Prior Board Actions:

None

Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 1: Safe, Healthy, and Caring Community

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$		\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$	Total Sources	\$

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

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Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

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Attachments:

Resolution of Commendation for Sonoma County Probation Officer Richard Ortiz

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None

Resolution No.

**County of Sonoma
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

Date: 1/15/2013

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Recognizing Sonoma County Probation Officer Richard Ortiz For Being Selected As The Regional Employee Of The Year By The Bay Region Chiefs Of The Chief Probation Officers Of California.

Whereas, The Chief Probation Officers of California is an association of fifty-nine Chief Probation Officers in the State of California; and

Whereas, Sonoma County Probation is part of the Bay Region of the Chief Probation Officers of California; and

Whereas, Each year the Chief Probation Officers of California select outstanding employees who have made significant contributions to the field of Probation; and

Whereas, Sonoma County Chief Probation Officer Robert Ochs nominated Probation Officer Robert Ortiz as the Regional Employee of the Year for the Bay Region; and

Whereas, The thirteen Chiefs of the Bay Region selected Probation Officer Richard Ortiz as the Regional Employee of the Year;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma formally recognizes Probation Officer Richard Ortiz for his contributions to the field of Probation through the issuance of this resolution.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: McGuire: Carrillo: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Agenda Item Number: 3
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Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

To: Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Other

Department or Agency Name(s): Human Services Department

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Supervisory District(s):

Kim Seamans – 707 565-2198

All

Title: Eligibility Worker & Employment and Training Specialist Recognition Month

Recommended Actions:

Declare The Month of January 2013 as Eligibility Worker and Employment & Training Specialist Recognition Month

Executive Summary:

There are over 200 Eligibility Workers, Employment and Training Specialists and related supervisors in Sonoma County.

Programs like CalWORKs, CalFresh, and Medi-Cal provide a safety net and a ray of hope for families who are facing economic hard times. Whether it is a family that has recently fallen into unemployment, a homebound senior struggling to afford necessary medication, or a single mother trying to provide healthy food for her children, these programs offer vital services to meet the basic needs of the most vulnerable members of our community. Eligibility Workers (EW) and Employment and Training Specialists (ETS) are the public's connection to these programs. EWs and ETSs must be well-versed in a number of areas so that they can effectively provide benefits and answer the questions of the general public.

EWs in the Human Services Department process requests for benefits in person, via telephone interviews or online; they act on reported information and changes at the Service Center. In the Adult and Aging Division EWs are co-located with the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Social Workers to facilitate eligibility for IHSS. In the Family, Youth and Children's Division they manage payments for over 500 youth in the foster care system. At SonomaWORKS, Employment and Training Specialists perform eligibility determinations and case management services. EWs in Health Services work with clients to secure SSI or social security funding which enables those clients to achieve their treatment plan goals. Over all, EWs and ETSs serve 84,000 individuals in their course of their duties.

EWs and ETSs provide feedback to the administrators of the (18-county) computer system which automates much of the functions of their work. They are the first staff to interact with evolving technology such as online applications through Benefits CalWIN and Individual Voice Recognition (IVR) applications, often as formal participants in the consortium's User Acceptance Testing.

Eligibility Workers and Employment and Training Specialists perform work for residents throughout Sonoma County. During the current economic uncertainty, the services these workers provide are even more important to families and

individuals. Eligibility Worker and Employment and Training Specialist Recognition Month honors these employees for their dedication and commitment to their job and their community.

Prior Board Actions:

The Board has previously honored Eligibility Workers by declaring the month of January as Eligibility Worker Recognition Month

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 4: Civic Services and Engagement

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$	Select an item.	\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$	Total Sources	\$

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

Resolution

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None

Resolution No.

**County of Sonoma
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

Date: 1/15/2013

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Declaring The Month Of January 2013 As Eligibility Worker And Employment And Training Specialist Recognition Month.

Whereas, the Eligibility Worker and Employment and Training Specialist classifications were established to provide for more efficient service in determining eligibility for public assistance; and

Whereas, Eligibility Workers and Employment and Training Specialists interact with the public with professionalism, respect and compassion; and

Whereas, Eligibility Workers and Employment and Training Specialists are responsible for processing applications and managing caseloads while maintaining very high standards of job performance; and

Whereas, Eligibility Workers and Employment and Training Specialists are required to be well versed in many areas so that they can effectively provide services to public assistance recipients, foster care providers and the general public; and

Whereas, Eligibility Workers and Employment and Training Specialists in Sonoma County work with evolving technologies that allow the public to apply for benefits from their homes and communities; and

Whereas, Eligibility Workers and Employment and Training Specialists perform valuable service, it is important that all Sonoma County residents recognize the contribution they make to the community of Sonoma County;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma do hereby proclaim January 2013 as Eligibility Worker and Employment and Training Specialist Recognition Month in Sonoma County and salute the fine record of service and achievement which these dedicated individuals have established in our county.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: McGuire: Carrillo: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Agenda Item Number: 4
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Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

To: Board of Commissioners

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): County Administrators Office

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Supervisory District(s):

Veronica Ferguson (707) 565-2431

Countywide

Title: Personal Services Agreement Executive Director of Community Development Commission

Recommended Actions:

Authorize the Chair to execute a Personal Services Agreement with Kathleen Kane as Executive Director of the Community Development Commission from January 15, 2013, through January 14, 2018.

Executive Summary:

In 2004 and 2008 the Board authorized four year Personal Services Agreements with Kathleen Kane in the capacity of Executive Director of the Community Development Commission. The most recent Agreement expired on December 21, 2012, and she continues to serve on an extended basis per the terms of the Agreement.

The requested action would approve a new contract to be in effect from January 15, 2013 for nearly five years, until January 14, 2018.

Prior Board Actions:

2004 and 2008 - Authorized Personal Services Agreements with Kathleen Kane, Executive Director of Community Development Commission.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 4: Civic Services and Engagement

Retaining Executive Director Kane as head of the Commission will help it continue to perform at a high level.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$	Select an item.	\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$	Total Sources	\$

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):
 Costs associated with the Recommended Action are included in the FY 12-13 budget.

Staffing Impacts			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

Attachments:
 Agreement for Personal Services

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

AGREEMENT FOR PERSONAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
SONOMA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

This Agreement for Personal Services (“AGREEMENT”) is made this 15th day of January, 2013 by and between the Sonoma County Community Development Commission (hereinafter “COMMISSION”) and Kathleen H. Kane (hereinafter “EMPLOYEE”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, in or about 2008, the COMMISSION and EMPLOYEE entered into its most recent Personal Services Agreement for the position of Executive Director of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Agreement expired on or about December 21, 2012, but EMPLOYEE continues to serve on an extended basis, not to exceed 60 days, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the COMMISSION and EMPLOYEE desire to enter into a new agreement, with a term of 5 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AGREED by and between the parties as follows:

1. Term of Employment. COMMISSION hereby employs EMPLOYEE in the position of Executive Director of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission for a period of five (5) years, commencing on January 15, 2013 and ending on January 14, 2018, subject, however, to termination as herein provided.

2. Duties. EMPLOYEE shall perform the duties of Executive Director of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission as set forth in the COMMISSION’s job specification, attached hereto as Exhibit A, as it now provides or may hereafter be amended, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the COMMISSION.

3. Compensation.

(a) EMPLOYEE’s salary shall be at the I-step of the salary range as set forth in the County of Sonoma Salary Resolution 95-0926 (“County of Sonoma Salary Resolution”) for the position of Executive Director of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission and which salary is currently set at \$163,356 per annum.

(b) Except as herein provided, EMPLOYEE shall be entitled to the same fringe benefits generally available to County of Sonoma department heads, as specified in the County of Sonoma Salary Resolution, as may be amended from time to time.

4. Performance review. The COMMISSION shall bi-annually review EMPLOYEE's performance. EMPLOYEE agrees that concerns that the Board of Directors or the individual members of the Board have concerning EMPLOYEE's performance are not "specific complaints or charges brought against an employee by another person or employee" as that phrase is used in Government Code section 54957 and that the notice requirement of that section is, under those circumstances, inapplicable.

5. Expiration and Non-renewal. At the expiration of the term of this Agreement, EMPLOYEE's employment shall automatically terminate. COMMISSION agrees to give written notice of its intention of non-renewal at least sixty (60) calendar days in advance of the expiration of this Agreement; provided, however, that failure to give sixty-day notice of non-renewal shall cause this Agreement to be extended for an additional period of sixty (60) calendar days from date of notice of non-renewal, and shall not result in an automatic renewal of the agreement. Upon expiration of the Agreement, EMPLOYEE shall be entitled to the same benefits as those described in Exhibit B, paragraph 2. In no event shall this Agreement be construed to extend beyond the five-year term provided in Section 1 or the additional sixty (60) days as provided herein.

6. Termination.

(a) EMPLOYEE shall serve at the will and pleasure of the COMMISSION and may be terminated at the will of the Board of Directors with or without cause as provided in attachment B. EMPLOYEE expressly waives and disclaims any right to any pre-termination or post termination notice and hearing.

(b) EMPLOYEE may terminate her employment at any time by delivering to the Chair of the Board of Directors her written resignation. Such resignation shall be irrevocable and shall be effective not earlier than ninety (90) calendar days following delivery.

(c) From the date upon which EMPLOYEE either resigns or is notified of the COMMISSION's intention to terminate the Agreement until the actual date upon which the resignation, termination or expiration becomes effective, EMPLOYEE shall continue to devote her full time, attention and effort to the duties anticipated hereunder and shall perform the same in a professional and competent manner. If requested, EMPLOYEE shall assist the COMMISSION in orienting EMPLOYEE's replacement and shall perform such tasks as are necessary to effect a smooth transition in the leadership of the COMMISSION. These tasks may also include providing information or testimony regarding matters which arose during EMPLOYEE's term as Executive Director of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission.

(d) EMPLOYEE acknowledges, understands and warrants that EMPLOYEE shall have no further right or claim to employment after the expiration of the term of this Agreement. Except as provided herein, no other document, handbook, policy, resolution or oral or written

representation shall be effective or construed to be effective to extend the term hereof or otherwise grant EMPLOYEE any right or claim to continued employment with COMMISSION.

7. Nonassignability. EMPLOYEE shall not, during the term of this Agreement, make any assignment or delegation of any of its provisions without the prior written consent of the COMMISSION.

8. Compliance with Law. EMPLOYEE shall, during her employment hereunder, comply with all laws and regulations applicable to such employment. Any act or omission of EMPLOYEE constituting a public offense involving moral turpitude or a withholding of labor is a material breach of this Agreement relieving the COMMISSION of any and all obligations hereunder. Such act or omission shall constitute sufficient grounds for EMPLOYEE's termination with cause pursuant to this Agreement.

9. Merger. This writing is intended both as the final expression of the Agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the included terms and as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the Agreement, pursuant to Section 1856 of the Code of Civil Procedure. No modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless and until such modification is evidenced by a writing signed by both parties.

10. No Representations or Warranties on Tax or Retirement Issues. EMPLOYEE acknowledges and agrees that the COMMISSION has not made any representations or warranties regarding tax consequences or retirement compensation pertaining to her salary and benefits. EMPLOYEE further acknowledges and agrees that the Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association ("SCERA") makes the final determination on what is deemed "final compensation" for purposes calculating retirement benefits.

ATTEST:
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

SONOMA COUNTY COMMUNITY

Clerk of the Board

By _____
Chair, Board of Directors

EMPLOYEE

Kathleen H. Kane

EXHIBIT A to Personal Services Agreement with Kathleen H.Kane

County of Sonoma
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Revised 08/08

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SONOMA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Definition:

Under administrative direction, plans, organizes, directs, and coordinates Sonoma County's affordable housing, homelessness, redevelopment and community development programs, and all operations of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Housing Authority, and Redevelopment Agency; serves as Executive Director of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Sonoma County Housing Authority, and Sonoma County Redevelopment Agency; provides and directs staff services to the Commissioners of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Housing Authority and Redevelopment Agency, and to their advisory committees; supervises subordinate staff; and performs related duties as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

This is a single-position class that reports to the Commissioners of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Housing Authority, and Community Redevelopment Agency. This class is characterized by the responsibility for administering multiple programs and functions through subordinate managers. Extensive initiative, independent judgment, and creativity are required in formulating plans and programs, directing effective and efficient operations, resolving difficult and complex problems, and modifying plans to meet unexpected situations. Control over work performed is manifested in general plans, broad policy or budgetary limitations.

This class is distinguished from the Redevelopment Manager, Community Development Manager, and Leased Housing Manager by having overall executive responsibility for all operations of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Housing Authority, and Community Redevelopment Agency.

This position is with the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, a separate entity from the County of Sonoma, and is not within the Sonoma County Civil Service System.

Typical Duties:

Duties may include but are not limited to the following:

Directs the administration of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Housing Authority and Redevelopment Agency to include planning, organizing, and directing

Sonoma County's affordable housing, housing assistance, homelessness, redevelopment and community development programs.

Plans, organizes, directs and evaluates the activities of subordinate staff; interviews, selects and trains professional and management staff; assigns and reviews work; establishes performance standards; evaluates staff performance; trains and counsels employees; takes or approves disciplinary actions; negotiates and administers agreements with consultants and contractors.

Plans and recommends program and policy direction for the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Housing Authority and Community Redevelopment Agency; develops or directs the development of program policies; explains, advises and recommends action on policy matters to the Commissioners of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Housing Authority, and Community Redevelopment Agency; advises the appropriate governing body of problems and potential problems and recommends appropriate course of action.

Consults with and solicits the cooperation of community groups and government agencies in assessing, identifying and analyzing affordable housing, homelessness, and community development needs and objectives in Sonoma County; develops responsive programs to meet those needs and objectives.

Develops agreements, methods and procedures to implement, administer and evaluate the County's affordable housing, homelessness, redevelopment and community development programs; oversees and directs program compliance reviews and analyzes performance outcome measures to measure program effectiveness; develops process improvement plans and strategies to enhance service delivery; reviews projects and related records in order to assess the progress of projects and to assure program continuity and compliance with established guides.

Analyzes the impact of newly-enacted state and federal legislation on operations; addresses legislative and regulatory bodies to influence or persuade them to form supportive opinions or take actions related to advancing program goals; makes recommendations and decisions regarding the implementation of related changes; reviews economic trends and regulatory changes to determine the impact on operations; reviews and critiques codes and ordinances; initiates studies of technical problems and recommends revisions.

Prepares and administers an annual budget; establishes, revises and maintains accounting systems and procedures in order to effectively monitor income sources and loan portfolios, and to provide internal accounting controls; certifies the purchase of supplies, equipment and services; makes recommendations regarding the purchase and sale of property; develops and implements management information systems in order to track and analyze performance measures; directs the preparation, review and approval of fiscal, special and technical reports, justifications, and proposals; researches, identifies, develops and negotiates public and private funding opportunities in order to support existing programs and generate additional funding opportunities to expand or create new programs and opportunities; submits grant applications for funding; issues directives related to fund distribution, and policy and procedural constraints of

grant requirements. .

Coordinates program planning and day-to-day activities with County departments, participating planning jurisdictions, federal funding agencies and community interest groups; stays informed on community, social, and political problems, and their relevance to and impact upon programs; directs the development of a public relations program to inform the public about affordable housing, homelessness, redevelopment and community development programs, goals and objectives; provides consultation to individuals, citizen groups, business organizations, consultants and governmental agencies on all matters related to affordable housing, homelessness assistance, redevelopment, and community development projects.

Performs the statutory duties of Executive Director and Secretary of the Community Development Commission, Housing Authority, and Community Redevelopment Agency. represents the Community Development Commission, Housing Authority, and Community Redevelopment Agency at governmental hearings, various representative groups, in front of administrative bodies, and at public meetings.

Performs related duties as assigned.

Knowledges and Abilities:

Considerable knowledge of: the current trends, theories, principles, and practices related to housing, homelessness, redevelopment, and community development Programs; , administrative principles and practices, including goal setting, program development, implementation and evaluation, and the preparation of policies and procedures; principles and practices of employee supervision including selection, work planning, organization, performance review and evaluation, and employee training and discipline; federal and state legislation related to affordable housing, homelessness, redevelopment and community development programs; Housing program functions and services; principles and practices of local government redevelopment, housing and community development administration; principles, practices, funding sources and administrative techniques for community services and low-income housing programs; principles and practices of project management and performance measurement; fiduciary responsibilities of a lender, best practices for effective grant proposal writing, obtaining and administering grants, and grant-funding processes; County government organization as it relates to affordable housing and redevelopment functions, and the relationship with the organization and functions of federal, state and municipal governments.

Ability to: plan, organize and direct Sonoma County's affordable housing, homelessness, redevelopment and community development programs; identify community affordable housing, homelessness, redevelopment and community development needs and objectives, and to formulate responsive plans to meet them; supervise, assign, direct and evaluate the work of personnel within the division; interpret federal, state and local rules and regulations governing the operation of county and community development programs; develop policies, agreements, methods, and procedures to implement, administer and evaluate housing and community development programs to establish accountability and to measure program effectiveness; coordinate program planning and day-to-day operational activities of the Community

Development Commission, Housing Authority and Redevelopment Agency; assure financial solvency of affordable housing, redevelopment and community development programs; provide professional consultation and program leadership; prepare clear and concise records and reports; Effectively assemble, organize and present, in either written or oral form, the logical conclusions and sound recommendations resulting from analysis of administrative, financial, factual or other information derived from a variety of sources; utilize sound judgment, tactfulness, persuasion and authority in the performance of duties; work under pressure, establish priorities and meet deadlines; establish and maintain effective work relationships with subordinates, County officials, representatives of other agencies, administrative personnel and the general public.

Minimum Qualifications:

Education: Any combination of educational course work and training, which would provide for the knowledge and abilities listed above. Normally, academic course work equivalent to a four-year degree from an accredited college or university with major work in urban studies, urban planning, public administration, public policy, business administration, economics, finance or a closely related field, will provide this opportunity. A Master's Degree is desirable.

Experience Any combination of experience and training which would provide the opportunity to acquire the knowledges and abilities listed above. Normally, five years of full-time public administration/management experience supervising professional staff engaged in housing rehabilitation, affordable housing policy/development and redevelopment or community development, including specific experience in financial, budget, program and organizational administration, analysis and planning, or will provide this opportunity.

License: Possession of a valid driver's license at the appropriate level including special endorsements, as required by the State of California, may be required depending upon assignment to perform the essential job functions of the position.

EXHIBIT B to Personal Services Agreement with Kathleen H. Kane
Termination and Administrative Leave Provisions

1. As provided in the Personal Services Agreement, to which this Attachment B is attached and incorporated, COMMISSION may terminate EMPLOYEE's employment with or without cause.

2. Termination without cause:

Severance. Termination of EMPLOYEE's employment without cause may be effected by COMMISSION giving sixty (60) days' prior written notice to EMPLOYEE. Upon such termination, EMPLOYEE shall be entitled to additional salary, and any other compensation allowed under the County of Sonoma Salary Resolution, equal to that which would accrue during one hundred twenty (120) calendar days following termination and to be computed by the COUNTY Auditor-Controller at the rate applicable on the day of termination plus the cash equivalent of all accumulated vacation as of the day of termination. In addition to the foregoing, EMPLOYEE shall also be entitled to be compensated for any unused sick leave, floating holiday balance or any other compensation or benefits as allowed by the Sonoma County Salary Resolution, as it may be amended from time to time. EMPLOYEE's health benefits and the COMMISSION's portion of the premium contribution shall continue to remain in effect for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from date of termination. EMPLOYEE's acceptance of said severance pay shall constitute a final settlement and satisfaction of all claims of EMPLOYEE against the COMMISSION arising out of her employment.

3. Termination with cause:

COMMISSION may terminate EMPLOYEE's employment for just cause at any time by giving notice of employment discrepancies and an opportunity to respond to such discrepancies prior to termination. Notice is accomplished by COMMISSION depositing a written notice in the United States mail that is addressed to EMPLOYEE at EMPLOYEE's last known address. After termination for just cause has been affected, EMPLOYEE shall have no further rights under this Agreement or to continued employment with the COMMISSION. Just cause includes, but is not limited to, unauthorized absence, conviction of a felony or of any criminal act involving moral turpitude; conduct which brings discredit to the COMMISSION; disorderly conduct; incapacity due to mental or physical disability to the extent permitted by law; willful concealment or misrepresentation of material facts in applying for or securing employment; willful disregard of a lawful order from a duly constituted authority; willful disregard of a departmental policy and/or laws regarding the confidentiality of records; using, being in possession of, or being under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, intoxicants, drugs, or hallucinatory agents while on COMMISSION or County of Sonoma property or in vehicles during working hours or reporting to work under such conditions, or abuse of alcohol or drugs while in COMMISSION or County uniform (possession and proper use of drugs prescribed by a licensed physician and appropriate possession of unopened alcoholic beverages are not prohibited by this section); negligence or willful damage to public property or waste or theft of

public supplies or equipment; refusal to comply with a proper directive to undergo a medical examination as issued by an appointing authority; falsification of any records, such as medical forms, time cards or employment applications, or making material dishonest work-related statement to other employees at work or committing perjury; unauthorized use of COMMISSION or County vehicles and equipment; conviction of driving under the influence, reckless driving, or hit-and-run driving whether on or off the job, in a COMMISSION or County vehicle; unauthorized possession of weapons or explosives on COMMISSION or County premises; willful carelessness or violation of safety rules and regulations which jeopardize the safety of others and/or which could result in bodily injury to others or damage to COMMISSION or County property; and sexual harassment of or unlawful discrimination against another employee or applicant for employment. Any other just cause not set forth above, must be of similar egregious conduct.

4. Statement of Reasons for Termination.

The COMMISSION and EMPLOYEE will, within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 10 working days, attempt to agree on a mutually acceptable statement as to the reasons for termination. If the parties cannot mutually agree to an acceptable statement of the reasons for termination within the time period set forth above, the Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion, publish its reasons for termination. In such event, publication shall consist of filing the reasons with the Clerk of the Board. A copy of the statement shall be made for EMPLOYEE and kept for her in the office of the Board's Clerk. Within ninety (90) days following the announcement of termination, EMPLOYEE may present a written response to the Chair of the Board of Directors which will be maintained as a public record. The parties agree that other than as provided above, they will not make any other public statement concerning EMPLOYEE's termination.

5. Administrative Leave.

Upon receiving a specific complaint or charge brought against EMPLOYEE by another person or employee, the Chair of the Board of Directors may place EMPLOYEE on administrative leave when, in the sole opinion of the Chair, EMPLOYEE's temporary removal from office would be in the best interests of the COMMISSION. The administrative leave will commence on the Chair's delivery to EMPLOYEE's office of a written notice to that effect. The Chair shall also deliver a copy of the notice to the employee, determined by the Chair, to be next in authority as Executive Director of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission. Upon the delivery of the notice to EMPLOYEE's office, performance of EMPLOYEE's job duties under this Agreement are suspended but all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Thereafter, EMPLOYEE's job duties shall be performed by the employee next in authority until further written notice by the Chair of the Board of Directors. The COMMISSION and EMPLOYEE agree that the COMMISSION will incur damages, if, during the period of administrative leave, EMPLOYEE performs or attempts to perform any of the duties provided in paragraph 2, or in any other way interferes with the administration or operation of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission. The COMMISSION and EMPLOYEE agree that the measurement of these damages would be difficult and speculative and accordingly further agree that if EMPLOYEE performs or attempts to perform any of the duties provided in job specification for the position of Executive Director of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, or in any other way interferes

with the administration or operation of the COMMISSION that COMMISSION's duties to compensate EMPLOYEE under the Agreement are discharged for each day during which EMPLOYEE engages in such non-cooperation and/or interference. The administrative leave and the suspension of job duties shall terminate on the Chair's delivery to EMPLOYEE's office of a written notice to that effect.



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda Item Number: 5
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

To: The Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Sonoma County Water Agency

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Courtney Ellerbusch 547-1961

Supervisorial District(s):

All Districts

Title: Out of State Travel, Netherlands

Recommended Actions:

Authorize Tim Gahagan, Geographic Information Technician II, to travel to the Netherlands to present a paper at the Geospatial World Forum 2013 on sanitation utility management using geographic information system applications, paid for by Geospatial Media and Communication Pvt Limited.

Executive Summary:

This agenda item requests that the Board authorize out-of-country travel for Tim Gahagan, Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency) Geographic Information Technician II, to attend a technical conference in Rotterdam, Netherlands from May 13-16, 2013. Tim Gahagan is invited to present at the Geospatial World Forum (Forum) on the use of geographical information systems applications in utility management. The invitation from Geospatial Media and Communication Pvt Limited includes paying for the cost of travel including economy class airfare and two nights' hotel accommodations for his contribution to the Forum.

The Forum will provide for an exchange of ideas and processes with a broad variety of agencies and businesses. The Forum includes a number of other American agencies such as the Los Angeles Department of Power and Water, Caltrans and King County Municipality.

Prior Board Actions:

None.

Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 3: Invest in the Future

This supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal #3 by sharing processes and knowledge with like agencies and businesses, gaining partnerships and good will that will provide benefit in the future. Attendance at this Forum is directly related to the Water Agency's Strategic Plan's goal #3 to increase outreach and communication of core business functions and to Goal #4 to have an organizational culture that emphasizes information sharing and collaboration.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 500	Water Agency Gen Fund	\$ 500
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$ 500	Total Sources	\$ 500

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

The expenditure is an estimate to cover meals, travel to and from airports and hotel and other minor miscellaneous travel expenses not covered by inviting agency. These funds would come from the Water Agency's General Fund.

Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

Attachments:

None.

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None.



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
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Agenda Item Number: 6
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To: Board of directors, Sonoma County Water Agency

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Sonoma County Water Agency

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Greg Guensch (707) 547-1972

Supervisorial District(s):

First District (Sonoma Valley)

Title: City Watersheds of Sonoma Valley Project Prop 1E Funding Grant Application

Recommended Actions:

Adopt Resolution authorizing the Sonoma County Water Agency's General Manager to: 1) file a grant application for the City Watersheds of Sonoma Valley Project pursuant to the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 5096.800 et seq.); 2) execute a grant agreement with the State of California; and 3) take all actions necessary to carry out the project and implement the grant agreement.

Executive Summary:

This agenda item presents a resolution for the Board's consideration to authorize the Sonoma County Water Agency's (Water Agency) General Manager to file a grant application with the California Department of Water Resources for the Stormwater Flood Management grant program funded by Proposition 1E (Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006). Proposals are due in February 2013 and grants are expected to be awarded in August 2013.

The Water Agency is collaborating with the City of Sonoma, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, and Sonoma Ecology Center to develop a multi-phased project (City Watersheds Project) to implement multiple-benefit watershed projects that reduce flood hazards and enhance groundwater recharge, while providing a range of other benefits to the watershed, such as improved water quality, ecosystem function, and water supply.

The City Watersheds Project is focused on benefitting the Nathanson/Fryer Creek subwatersheds within and around the City of Sonoma, and will be implemented in phases. The Nathanson/Fryer subwatersheds cover approximately 80% of the geographic area of the City of Sonoma. Due to considerations of partner readiness and limitations in available local match funding, the current proposed phase of City Watersheds (Phase 1) - for which Prop 1E grant funding is now being sought - focuses primarily within the Fryer Creek subwatershed. Future phases of City Watersheds are

anticipated to include project elements within the Nathanson Creek subwatershed. Phase 1 of City Watersheds includes the development of a city-wide drainage master plan within the City of Sonoma, habitat restoration and sediment removal on various reaches of Fryer Creek, culvert replacement, storm drain improvements, and a stormwater detention/groundwater recharge project with public access trails and interpretive elements.

The project will provide flood protection, water supply, ecosystem function, and water quality benefits within the City of Sonoma.

If the grant is awarded, the Phase 1 Project is estimated to cost approximately \$4 million. The grant application will ask for approximately \$2 million from the Department of Water Resources. A 50% funding match will be provided by the Water Agency and its project partners. A resolution of the Board of Directors is required as part of the grant application.

Prior Board Actions:

None

Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 2: Economic and Environmental Stewardship

This project will provide flood protection, water supply, and water quality benefits within the City of Sonoma.

Water Agency Water Supply Goals and Strategies, Goal 2: Protect the Water Agency's existing water rights and our clean, high-quality water supply, and improve system resiliency by continuing to develop alternative supplies.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 0	Water Agency Gen Fund	\$ 0
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$ 0	Total Sources	\$ 0

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

The Water Agency is applying for a Prop 1E grant from the California Department of Water Resources in an amount not to exceed \$2 million to perform the work for this project. It is anticipated that 75% of the required match (approximately \$1.5M) will come from the Water Agency's Zone 3A fund, and approximately 25% (\$500,000) will be provided by in-kind services performed by the Water Agency or its project partners. If the grant is awarded, funds will be appropriated in Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Staffing Impacts			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)
Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):			
N/A			
Attachments:			
Resolution			
Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:			
N/A			

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CF/0-0-20 POTENTIAL GRANT FUNDING SOURCES (ID 146)

Resolution No.

**County of Sonoma
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

Date: 1/15/2013

Resolution Authorizing The Sonoma County Water Agency's General Manager To 1) Apply To The California Department Of Water Resources To Obtain Storm Water Flood Management Grant Funding Pursuant To The Disaster Preparedness And Flood Prevention Bond Act Of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 5096.800, Et Seq.); 2) To Enter Into An Agreement With The State Of California To Receive A Grant For The City Watersheds Of Sonoma, Phase 1 Project; and 3) Take All Actions Necessary To Carry Out The Project And Implement The Grant Agreement.

Whereas, the California Department of Water Resources is preparing to disburse a second round of Storm Water Flood Management Grant funding under the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1E); and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Water Agency desires to apply for said grant funds for the City Watersheds of Sonoma, Phase 1 Project; and

Whereas, said procedures and criteria established by the California Department of Water Resources require a resolution certifying the approval of application by the Applicant's governing body before submission of said application to the State; and

Whereas, the application contains assurances with which the Applicant must comply;

Whereas, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the City Watersheds of Sonoma project;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Directors hereby finds, determines, certifies, and declares as follows:

1. The General Manager of the Sonoma County Water Agency, or his designee, is hereby authorized to file a grant application for the City Watersheds of Sonoma, Phase 1 Project under the Storm Water Flood Management Grant Program; and
2. The General manager of the Water Agency, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the State of California; and
3. The General Manager of the Sonoma County Water Agency, or his designee, is hereby authorized to manage the Agreement, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project, and delegate authority to others

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Date: 1/15/2013
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to provide management and support services required for performance of the work and administration of the Agreement.

Directors:

Gorin:	Zane:	McGuire:	Carrillo:	Rabbitt:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda Item Number: 7
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

To: The Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Scott Jann - (707) 565-8305
Terina Tracy - (707) 565-3234

Supervisorial District(s):

Title: 01-15-2013 ACTTC Audit Report Human Services Department Child Development Program

Recommended Actions:

Review and accept the audit report of the Sonoma County Human Services Department Child Development Program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

Executive Summary:

The Auditor-Controller's office conducted an audit of the County of Sonoma Human Services Department's Child Development Program for the period ended June 30, 2012.

The County of Sonoma Child Development Program (the Program) is funded by the California Department of Education - Child Development Division, except for maintenance of effort which is provided by County of Sonoma's general fund. A portion of the funds from the California Department of Education is passed through from a federal block grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

The Program is administered by the Family, Youth and Children's Services Unit of the County of Sonoma Human Services Department. The Program provides child care services for children at risk of neglect, abuse, or exploitation. Child care agreements are authorized in conjunction with a family maintenance plan to provide parents with the opportunity to seek the necessary treatment or parenting classes which help to alleviate the parenting problems which put the children at risk of abuse or neglect.

Our audit included tests of the financial and program records to determine the accuracy of the financial reporting process and the degree of adherence to program requirements.

There were no significant findings as a result of our audit.

Prior Board Actions:			
The previous audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 was reviewed and approved by the Board on February 7, 2012.			
Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 2: Economic and Environmental Stewardship			
Auditing the County Human Services Child Development Program insures proper expenditure of state grant funds.			
Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13			
Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$	County General Fund	\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$	Total Sources	\$
Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):			
Staffing Impacts			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)
Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):			
Attachments:			
ATTACHMENT "A" - Child Development Program Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs			
Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:			
Audit report of the Sonoma County Human Services Department Child Development Program			

**County of Sonoma
Human Services Department
Child Development Program
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
June 30, 2012**

A. Summary of Audit Results

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the basic financial statements of the County of Sonoma Human Services Department Child Development Program Nos. 49-13694-2249-00-1, 49-14153-2249-00-1 and 49-23186-2249-00-1, California Department of Education Contract No. CAPP1075.
2. No reportable conditions relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
3. During the audit, no material weaknesses were identified in the internal control over financial reporting.
4. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the County of Sonoma Health Services Department Child Development Program Nos. 49-13694-2249-00-1, 49-14153-2249-00-1 and 49-23186-2249-00-1, California Department of Education Contract No. CAPP1075 were disclosed during the audit.

B. Findings – Financial Statements Audit

None



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda Item Number: 8
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

To: Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Cathy Patton 565-2073

Supervisorial District(s):

Countywide

Title: Transfer of Unclaimed Funds to the County General Fund

Recommended Actions:

Approval of the resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma to transfer certain unclaimed funds in the amount of \$5,000 or more totaling \$12,917.10 to the County General Fund

Executive Summary:

Unclaimed money consists of funds which are not the property of the County but remain in the County Treasury for three or more years without a claim being filed by the legal owners. The unclaimed funds currently held in the Treasurer's trust funds include funds deposited by the Sheriff's Department, Probation Department, and the Public Administrator.

California Government code Section 50050 and 50055 provides that individual items of any amount, fifteen dollars (\$15) and over, with known depositor names, that are held in the County Treasury and remain unclaimed for three years become the property of the County if not claimed after a notice has been published once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation. California Government Code Section 50053 states that when any such money becomes the property of the County and is in a special fund, the legislative body may transfer it to the general fund. California Government Code Section 50057 states that for individual items in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less, the legislative body of any county may, by resolution, authorize the county treasurer to perform on its behalf any act required or authorized to be performed by it under Sections 50050, 50053 and 50055.

On 11/13/12, the board approved the delegation of the authority to the County Treasurer to transfer, on the Board's behalf, unclaimed funds in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less to the County's General Fund.

The County Treasurer published a notice of unclaimed funds in satisfaction of the requirement of Government Code Section 50051. Of these published amounts, there were two (2) amounts greater than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), totaling \$12,917.10, which were not claimed and require Board

approval to transfer to the County's General Fund. Prior to this publication the County Treasury made available a detailed listing of unclaimed funds deposited by the Public Administrator. This listing has been provided to various individuals and companies that specialize in the recovery of unclaimed funds. Several claims have been filed and paid through this process. In addition, the Public Administrator/Public Guardian/Public Conservator's office conducts a search for relatives of the estates of deceased persons, which they have deposited under Probate Code Section 7663.

The County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector will continue to request Board approval to transfer individual items of unclaimed funds that are greater than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the County's General Fund.

Prior Board Actions:

On 11/13/12, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution delegating the authority to the County Treasurer to transfer, on the Board's behalf, unclaimed funds of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less to the County General Fund.

The transfer of funds is approved whenever unclaimed funds are published and available for transfer to the County General Fund, the most recent being 02/15/11.

Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 4: Civic Services and Engagement

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$		\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$	Total Sources	\$

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

Staffing Impacts			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)
Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):			
Attachments:			
Resolution of the Board of Supervisors			
Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Unclaimed Funds Listing 2) Proof of Publication 			



County of Sonoma
State of California

Date: January 15, 2013

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Authorizing Transfer Of Unclaimed Funds To The County General Fund**

Whereas, unclaimed funds in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more are on deposit with the County Treasurer; and

Whereas, California Government code Sections 50050 provides that money that is not the property of the County and remains unclaimed in its treasury or in the official custody of its officers for three years is the property of the County after notice has been published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation and if no person has claimed the money or filed and served a verified complaint; and

Whereas, the Treasurer caused notice to be published in the Press Democrat in satisfaction of the requirements of Government Code Section 50051; and

Whereas, no person has claimed the money or filed and served a verified complaint; and

Whereas, unclaimed funds in the amount of \$12,917.10 are now the property of the County and are currently deposited in the Treasurer Trust Fund; and

Whereas, California Government Code Section 50053 provides that when any such money becomes the property of the County and is in a special fund, the legislative body may transfer it to the general fund; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 50053 the unclaimed \$12,917.10 which has become the property of the County shall be transferred to the County's general fund.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Zane:

McGuire:

Carrillo:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda Item Number: 9
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

To: Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Cathy Patton 565-2073

Supervisorial District(s):

Countywide

Title: Authority to Invest & Reinvest Funds and Deposit & Invest Excess Funds

Recommended Actions:

- 1) Approval of the Concurrent Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma and all Districts governed ex-officio by the Board of Supervisors renewing authorization for the County Treasurer to assume full responsibility for all transactions and expenditures related to the investment and reinvestment of funds on deposit in the County Treasury.
- 2) Approval of the Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma ratifying and authorizing the County Treasurer's acceptance and investment of excess funds on behalf of other local agencies in the County Treasury.

Executive Summary:

On June 17, 1997, the Board of Supervisors enacted County Ordinance 5037, which delegate the authority of investing and reinvesting funds held on deposit in the County Treasury. The ordinance was based on California Government Code 27000.1 that authorized the Board of Supervisors to delegate, by ordinances, to the County Treasurer its authority to invest and reinvest the funds of the County and the funds of other depositors in the County Treasury and to sell or exchange securities. The County Treasurer then assumes full responsibilities for all transactions and expenditures related to the investment and reinvestment of funds on deposit in the Sonoma County Treasury until the Board revokes its delegation of authority by ordinance.

Government Code Section 53607 requires the Board of Supervisors to annually review, and by resolution renew, the authority of the County Treasurer to invest and reinvest funds of the County and other depositors.

Section 53684(a) of the California Government Code allows other local entities to invest excess funds in the County Treasury, with the permission of the County Treasurer. Subdivision (f) provides that the County Board of Supervisors should take action to make the statute operative.

Prior Board Actions:			
Delegation is renewed annually each new year			
Strategic Plan Alignment		Goal 3: Invest in the Future	
Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13			
Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$		\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$	Total Sources	\$
Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):			
Staffing Impacts			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)
Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):			
Attachments:			
Resolutions of the Board of Supervisors			
Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:			

Resolution No.

**County of Sonoma
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

Date: 1/15/2013

Concurrent Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, The Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency, the Board of Commissioners of The Community Development Commission, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District and the Board of Directors of the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District, Approval Of Resolution Authorizing The County Treasurer To Assume Full Responsibility For All Transactions And Expenditures Related To The Investment And Reinvestment Of Funds On Deposit In The County Treasury.

Whereas, Ordinance 5037 dated June 17, 1997 authorized the County Treasurer of the County of Sonoma to invest and reinvest funds as provided by California Government Code Sections 27000.1 and 27000.3; and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Treasurer has been designated as the agent of the County with regards to investment of funds, to serve as fiduciary of the funds and be subject to the Prudent Investor Standard; and

Whereas, Government Code Section 53607 requires that this Board annually review and renew this delegation;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors, acting as the Governing Body of Sonoma County and as the Governing Board of Directors of the various districts listed above, hereby renews its delegation of authority for investments to the Treasurer of Sonoma County to invest and reinvest funds as provided by Government Code Section 27000.1 and 27000.3

Supervisors:

Gorin:	Zane:	McGuire:	Carrillo:	Rabbitt:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.

Resolution No.

**County of Sonoma
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

Date: 1/15/2013

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma
Ratifying and Authorizing Acceptance of Excess Funds On Behalf of Other
Local Agencies In The County Treasury.**

Whereas, Section 53684(a) of the California Government Code authorizes the County Treasurer to accept for deposit into the County Treasury Pool funds by other local agencies which are not required for immediate use; and

Whereas, Government Code Section 53684(f) requires that this Board adopt a resolution making Section 53684(a) operative;

Be It Further Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and ratifies the County Treasurer's acceptance of excess funds of other local agencies in the County Treasury Pool as provided by Government Code Sections 53684.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: McGuire: Carrillo: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda Item Number: 10
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To: Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Supervisor Efren Carrillo

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Susan Upchurch, 565-2241

Supervisorial District(s):

All

Title: Resolution of support for proposed boundary expansion of Cordell Bank and Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries

Recommended Actions:

Adopt the resolution of Support for the proposed expansion of the Cordell Bank and Gulf of Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries.

Executive Summary:

On January 5, 2011, Representative Lynn Woolsey introduced House Resolution 192, the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act and on January 25, 2011 Senator Barbara Boxer and Senator Diane Feinstein introduced Senate Resolution 179 as the Senate version of H.R. 179. On January 6, 2009, Representative Lynn Woolsey introduced House Resolution 223, the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act. On January 12, 2009 Senator Barbara Boxer and Senator Diane Feinstein introduced Senate Resolution 212 as the Senate version of H.R. 223. The Board endorsed these measures and, in addition, the County has long been a staunch unwavering advocate for further coastal protections.

The Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS), designated in 1981, and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary (CBNMS), designated in 1989, are federally protected marine areas along and offshore of California's north-central coast. Centered along an important upwelling area, the sanctuaries are able to support important commercial and recreational fisheries, tourism and recreation industries, and coastal economies and communities.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is considering expansion of GFNMS and CBNMS to an area north of the existing sanctuaries that extends from Bodega Bay in Sonoma County, to Alder Creek in Mendocino County, and west to the edge of the continental shelf. This area encompasses the Point Arena upwelling center that consistently produces the most intense upwelling in all of North America.

The nutrients brought to the surface during upwelling events at Point Arena are carried south into the sanctuaries by the prevailing California Current; these nutrients fuel an incredibly productive ocean area protected by GFNMS and CBNMS. The sanctuaries are destination feeding areas for endangered blue whales and humpback whales, sharks, salmon, and seabirds like albatrosses and shearwaters that travel tens of thousands of miles. Food that

results from the Point Arena upwelling center also supports the largest assemblage of breeding seabirds in the contiguous United States on the Farallon Islands. Living reefs of corals, sponges and a myriad of other invertebrates cover hard bottom areas and these sessile invertebrate communities are washed with food rich water from the north. These invertebrate reefs also provide structure and habitat for many species of juvenile and adult rockfish that prosper in these productive waters. Sanctuary waters also support valuable commercial fisheries for salmon and Dungeness crab.

Local ports and coastal communities all derive socioeconomic benefits from these healthy ocean habitats. The rich diversity and health of this thriving marine ecosystem depends on the cold nutrient rich source water originating from the Point Arena upwelling center.

The Board is being requested to adopt the Resolution of Support for the expansion (Attachment A). This support aligns with the County’s legislative platform and long term policy position of protecting the Coast.

Prior Board Actions:

The Board supported H.R. 1440 in 1985 supporting the moratorium on all oil and gas leasing in the outer continental shelf. In 1982, the Board passed a resolution supporting an oil drilling ban in the Farallones Marine Sanctuary. 1/12/2010, the Board endorsed H.R. 223 the version of H.R. 192 from prior congressional session; In August 2011, the Board endorsed H.R. 179, the version of both H.R. 223 and 192 from prior Congressional sessions.

Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 2: Economic and Environmental Stewardship

Expansion of the Farallones would both protect the natural resources of coastal Sonoma County and strengthen the economic resources of the communities depending upon the coast.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 0		\$ 0
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$ 0	State/Federal	\$ 0
	\$ 0	Fees/Other	\$ 0
	\$ 0	Use of Fund Balance	\$ 0
	\$ 0	Contingencies	\$ 0
	\$ 0		\$ 0
Total Expenditure	\$ 0	Total Sources	\$ 0

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

There is no financial impact to advocating for the expansion as existing staff resources can accomplish the transmission of the Board’s action.

Staffing Impacts			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)
Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):			
Attachments:			
(A) Draft Resolution of Support (B) Federal Register from December 21, 2012			
Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:			

Resolution No.

**County of Sonoma
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

Date: 1/15/2013

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma,
State Of California, in support of the Expansion
Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary**

Whereas, inclusion in the National Marine Sanctuary system offers comprehensive and permanent protection to marine resources, large scale ecosystem management, and vital oceanic research investments, while allowing for recreational, shipping and fishing activities; and

Whereas, Sonoma and Marin coastal waters just south of Bodega Head in Sonoma County are within the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries and enjoy the protections and benefits of the National Marine Sanctuary program; and

Whereas, the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Expansion proposal would adjust the boundaries of the two existing sanctuaries north and westward to add deeper and biologically important waters, and would extend the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary past Point Arena, thus including the entire Sonoma Coast and the southern Mendocino Coast; and

Whereas, the Sonoma and southern Mendocino Coast is one of the most biologically rich regions in the world and National Marine Sanctuaries are only designated in areas that have special biological significance; these waters are within one of the four coastal upwelling zones on the planet, comprising only 1 percent of the ocean, but producing 20 percent of the world's commercial fish; additionally, its coastal estuaries are important passages for endangered salmon and steelhead, essential haulouts for seals and sea lions, and prolific nurseries for hundreds of aquatic species; and

Whereas, these important resources, among the richest on the planet, must be protected from oil spills and other forms of pollution; and

Whereas, by expanding the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank Sanctuaries, the bill will protect the Bodega Marine Laboratory's investment in marine research, indefinable aesthetic benefits and because the bill will protect fish habitat, it will protect the livelihoods of commercial fishermen; and

Whereas, Sonoma County derives tremendous economic benefit from its clean beaches, pristine coastal waters and abundant wildlife with over three million visitors each year and millions of dollars brought into the local economy and county tax revenues; and

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Whereas, congressional and executive moratoria on offshore oil exploration and exploitation in these waters have not been renewed, these waters face a continuing threat of spills and pollution from oil exploration and development;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors endorses the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Expansion as proposed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the December 21, 2012 Federal Register.

Be It Further Resolved the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors issues its deepest and most thankful congratulations to former Representative Lynn Woolsey who has championed this effort through repeated legislative efforts and has accomplished this critical achievement which will protect our coast for future generations, and thanks Senator Barbara Boxer and Senator Diane Feinstein for their efforts in concert with Congresswoman Woolsey.

Supervisors:

Gorin:	Zane:	McGuire:	Carrillo:	Rabbitt:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.

Copies may also be obtained by sending a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-1, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-9680. Commenters must identify the docket of this notice.

All documents the FAA considered in developing this proposed policy statement, may be accessed from the Internet through the Federal eRulemaking Portal referenced in item (1) above.

Issued in Washington, DC, December 14, 2012.

John M. Allen,

Director, Flight Standards Service.

[FR Doc. 2012-30701 Filed 12-20-12; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

15 CFR Part 922

Boundary Expansion of Cordell Bank and Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries; Intent To Prepare Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Consider Expanding Sanctuary Boundaries; Intent to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement; Scoping Meetings.

SUMMARY: With this notice, NOAA announces that it is considering whether to expand the boundaries of Cordell Bank and Gulf of the Farallones national marine sanctuaries. NOAA will conduct this review pursuant to section 304(e) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, as amended, (NMSA) (16 U.S.C. 1434(e)). As required by the NMSA, the review will include public processes outlined under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). NOAA anticipates that the review and potential expansion of existing sanctuary boundaries will be completed within 18 to 24 months.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 1, 2013. Dates for scoping meetings are:

(1) January 24 2013 at the Bodega Bay Grange Hall.

(2) February 12, 2013 at the Gualala Community Center.

(3) February 13, 2013 at the Point Arena High School.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NOS-2012-0228, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov

#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NOS-2012-0228, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Maria Brown, Sanctuary Superintendent, Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, 991 Marine Drive, The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NOAA. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NOAA will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria Brown at Maria.Brown@noaa.gov or 415-561-6622; or Dan Howard at Dan.Howard@noaa.gov or 415-663-0314.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS), designated in 1981, and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary (CBNMS), designated in 1989, are federally protected marine areas along and offshore of California's north-central coast. Centered along an important upwelling area, the sanctuaries are able to support important commercial and recreational fisheries, tourism and recreation industries, and coastal economies and communities. Sanctuary personnel contribute greatly to ocean and coastal management by engaging in public outreach and education to promote stewardship, conducting scientific and applied research initiatives, and developing and supporting programs that strengthen resource protection for the long-term health of the region.

NOAA is considering expansion of GFNMS and CBNMS to an area north of

the existing sanctuaries that extends from Bodega Bay in Sonoma County, to Alder Creek in Mendocino County, and west to the edge of the continental shelf. This area encompasses the Point Arena upwelling center that consistently produces the most intense upwelling in all of North America.

The nutrients brought to the surface during upwelling events at Point Arena are carried south into the sanctuaries by the prevailing California Current; these nutrients fuel an incredibly productive ocean area protected by GFNMS and CBNMS. The sanctuaries are destination feeding areas for endangered blue whales and humpback whales, sharks, salmon, and seabirds like albatrosses and shearwaters that travel tens of thousands of miles. Food that results from the Point Arena upwelling center also supports the largest assemblage of breeding seabirds in the contiguous United States on the Farallon Islands. Living reefs of corals, sponges and a myriad of other invertebrates cover hard bottom areas and these sessile invertebrate communities are washed with food rich water from the north. These invertebrate reefs also provide structure and habitat for many species of juvenile and adult rockfish that prosper in these productive waters. Sanctuary waters also support valuable commercial fisheries for salmon and Dungeness crab. Local ports and coastal communities all derive socioeconomic benefits from these healthy ocean habitats. The rich diversity and health of this thriving marine ecosystem depends on the cold nutrient rich source water originating from the Point Arena upwelling center.

In 2008, the joint management plan review for CBNMS and GFNMS determined that managers in these sanctuaries would facilitate a public process in the next five years to ensure that "current boundaries were inclusive of the area's natural resource and ecological qualities, including the biogeographic representation of the area." Sanctuary advisory councils from both sites have regularly discussed the boundary expansion alternative and have expressed support for boundary expansion when proposed by local congressional members.

In accordance with Section 304(e) of the NMSA, NOAA is now initiating a review of the boundaries for CBNMS and GFNMS to evaluate and assess a proposed expansion of the sanctuaries. As noted above, NOAA is considering extending the boundaries of the two sanctuaries to add the northern area from Bodega Bay, Sonoma County to Alder Creek, Mendocino County, and west to the edge of the continental shelf

(for a map of the area considered and other relevant information, see http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/northern_area.html). In doing so, NOAA is considering extending, and as necessary amending, the regulations and management plan for GFNMS and CBNMS to this area and is specifically requesting public comment on issues that would arise in doing so. This expansion would protect the upwelling source waters of the sanctuaries as well as nationally-significant seascapes, wildlife, and shipwrecks, and would promote ecotourism and sustainable fishing practices. Although no decision has been made yet regarding this possible action, expanded sanctuary boundaries could protect up to an additional 2,771 square statute miles.

Review Process

The review process for the proposed expansion of the sanctuary boundaries is composed of four stages:

1. Determine the scope of issues to be addressed and identify significant issues related to any proposed expansion;
2. Prepare and release a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) that identifies boundary expansion alternatives, together with all other documents required by the NMSA including a resource assessment, revised management plans, and a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend the sanctuary regulations;
3. Allow public review and comment on the DEIS, NPRM, and related documents; and
4. Prepare and release a final environmental impact statement and related documents, including a response to public comments, with a final rule if appropriate.

NOAA anticipates that completing the review and process for potentially expanding sanctuary boundaries will take approximately 18–24 months.

At this time, NOAA is soliciting public comments to:

1. Gather information and comments from individuals, organizations, and government agencies on: (a) Whether NOAA should expand GFNMS and CBNMS boundaries; and (b) what, if any, potential effects might result from a boundary expansion; and
2. Help determine the scope of issues, including alternatives to be considered, in the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (43 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), if warranted.

Public Scoping Meetings: NOAA intends to conduct a series of public scoping meetings to collect public comments. These meetings will be held

on the following dates and at the following locations and times:

1. Bodega Bay, CA

Date: January 24, 2013.
Location: Bodega Bay Grange Hall.
Address: 1370 Bodega Avenue, Bodega Bay, CA 94923.
Time: 6 p.m.

2. Gualala, CA

Date: February 12, 2013.
Location: Gualala Community Center.
Address: 47950 Center Street, Gualala, CA 95445
Time: 6 p.m.

3. Pt. Arena, CA

Date: February 13, 2013.
Location: Point Arena High School.
Address: 185 Lake Street, Point Arena, CA 95468.
Time: 6 p.m.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 470.

Dated: December 12, 2012.

Daniel J. Basta,

Director for the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2012–1062]

RIN 1625-AA00

Safety Zone, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Oak Island, NC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to extend the temporary safety zone established on the waters of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway at Oak Island, North Carolina. The safety zone is necessary to provide for the safety of mariners on navigable waters during maintenance on the NC 133 Fixed Bridge crossing the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile 311.8, at Oak Island, North Carolina. The safety zone extension will temporarily restrict vessel movement within the designated area starting on February 14, 2013 through June 15, 2013.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before January 7, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number using any one of the following methods:

(1) *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*

<http://www.regulations.gov>.

(2) *Fax:* 202–493–2251.

(3) *Mail or Delivery:* Docket

Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001. Deliveries accepted between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for further instructions on submitting comments. To avoid duplication, please use only one of these three methods.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email CWO4 Joseph M. Edge, U.S. Coast Guard Sector North Carolina; telephone 252–247–4525, email

Joseph.M.Edge@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Table of Acronyms

DHS Department of Homeland Security
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County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda Item Number: 11
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

To: Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): County Administrator's Office

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Jim Leddy, 565-2190

Supervisorial District(s):

All

Title: Presentation of 2012 County Annual Report

Recommended Actions:

Accept 2012 County Annual Report.

Executive Summary:

Prior to January 2011, the County of Sonoma had not produced a countywide annual report. Although various departments have created many different reports on issues impacting the community, the purpose of the County Annual Report is to provide the community with a snap shot of the calendar year's activities and the many different services provided. It is a publication by which the organization can tell its story.

Given an organization of more than 3,700 full time employees, 26 departments and agencies, it is important to create opportunities for the public to see more of the heart of their county government. The County Annual Report is such an opportunity for the community to see more of what the County does on a daily basis.

The Annual Report aligns with the County's Strategic Plan Focus Areas and is not a listing of departments. It is the collection of highlighted programs and information in the Strategic Plan context. As some departments or programs could easily fit in multiple areas, programs are not all listed under one focus area.

To construct the County Annual Report, departments were asked for the programs and activities that they wanted to highlight. Each department submitted programs for highlighting and any awards or accomplishments. Although the focus was 2012, some activities do span beyond that period due to their multiple-year efforts.

The Annual Report is a companion to the Annual State of the County Presentation hosted by the Sonoma County Economic Development Board and given by the Chair of the Board of Supervisors. Where the State of the County has often been a look forward *and* back, the Annual Report is a designed as a reflection of the year in service. The Annual Report allows the State of the County to be a vision forward and it memorializes the County's incredible works for the past year. The Report is to be handed out at the State of the County event on January 23, 2013 and be available online and in hard copy as a resource for distribution through 2013.

The Board is requested to accept the 2012 County Annual Report.

Prior Board Actions:			
Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 4: Civic Services and Engagement			
The Annual Report most strongly reflects an effort at broader community engagement. The information providing allows the public to have a stronger understanding of the County workings.			
Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13			
Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 7,500	Select an item.	\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$ 0	State/Federal	\$
	\$ 0	Fees/Other	\$
	\$ 0	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$ 0	Contingencies	\$
	\$ 0	Non-Departmental	\$ 7,500
Total Expenditure	\$ 7,500	Total Sources	\$ 7,500
Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):			
Staffing Impacts			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)
Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):			
Attachments:			
(A) Draft of 2012 County Annual Report			
Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:			

SONOMA COUNTY 2012 ANNUAL REPORT



INVESTING IN A BETTER FUTURE

**Sonoma County:
Investing in beautiful, thriving and sustainable communities**

**To Enrich the Quality of Life
In Sonoma County through
Superior Public Service**

**Innovation
&
Creativity**

Collaboration

**Diversity &
Equity**

**Vision &
Leadership**

**Fiscal
Responsibility**

**Honesty &
Integrity**

**Accountability
& Transparency**

Trust & Respect

**Community
Service**

**Safe, Healthy
& Caring
Communities**

**Economic and
Environmental
Stewardship**

**Invest in the
Future**

**Community
Engagement and
Civil Service**

SONOMA COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN

LETTER FROM THE 2012 CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*Chairwoman Shirlee Zane
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
December 31, 2012*

This year, 2012, has truly been one of transformation. Here in Sonoma County we saw our economy, our public institutions and our communities begin the climb out of the recession. Although there is no guarantee it will be an easy journey, I am confident we are finally moving in a very positive direction.

This Annual Report outlines our vital County services and the innovation brought forward in response to economic challenges we faced. We tackled major issues and worked with our community partners to maintain, and even improve, our quality of life.

We allocated resources to programs and services that create safe, healthy and caring communities; emphasized economic development and environmental stewardship; invested in our future; and encouraged strong civic engagement.

At the beginning of the year, the Board of Supervisors identified core priorities for 2012 that reflected our focus on supporting the most important aspects of Sonoma County life. These issues included:

- *Healthy Communities*
- *Roads*
- *Private Sector Job Creation*
- *Continuing Pension Reform*
- *Fiscal Responsibility*

Healthy Communities – The heart of transformation beats in our diverse communities with inspiration from this County’s commitment to public health. Sonoma County’s leadership in both Upstream Investments and Health Action has been rewarded with a \$3.5 million U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Community Transformation Grant. These funds will support innovative disease prevention strategies that put us squarely on the path to being the healthiest county in California by 2020.

In addition, we launched the Mobile Support Team which provides critical mental health intervention to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Now, when a distraught mother, father, or friend calls 911 with a mental health emergency, law enforcement has a team of behavioral health specialists at their side to ensure that those in need receive appropriate services.

Roads – This year the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors reversed a downward trend when it came to investment in our roads. In 2012, and for the first time in over a decade, the Board increased the amount of local dollars being spent to repair the County road network. After several months of studying the problem, Supervisor Rabbitt and I presented the Ad Hoc Committee on Roads Report. In it we recommended, and the Board agreed to, a one-time allocation of \$8 Million from the General Fund directed at road repair efforts in Fiscal Year 2012-2013. This funding represents the largest single year, local fund investment in roads in over 20 years and reflects the Board’s strong commitment to improving critical infrastructure.

Pension Reform - Starting with management employees, and through negotiations with all employees, we are reducing staffing costs and future pension liability. We are moving to end spiking, and we have created a lower cost pension plan for new hires. Further, we have asked employees to pay a greater share of their own retirement costs. The effort is projected to save taxpayers \$16 to \$20 million annually once our ambitious 10-year reform plan is fully implemented.

Jobs Plan – A strong economy with robust employment numbers feed into the County’s ability to provide the highest level of public service. Consequently, our Board has put job growth and economic development among our highest priorities. Working in tandem with both the public and private sectors, we are fostering local business growth through a groundbreaking partnership-- Building Economic Success Together (BEST). Results are already being felt as 6,500 new private sectors jobs have been produced since August 2011.

Long Term Fiscal Stability – With an emphasis on efficiency and innovation, the County balanced its budget again this year. We brought forward new cost-saving ideas, restructured or eliminated outmoded programs and reduced employee costs.

Transformation is not a onetime event and whether brought on by adversity or hope, it is an ongoing process of reinvention, adaptive management and progress. In 2013 the County will embrace the challenges we face and the new ideas that will continue to transform us.

Sincerely,

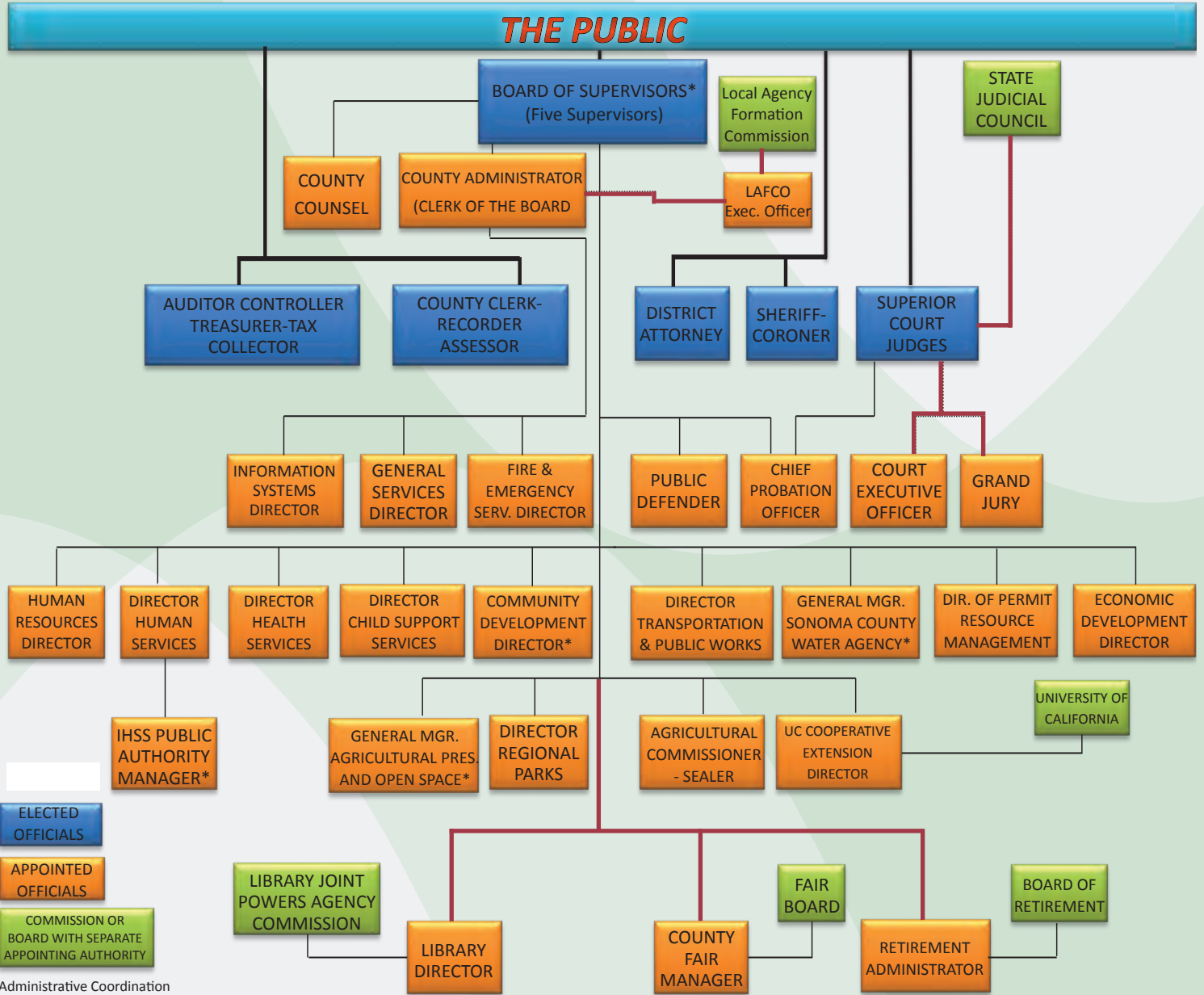


*Shirlee Zane
Chair, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors – 2012*



COUNTY OF SONOMA ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

THE PUBLIC



ELECTED OFFICIALS

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

COMMISSION OR BOARD WITH SEPARATE APPOINTING AUTHORITY

Administrative Coordination

Administrative Reporting Relationships

*Board of Supervisors sit as Board of Directors for the Water Agency, Ag Pres. Open Space District, and IHSS Public Authority and also as Commissioners of the Community Development Commission.

LETTER FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



Dear Residents of Sonoma County:

Our County is ending 2012 on a high note after years of cuts, reductions and retrenchment. In 2012, we saw the roots of recovery take hold and we began to move forward with critical investments and a re-focused and re-tooled organization.

Since 2008, we have reduced our workforce by over 600 employees and reduced our General Fund by over \$108 million. As part of our ongoing effort to align our costs with our revenues, in 2012, we reduced total compensation costs and our employees are sharing a greater burden for benefit costs. While we made the necessary and difficult reductions to reflect the new fiscal reality, we have continued to provide the backbone of core services to our community and, starting this year thanks to the leadership and vision of our Board, invested in our roads, in our health and in our economy.

When the Board adopted a balanced budget in June of 2012, it invested local monies into local roads. Where local dollars are not used traditionally for roads, our Board and staff recognized the growing need to repair and maintain our roads. The Board put \$8 million in local funds forward. This coupled with the existing state and federal dollars reflects an investment of over \$50.4 million in our transportation routes.

Although this investment is one of the largest made in decades and reflects the Board's unwavering commitment to road improvement, there is much more to do and we are building new partnerships with the community to find new funds for our roads while we mind a tight fiscal ship.

The County did not just invest in roads in 2012, we invested back into our community. This year through our employee Combined Fund Drive, we donated back to local non-profits over \$275,000. More than 900 employees gave to 306 non-profits and foundations. These local agencies supported children, families and our most vulnerable citizens.

We also invested in our economy. The County entered into a new and dynamic partnership with local chambers of commerce and businesses to launch a robust private sector job growth effort. A five year plan which works with local businesses to attract, retain and grow is taking shape. As we heard from at our annual Economic Forecast we are seeing results. Sonoma County has seen a 6,500 new private sector jobs in 2012.

Moving with purpose towards strategically focused goals, Sonoma County emerged from 2012 stronger and reinvigorated by the values that strengthen our community. Challenges remain and we face them with renewed energy and the confidence of knowing that as we did through 2012, by working with our community we can achieve even greater moments in 2013.

I wish to thank our dedicated team of professionals who have all contributed to make it happen. As we welcome 2013, I look forward to all of us finding even better ways to improve our services and community for the benefit of all.

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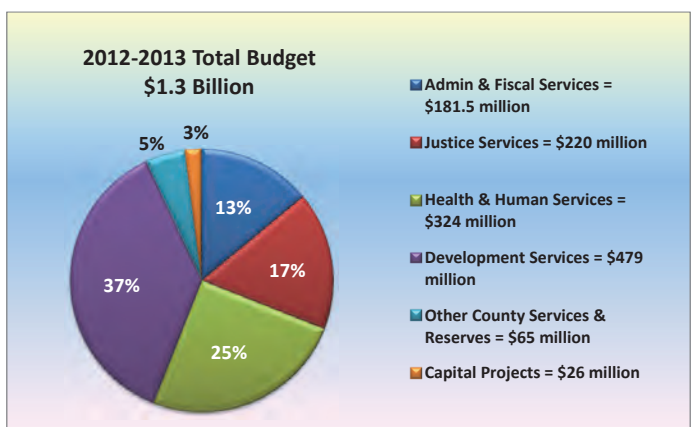
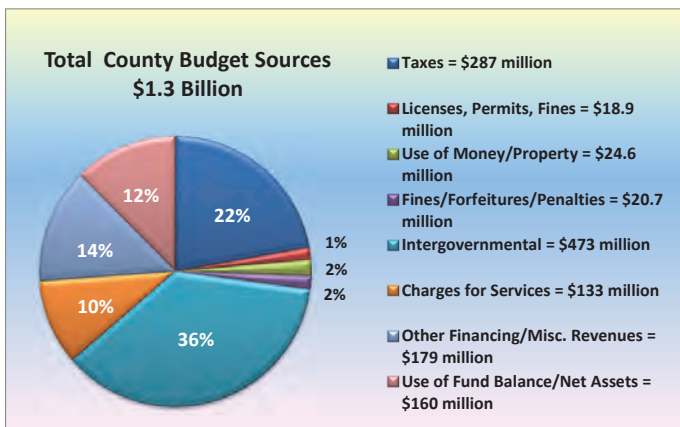
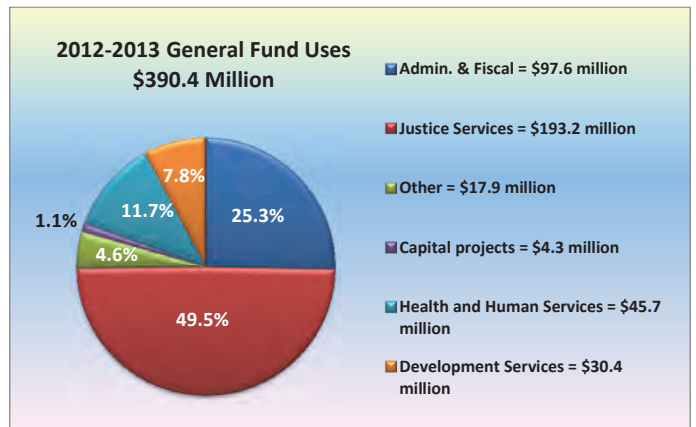
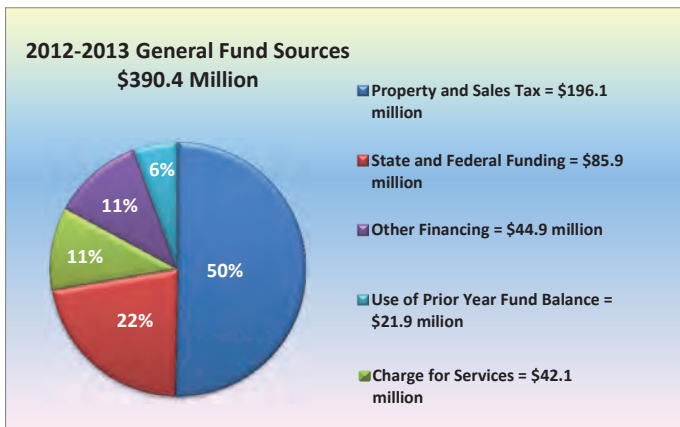
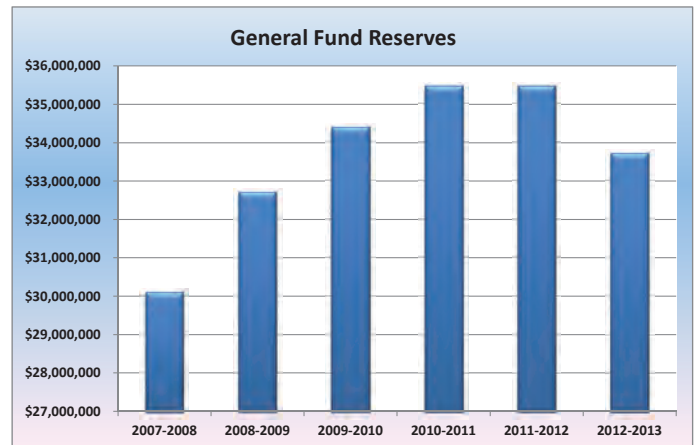
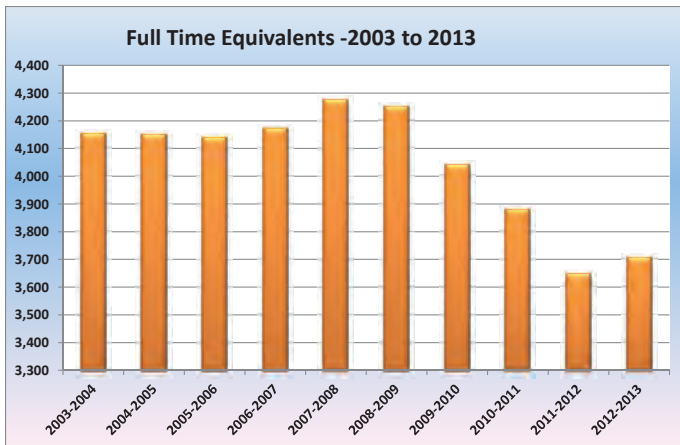
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Veronica. A Ferguson
County Administrator



COUNTY OUTLOOK

Fiscal sustainability requires long term vision and discipline. The County of Sonoma understands taxpayer dollars are scarce and is constantly finding new and more efficient service delivery methods. These charts below provide a snapshot of where funds come from and what services they provide.



PROFILE OF THE GOVERNMENT



The Board of Supervisors:
Valerie Brown, Efren Carrillo
David Rabbitt, Shirlee Zane, Mike McGuire

Incorporated in 1850, the County of Sonoma is located in the northwestern part of the State of California, approximately 55 miles north of San Francisco. The County of Sonoma currently occupies over one million acres of land and water serving a population of 493,285. Open space and agricultural land account for a great majority of this acreage. Nine incorporated cities are within the County: Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Town of Windsor, Healdsburg, Sonoma, Cloverdale, Sebastopol, and Cotati. The largest employment categories include health services, retail trade, manufacturing, construction and public administration. The climate and diverse geographic regions, especially its world-renowned wine and scenic wineries, make the County a popular tourist and recreational area.

The County government functions as a local government body to serve the needs of its residents. As geographical and political subdivisions of the state, counties serve a dual role; providing municipal services in the unincorporated areas and acting as administrative agents for state and federal government programs and services. As a general-law county, Sonoma County is bound by state law as to the number and duties of County elected officials. The County has five districts that are approximately equal in population with boundaries adjusted every ten years following the federal census. Policymaking and legislative authority are vested in the County Board of Supervisors (Board) that consists of an elected supervisor from each of the five districts. Supervisors are elected to four-year staggered terms in even-year elections. The County has four elected department heads. The elected department heads are the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector, County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor, District Attorney, and Sheriff-Coroner.



Probation

REALIGNMENT EFFORTS
California's Public Safety Realignment Act took effect October 1, 2011, and mandated sweeping changes to California's Criminal Justice Systems, by shifting responsibility for specific adult offenders from the State to the Counties. The legislation applies to two distinct groups of offenders. The first group, known as the Post Release Community Supervision population, consists of offenders incarcerated for offenses classified as non-violent and non-serious, and excludes high risk sex offenders, third-strike offenders, and mentally disordered offenders. The second group consists of so-called "non-non-non" offenders. The Realignment Act changed the penal code and sentencing laws so that offenders whose current or past offenses are non-violent, non-serious, or non-sex related, will serve their sentences locally. Local sentences have included combinations of county jail detention, mandatory supervision by Probation, and a variety of detention alternatives.

In order to manage the addition of these more criminally sophisticated offender populations to the local system, an additional housing unit was opened at the jail. With longer terms of incarceration, the County jail developed additional services, and contracted with several community-based organizations to deliver programming such as: parenting, life and job skills, conflict resolution, cognitive behavioral skills therapy, anger management, and general education. Additional funds were allocated to expand Starting Point, the in-custody drug/alcohol education and rehabilitation program. In order to appropriately target specific programs to individual offender risk factors, a Probation officer position was added to conduct assessments on the sentenced jail population. In addition, Mental Health Services were expanded to provide in-custody, evidence based interventions, and Restoration Services to restore inmates who were deemed incompetent to stand trial.

Probation started several initiatives during 2012 to improve and enhance out-of-custody services for Realignment and felony offender populations.



Crime Free Businesses

Implemented two new community-based crime prevention programs (CRIME FREE BUSINESS PROGRAM and CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM) and reinstated the Rural Crime Task Force. Additionally, the crime prevention web-page was redesigned, as well as several English and Spanish informational brochures.

Sonoma County Food System Alliance

Following the 2011 County Food Forum, the Sonoma County Food System Alliance (SCFSA), a collaborative supported by the Food System Alliance and the Department of Health Services, published the Sonoma County Community Food Assessment.

The Assessment provides an extensive gathering of information about the existing conditions of the local food system and highlights key findings and opportunities for action. Recognizing the importance of farm to school activities to provide healthy food to students and bolster economic opportunities for local farmers, the Food System Alliance completed a survey of public school food service providers to identify opportunities for purchasing local food. Based on survey results, the SCFSA co-hosted a School Food Workshop to convene food service leaders and local producers to catalyze farm to school opportunities. Over 70 participants attended the event.

Representing diverse stakeholders, the SCFSA contains the knowledge, experience, and motivation to advance the Sonoma County food system and meet the needs of our community and will be developing an overall policy framework.



Evidence-Based Practices in Community Corrections

The Probation Department continues its efforts in implementing evidence-based practices in community corrections. From using validated assessment

instruments to determine the appropriate level of supervision, to developing individualized case plans targeting specific risk factors, the Department continues to provide more effective services. In alignment with best practices and the County's Upstream efforts, adult and youth program services delivered by probation staff or contracted through community based organizations are increasingly utilizing evidence based curriculums. When combined with effective community supervision, programs such as Family Functional Therapy, Aggression Replacement Training, Moral Reconation Therapy, cognitive skills training, and substance abuse treatment reduce recidivism in the offender population. In addition, Adult probation also continued the use of electronic monitoring and 24-hour alcohol testing devices as intermediate sanctions. Intermediate sanctions provide officers with additional options for providing a proportionate response when sanctioning problem behaviors.

In addition to training efforts, 2012 saw the continued implementation of select adult probation officers delivering a cognitive behavioral intervention (CBI) program to adult offenders. CBI programs address criminal thinking, and are a foundational element to achieving reduced recidivism.

Probation contracted with BI Incorporated in January 2012 to open and operate Sonoma County's new Day Reporting Center (DRC). The DRC provides a variety of services, such as substance abuse treatment, a cognitive behavioral intervention program, life skills, and vocational skills. In summer of 2012, the DRC was expanded to provide programming and services for up to 150 offenders per day. In addition to providing structure and support for offenders released from State Prison and County jail, the DRC also provides a detention alternative for adult felony probationers who meet program criteria.

Probation also partnered with Health Services in 2012 to improve and expedite offenders'



access to community-based mental health and substance abuse treatment services. To accomplish this goal, Health Services assigned a dedicated Licensed Clinical Social Worker, co-located at the Probation office, responsible for conducting mental health and substance abuse assessments, and coordinating immediate referrals to programs in the community. Additional funding was added to increase offender access to both out-patient and residential drug treatment. Providing these enhanced services will help address offenders' needs and ultimately reduce recidivism.

County Wellness Program

The County of Sonoma has an initiative to be the healthiest County in the state by 2020 and to accomplish it requires the participation of county employees and retirees to make healthy changes and lead the way for others. Over the past year, the board and executive leadership have actively promoted the county commitment to wellness, modeling healthy behavior and encouraging healthy change, laying the ground work to allow and support employees and the people around them to live a healthier life.

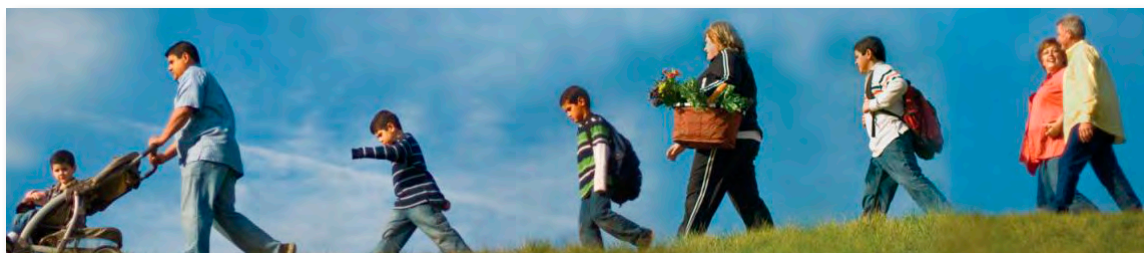


Approximately 1,200 employees have taken advantage of the Total Health Assessment and/or Healthy Lifestyle Programs offered through Kaiser.

Over the past year, highlights of the county wellness program, Healthy Habits, include a physical activity campaign, Thrive Across America and iWalk, where hundreds of county employees competed with one another successfully increasing their activity in the process of this friendly competition. The Healthy Habits website has been revised to provide an assortment of useful tools and resources for wellness.

760 employees participated in the Thrive Across America Challenge during Spring 2012, and over 600 employees and retirees participated in the Healthy Habits Wellness Fair in the Fall 2012

The County of Sonoma is committed to improving the lives and well being of our employees, their families, and our community.



Family Justice Center Sonoma County

Our partner Community Based Organizations and the District Attorney's Office Advocate staff are co-located at the Family Justice Center Sonoma County (FJCSC) to support family violence victims and their children with comprehensive services. In addition, the Santa Rosa Police Department Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Team, and the Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Units are on-site partners of the Center which further strengthens the ability to better serve victims of family violence in Sonoma County.



Human Services

CHILD PROTECTIVE AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES - respond to allegations of abuse and neglect received on the 24-hour hotline (707.565.4304 or 800.870.7064), and in 2012, 200 reports of child abuse and neglect were investigated each month.

FOSTER CARE - provides temporary homes for children who have been removed from their parents' care and made dependents of the juvenile court. On a typical day in 2012, 540 children were in out-of-home care.

REDWOOD CHILDREN'S CENTER - provides a child-friendly environment where victims of child sexual abuse are interviewed and observed by a team of professionals, eliminating the need for multiple separate interviews. In 2012, an average of 17 forensic interviews were conducted per month.

VALLEY OF THE MOON CHILDREN'S HOME - offers a stable, supportive, nurturing environment for children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect until a suitable foster home or appropriate placement is arranged. In 2012, an average of 30 children were housed at VOMCH each day.

THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE DIVISION helps provide access to food, shelter, medical and dental care, and other supportive services for families and individuals with low-incomes, people who are unemployed or who have disabilities, and children in foster homes.

Programs include:

- CALFRESH supplements an eligible household's food budget, and is a safety net for households with low-incomes. In 2012, more than 33,000 individuals received CalFresh benefits each month; more than half of these recipients are children. In 2012, the average family received around \$290 per month – meaning that CalFresh payments helped contribute more than \$60 million to the local economy throughout the year.
- MEDI-CAL, COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM (CMSP) and PATH2HEALTH pay for eligible medical, dental and emergency services and medicines for families, individuals and children with low-incomes. In 2012, over 62,000 individuals received Medi-Cal, CMSP and Path2Health benefits through the Human Services Department each month.
- GENERAL ASSISTANCE provides assistance with shelter, food and employment services for adults with disabilities. In 2012, around 550 clients received General Assistance each month.
- BENEFITS CaWIN allows 24/7 online applications for Medi-Cal and/or CalFresh from the privacy of home.



District Attorney's Office

The District Attorney's Office conducts all prosecutions for public offenses in Sonoma County, and institutes proceedings for the arrest of persons charged with public offenses. This includes felony and misdemeanor prosecutions involving daily court calendar proceedings, felony preliminary hearings, court trials, jury trials, sentencing hearings, violation of probation hearings, appellate hearings, charging of juvenile petitions, and presentation of evidence in delinquency hearings in Juvenile Court

- ELDER PROTECTION UNIT -The Elder Protection Unit handles all felony cases that involve the abuse of an elder or dependant adult, including physical abuse, identity theft, fraud, forgery, or other related matters which victimize an elder or dependant adult.
- ASSET FORFEITURE - The Asset Forfeiture program is a collaborative effort between the District Attorney's Office and all local law enforcement agencies working to destroy the money base of illegal enterprises, deter individuals from using their property to facilitate criminal activity, confiscate proceeds of criminal activity and rededicate these monies to the public good.
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT - This unit works with law enforcement agencies on violent crimes against women, children and seniors, from the initial investigation to final disposition and in Domestic Violence Court to enhance prosecution.
- GANG UNIT - The Unit aggressively prosecutes street gang members to remove the most dangerous from the community, as well as active engagement in gang prevention programs.

Protecting the Vulnerable

The Family, Youth and Children's Services Division protects everyone. It includes the following programs and services:

- **ADULT AND AGING SERVICES** protects vulnerable adults, and provides protective and supportive social services. This Division strives to achieve the goals of safety, health, dignity and independence for older adults, veterans, and people with disabilities.
- **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS)** whose mandate is to investigate elder abuse and provide the resources necessary for independent living, and to delay the need for and cost of institutional care. APS provides 24-hour response to life-threatening emergencies involving elder and dependent adults, and educates the community about elder abuse prevention and reporting. In 2012, the APS hotline received, on average, 250 reports of elder abuse each month.
- **AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA)** coordinates advocacy, planning and funding for programs that help seniors maintain maximum independence in the community. AAA also provides case management through Linkages and the Multipurpose Senior Service Program. Linkages is a short-term case management program for seniors with disabilities in order to promote independence through arranging and coordinating services that help them remain safe at home. The Multipurpose Senior Service Program provides case management to Medi-Cal eligible frail seniors, with the goal of preventing placement in a nursing facility while fostering independence and dignity.
- **IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)** provide in-home care to seniors with low incomes and adults with disabilities in order to help clients remain safe and independent in their homes. In 2012, IHSS served more than 5,100 ongoing clients receiving an average of 100 hours of care each month.
- **THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR** investigates and may administer estates of people who die without a will or an appropriate administrator. Public Guardian and Public Conservator conduct the official County investigation into



conservatorship matters, and act as the legally appointed conservator for people who are unable to properly care for themselves or their finances. They provided services to around 220 clients each month in 2012.

- **THE VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE** provides assistance and advocacy for veterans and their dependents and survivors to claim state and federal benefits, as well as information, assistance and referrals in obtaining medical and other services. In 2012, around 110 veteran's claims were filed each month.

General Services

General Services has done an excellent job in taking over the seven Veterans Buildings operations from Regional Parks and leasing five of them to local non-profits, lowering County cost by almost \$1 million per year. This complex transition has been seamless to customers, yet collaborative with Veterans and third party users of the facilities. Providing local jobs to the non-profit sector, the County is looking forward to the new operator's marketing strategies that will increase usage and revenues.

General Services has led the way in Shared Services. Our Fleet Operations currently provides services to the Town of Windsor, Town of Sonoma, California Highway Patrol and is currently wrapping up discussions with the City of Cotati. The Energy and Sustainability Division has entered into an agreement with the City of Healdsburg to manage their energy efficiency and rebate program, and the Purchasing Division is sharing services with the City of Rohnert Park for CAL Card. Facilities Development and Management has worked with the Sonoma County Library and the Water Agency, providing project management and architectural support services.



SAFE, HEALTHY AND CARING COMMUNITIES

Department of Child Support Services

The Sonoma County Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) provides services to families by establishing and enforcing orders for paternity, child support and medical support.

Services are offered to mothers, fathers and other relatives that payor receive child support. DCSS uses a variety of automated enforcement tools to ensure regular payments. All payments are processed at a centralized State Disbursement Unit mostly through wage assignment. Direct deposit and electronic payments cards can be used for fast and convenient access to payment cards. DCSS currently manages 13,708 cases, serving approximately 33,000 residents. Over \$2.3 million in collections has been attributed to early intervention techniques from October 2011 to July 2012. DCSS collects and distributes \$28.3 million to families annually. These child support payments help to sustain families and contribute toward the security of children in the community. The Sonoma County Upstream Initiative is prevention focused to increase equality and reduce monetary and societal costs; DCSS contributes to Upstream by providing financial stability to families which increases equality and reduces costs to society.

Child Support Services and Court Collaboration

DCSS and the Sonoma County Courts collaborated to provide child support services onsite at the Family Law Courthouse. In just ten months, 400 parents and attorneys have received outreach materials and services; 51 new cases have been opened; and \$124,000 has been distributed to Sonoma County families.

SonomaWORKS Teen Parent Program

In Fiscal Year 2011/2012, California suspended the Cal-Learn program, which provided intensive education and employment services to teen parent participants in the CalWORKs program. Because the need served by this program was so crucial, the Human Services Department used existing CalWORKs funding to support a contract with the Department of Health Services to continue these intensive services, creating the SonomaWORKS Teen Parent Program.



Between January 1 and June 30, 2012, 91 participants were referred to and received services through the SonomaWORKS Teen Parent Program. Of these 91 teens, 15 received their high school diploma or GED; many more are preparing to take the GED test or return to school. Over 95% of participating teens received case management and education regarding health issues – including nutrition and immunizations for their babies – and are preparing for their future.

The program which is being operated in the interim using CalWORKs funding, will ensure Sonoma County's allocation from the state is expected to be larger than that received by counties who let their teen parent programs lapse.

Fire and Emergency Services

Our Volunteers Companies form the backbone of emergency response in our rural communities. The Volunteer Companies foster community safety and act as a cohesive force in the community. The training our volunteers receive is professional and increases their ability to respond to all hazards in a community, not just fire. The discipline, teamwork, organization and commitment these companies bring enhances the community they serve.



Partnership for a Clean Russian River

The Russian River is one of the greatest and most sensitive resources in Sonoma County. As a result Sonoma County Fire & Emergency Services has partnered up with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the California Department of Fish & Game, the Sonoma County Water Agency and the Russian River

Watershed Association to develop a plan that promotes a timely, organized, effective, and coordinated response to oil and hazardous materials spills with the potential to have an effect on the Russian River. This plan development not only involves the organizations mentioned above, but it also has the participation of other federal, state, and local agencies as well as tribal government, non-government organizations, private entities, and community associations. Participation of all of these organizations will help improve inter-government and inter-agency emergency response on the Russian River and insure that Sonoma County provides the best response possible to protect human health and the environment.



Sheriff's Office

The Sheriff is responsible for the delivery of law enforcement and related emergency services to the unincorporated areas of the County of Sonoma, which includes approximately 147,000 residents and numerous tourists and guests and encompasses a total area of 1,768 sq. miles. In addition, the Town of Windsor (population 27,003) and the City of Sonoma (population 10,665) contract with the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services. Law enforcement services include Patrol, Investigations, Marine, Helicopter, and Search and Rescue. Support services consist of Dispatch, Central Information Bureau, the Civil Bureau, and Administration. Countywide services provided consist of execution of judgments, enforcement of certain court orders, provision of a central repository of all criminal warrants issued by the courts, and the performance of investigations through the Coroner's Bureau to determine cause of death. Other special services include those performed by the Hazardous Materials Team, Special Weapons and Tactical (SWAT) Team, Hostage Negotiations Team (HNT), Bomb Squad, Canine Unit, and Crime Analysis and Prevention Unit. The Law Enforcement Division also provides prisoner transportation functions, and provides court security services to the Sonoma County Superior Court in, and around, Sonoma County courtrooms.

THE DETENTION DIVISION is responsible for the operation of two adult detention facilities designed for the incarceration of criminal offenders and persons charged with criminal offenses. The maximum security Main Adult Detention Facility (MADF) serves as the intake center where all arrestees are booked, classified, and processed into appropriate housing. The facility primarily houses most pre-trial men and all women, plus any inmates requiring special medical and/or mental health services, and inmates who must be segregated from the general population. The North County Detention Facility (NCDF) houses the majority of lower-level sentenced male offenders and some unsentenced males.

While incarcerated, the county must provide all the basic living needs of an inmate, including food, clothing, and medical and mental health care. Inmates are also provided

with a variety of other services, as mandated by state regulations, including legal research services related to their specific case(s) and educational programs. The inmate capacity at the MADF is 915, and the capacity at NCDF is 561, for a total capacity of 1,476 inmate beds.

Community Development Commission

- The FLOOD ELEVATION PROGRAM, through which residential structures are elevated above base flood levels, particularly along the lower Russian River, is a national model for the use of FEMA funding to mitigate against future flood damage. After two particularly wet winters in the late 1990's, the CDC, in conjunction with FEMA and the State Office of Emergency Services, created a pilot flood elevation program to reduce the trauma and property damage associated with major and repetitive flood events. To date, the CDC has provided \$13 million to elevate 249 residential structures. None of these homes, once elevated, has received further flood-related damage.
- PUBLIC SERVICES FUNDING – During FY 12-13, a combined total of \$818,370 in County Community Services Funding, and Federal Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant funding, has been granted to 17 community-based organizations to provide a range of vital services to low-income households and people who are homeless, including food, shelter, legal and domestic violence services, counseling, and case management to help them work towards increased economic independence.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT & PRESERVATION -The CDC was able to provide financial support for 4 multifamily developments including 139 new family units, 8 new special needs units for mentally disabled adults, and rehabilitation of 99 units of senior housing.
- HOUSING SUCCESSOR ENTITY – The dissolution of redevelopment resulted in the CDC being designated as Housing Successor Entity for the former County Redevelopment Agency, as well as for the former redevelopment agencies of cities of Sonoma and Sebastopol. As such, the CDC received the assets of those agencies. The CDC now administers affordability covenants on an additional 178 single family homes and 6 multifamily developments in those cities, and owns a 34-unit senior apartment complex and 2 vacant parcels in Sonoma, and 2 single family rentals in Sebastopol.



ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC STEWARDSHIP

Board of Supervisors

MEANINGFUL PENSION REFORM

In early 2011, the Board of Supervisors recognized the growing impacts of pension costs and the diminution of services that the growing liability could inflict. Since 2000, county pension costs grew from 10% of total compensation costs to nearly 20%. The Board tasked Chairwoman Shirlee Zane and Vice Chair David Rabbitt as the Ad Hoc Committee on Pension Reform. This Ad Hoc created a comprehensive, effective blueprint to reduce growing pension costs and respect the hard work of county employees.

The County's Goals are:

- 1) Cost containment;
- 2) Maintain marketplace competitiveness, and;
- 3) Increase accountability and transparency for the public in decision making.

The Board's primary goal is reduce to 10% of Total Compensation within ten years. This is an aggressive goal seeking to undo decades of legal decisions, contract commitments and layered levels of byzantine legislation.

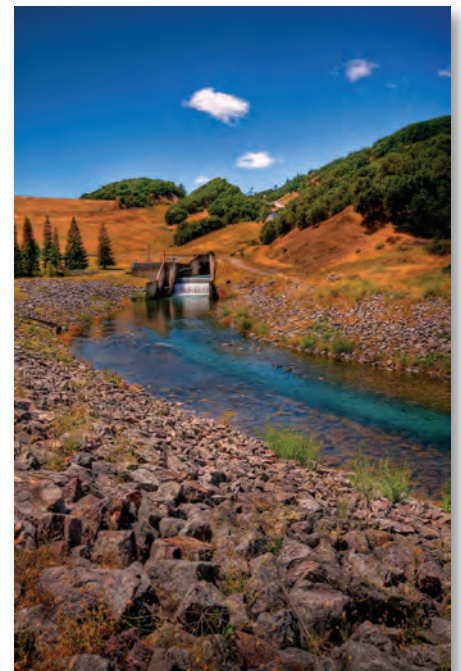
This ongoing effort to reduce pension costs as a percentage of total compensation from 19% back to 10% will take perseverance, ongoing effort, legislative support and collaborative negotiations. Even with the Governor's legislative changes, this goal will take several years and commitment from the Board to ensure full enactment. Once fully implemented the effort is predicted to save the county \$16 to \$20 million annually and preserve scarce tax dollars for the most critical services.

Water Agency

- QUAGGA/ZEBRA MUSSELS - Quagga and zebra mussels are an invasive non-native species that breed very fast, have no known predators, and can quickly colonize new areas within California waters. A consortium of North Coast and North Bay local governments and stakeholders are joining together to prevent the spread of invasive quagga and zebra mussels into our local waterways. The Consortium is working together to develop and implement a regional prevention plan, public service announcements, generate state and federal funding support and collaborate with regulators on how to best prevent and manage the mussels. To date, the following entities are Consortium members:

- Humboldt County
- Mendocino County
- Sonoma County
- Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
- Marin Municipal Water District
- Sonoma County Water Agency
- Russian River Flood Control and Water
- Conservation Improvement District

- RUSSIAN RIVER TREATMENT PLANT ULTRAVIOLET SYSTEM - The ultraviolet disinfection system at Russian River Treatment Plant was installed, bringing the plant to tertiary treatment status.
- CARBON FREE WATER BY 2015 - The Water Agency has achieved its Carbon Free Water by 2015 goal. This milestone was achieved through a dual approach of reducing energy use and utilizing renewable power sources for the remaining electricity needs.
- RUSSIAN RIVER BIOLOGICAL OPINION - Under a federal mandate to make major changes to improve the environment for endangered coho and threatened steelhead and Chinook, the Board of the Sonoma County Water Agency took a major step forward by accepting an environmental document that allows the agency to change the way the Russian River estuary is managed in the summer.
- STREAM MAINTENANCE - This year, crews conducted vegetation maintenance on more than 40 creeks. This work included invasive-species removal, and thinning and pruning of native riparian trees to restore conveyance capacity and maintain proper function of Water Agency flood control channels and retain or enhance appropriate habitat. Crews completed sediment removal work on three flood control reservoirs and 11 creeks to restore flow conveyance capacity. This includes removing 4,000 cubic yards of accumulated material from Santa Rosa Creek and 5,000 cubic yards of material from the Laguna de Santa Rosa.
- THE QUALIFIED WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE PROGRAM, developed locally, trained 373 local landscapers on water efficient landscaping.
- EXPANDING RECYCLED WATER STORAGE - A newly constructed 100-acre foot, 37 million gallon recycled water reservoir and one mile of distribution pipelines were completed this year in the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District. The project will reduce discharges to tributaries to San Pablo Bay and offset demand on other water sources for agricultural uses providing some reprieve to groundwater basins in Sonoma Valley. Combined, the reservoir and pipelines projects will create 73 jobs by September 2012. Total cost is estimated at \$6.7 million with \$1.7 million funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.



Auditor-Controller-Treasurer, Tax-Collector -

The County's top fiscal watchdog identified and collected over \$200,000 of delinquent Transient Occupancy taxes and registered over 100 previously unregistered Vacation Rental by Owner (VRBO) properties, resulting in over \$100,000 in new Transient Occupancy tax collections; Increased efficiency and service delivery by completing the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) phone system upgrade and successfully downsizing, streamlining, and integrating the Central Collection Division into the Tax Collection Division; Established the Audit Committee framework for the County and strengthened the County's Internal Audit program. The Audit Committee is an essential component of the County's governance structure and a critical aspect of strong and credible financial reporting and internal audit functions. Internal Audit will assist the County in efficiently and effectively achieving its strategic objectives and will enhance its accountability to the county's residents.

Board of Supervisors

In November of 2009, Supervisor Valerie Brown and Supervisor Efren Carrillo asked all County departments to inventory land potentially available for community gardens and farming. The University of California, Cooperative Extension, Department of Health Services, Open Space District, Regional Parks, Water Agency, Agricultural Commissioner, and General Services have been working collaboratively to assess the feasibility of making County land available for food production. The departments were asked to create an inventory of County land potentially available for community gardens, farming, and ranching. The County has identified supporting local agriculture and healthy communities as components of its strategic plan, and through the use of publicly owned land for food production, the County has an opportunity to support the viability of local agriculture and increase access to healthy food.



Phase One of the County Land for Food Production Program involved developing community gardens. The County departments, working across the traditional silos of bureaucracy, identified usable land and presented the plan for Board review in August 2011. Guiding principles and an application process for the public were launched and garden rules and regulations, construction guidelines, and a license agreement were developed. The process and application has also been vetted through several community groups including the Sonoma County Food System Alliance and iGROW. On April 4, 2012, the Program concept

was presented to the community for input and to finalize the program. The Board of Supervisors formally launched the program in September 2012.

Phase Two fully launched in summer 2012 and involved evaluating lands for farming and ranching, including grazing, potential. The County began the planning and implementation of this phase in March 2012, including identification of available, usable land for farming and ranching opportunities. Phase Two assessed each property on soil, slope, water availability and commodity potential. Similar to Phase One, the overview of the program and process, application, and site assessment will be vetted through several community groups including the Farm Bureau and Community Alliance with Family Farmers.

County Counsel

DEFENDING THE SCEIP PROGRAM - The Office has taken the lead in litigating against the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac mortgage finance companies. The litigation challenges FHFA's direction to Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Home Loan Banks to take actions to cause a "pause" in the growth of property assessed clean energy (PACE) programs. The County's SCEIP Program has been very successful in the community.

Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

All citizens of Sonoma County benefit from the District's services, as do citizens from throughout the state, nation and world who come to Sonoma County for its world class natural areas and agricultural lands. The District has a diverse mission - protecting agricultural lands, open space, greenbelts and native habitats in perpetuity.

Acquisitions by the District include conservation easements on farms that preserve our agricultural heritage, the purchase of lands for recreation - including very substantial additions to the State and Regional Parks systems, the protection of greenbelts, urban separators and viewsheds, and the conservation of key ecosystems and habitats that protect biodiversity.

District lands serve hundreds of thousands of people annually - including the local Sonoma County citizens that use and pass through District protected lands every day, as well as the thousands of visitors who come to Sonoma County for the natural areas and agricultural regions protected by the District, its partner agencies, and Non-Governmental Organizations.

MAPPING CARBON SEQUESTRATION POTENTIAL in Sonoma County Natural areas and Agricultural lands. District initiative to document carbon stocks county wide to determine the role that natural areas and working landscapes play in helping the County comply with its ambitious greenhouse gas emissions reduction program as well as statewide legislation such as AB 32. Includes evaluation of policy and legislative mechanisms for linking conservation with Greenhouse Gas reductions.

PROTECTED 3,008 ACRES OF LAND at a cost of approximately \$8.7 million bringing the District's total acres protected to more than 87,100 acres. The protection of these lands ensures critical access to future parkland, the scenic qualities of a backdrop of the City of Healdsburg, the maintenance of an important wildlife corridor, and the on-going management of a sustainable working forest that is home to endangered Coho salmon.

University of California Cooperative Extension

The **HORTICULTURE PROGRAM** provides science based information to commercial farmers on growing profitable specialty tree fruit, vegetable, and berry crops. The program evaluates new types of crops and different varieties that may be profitable in Sonoma County. In addition, science based



information on the biology and prevention of Sudden Oak Death (SOD) is provided to landowners, parks personnel, and arborists through a program supported by the USDA Forest Service and local Master Gardeners.

The **MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM** provides science based information on the culture of home garden plants with the objectives of reducing landfill inputs by composting, and water use by choosing drought tolerant landscape plants. Other

objectives are to increase home food production by teaching new gardeners how to grow vegetables and fruits as well as reduce pesticide use thus container disposal problems by helping gardeners choose non-toxic alternatives or where possible suggest alternative garden plants that need little or no pesticides.

The **MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM** worked to optimize the use, management and conservation of agricultural and natural resources to create a strong economy and more resilient ecosystem.

Natural resources, primarily endangered coho salmon, and the people who use and enjoy them are served through our work, as well as urban and agricultural residents using water as our research is helping to determine stream flow requirements necessary to support endangered salmon, which in turn can provide some regulatory certainty to other water users. We are pleased that in recent years we have observed increasing returns of adult coho salmon and evidence that they are straying into streams other than program streams that are stocked with juveniles, thereby naturally expanding their range.



Open Space District Acquires Conservation and Trail Easements on Bordessa Ranch

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, serving as the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District), approved the purchase of a conservation easement and a trail easement over the 500 acre Bordessa ranch for the benefit of future generations. The property possesses sensitive natural resources and provides habitat for numerous wildlife species.

The Ranch borders on the Estero Americano, a tidal estuary which contains high quality salt marsh wetlands and is located in the Pacific Flyway which provides foraging habitat for migratory water fowl and shorebirds. The conservation easement protects habitat for sensitive species, including Burrowing Owls, Short-eared Owls and American Badgers within a 140-acre Forever Wild area of the property.

The rolling hills and open pasture lands of the ranch are visible from scenic Highway 1, North of Valley Ford. The conservation easement and trail easement on the property protects its open space and scenic values, natural resources and wildlife connectivity, and agricultural resources, while allowing for low-intensity public outdoor recreational enjoyment of the land.

University of California Cooperative Extension

The VITICULTURE AND IPM PROGRAMS work with the agricultural industry in the research and implementation of alternative pest control methods, in order to decrease the use of pesticides. The current emphasis in the North Coast is on pest management systems for wine grapes and apples. Viticulture Advisors work with county growers, wine makers and other wine grape industry members as well the County Agricultural Commissioner's office, CDFA and USDA-APHIS to address the movement and spread within Sonoma County of invasive insect pests, including the European Grapevine Moth.

The LIVESTOCK AND RANGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM works with ranchers and producers addressing such topics as animal health and welfare, marketing, and the management



of rangelands and natural resources. The program also cooperates with local resource agencies, conducting research in the wise land stewardship, humane methods of predator control, and sustainable agriculture for the livestock industry.

AGRITOURISM - Meetings have been held for agriculture professionals and tour industry leaders, as a follow up to the successful 2011 Sonoma County Food Forum. The meeting brought together agricultural producers, (farmers and ranchers), and tourism industry members (chambers of commerce, tourism boards, and adventure companies) to collaborate and cross-market to better enhance agritourism in Sonoma County. Brochures and business cards were exchanged as the tourism industry members and agricultural producers navigated through the room telling their "story" while "speed-dating." UCCE will host more of these programs in an effort to increase economic viability to both the agricultural and the tourism industries in Sonoma County.

District Attorney's Office

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER LAW DIVISION: Enforces environmental laws and consumer protection in a fair and firm manner in order to protect our citizens and environment from those who would pollute our air, ground or water, or degrade our uniquely beautiful natural resources, as well as from those who would engage in fraudulent, dishonest or unlawful business practices.

County Powers Facilities with 100% Renewable sources

As part of its ongoing commitment to environmental and financial sustainability, the County of Sonoma has entered into a one-year direct access agreement with 3 Phases Renewables to deliver 100% renewable power to County facilities. A mix of electricity generated by 85% wind and 15% biomass will power seven County facilities in Santa Rosa and Petaluma throughout 2012.

3 Phases Renewables, a leading energy services provider (ESP), was selected by the County for its successful track record and its existing relationships with the County. Renewable energy plays a significant role in achieving the county's community greenhouse gas reduction target of 25% below 1990 levels by 2015, a goal that was adopted by the County Board of Supervisors and all its incorporated cities in 2004.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC STEWARDSHIP

Regional Parks

On July 1, 2012, Sonoma County Regional Parks assumed management of Annadel State Park through June 30, 2013. This arrangement spared the beloved park from closure due to budget cuts and was possible because of the community's generous support for the park. Through local fundraising and the agreement it negotiated with the state, Regional Parks is successfully maintaining Annadel's operations at no added expense to the county.

Supervisors have approved the Taylor Mountain master plan, a key step in opening the 1,110-acre preserve in south Santa Rosa as a regional park. Transfer of the property from the Open Space District to Regional Parks is expected in early 2013, and Parks will then begin building the park's first phase - a parking lot, restrooms, trails and natural playground off Petaluma Hill Road - with expanded public access expected in 2014 or earlier.

Regional Parks in 2012 also initiated the master planning process for Tolay Lake Regional Park east of Petaluma. The master plan will determine how best to provide a range of outdoor experiences while protecting the natural and cultural resources of the 1,769-acre park property and the adjacent 1,657-acre Tolay Creek Ranch property, which will be transferred to Regional Parks at or before completion of the master plan.

Sonoma County Regional Parks operates 49 parks, from Petaluma to Cloverdale and Sonoma to Gualala. The parks include ocean and river beaches, trails, marinas, sports fields and the county's largest environmental education program.



Regional Parks' mission is to lead in the preservation, conservation, restoration and promotion of the county's natural, scenic, historical, and cultural resources. Regional Parks provides recreational, educational and social opportunities benefiting residents, visitors, businesses, children, and of course, the environment. Regional Parks receive more than 5 million visits annually.

Several years ago, Regional Parks adopted a "sustainable management" model focused on financial self-sufficiency, more efficient operations and expanded partnerships. There is a growing entrepreneurial spirit within Regional Parks as staff members position the department for long-term financial success. For example, the transition from an annual parking pass to a membership program is creating an entirely new source of revenue for the department. Membership revenue increased more than 19 percent from 2010-2011 to 2011-2012, and Regional Parks now has nearly 15,000 members paying annual dues of \$69, \$39 or \$23.

Also key to this transformation is a Regional Parks initiative that will strengthen the connection between public lands and the outdoor recreation economy. Outdoor adventure is a passion of Sonoma County residents and the No. 1 interest of people traveling here, according to visitor surveys. Regional Parks has a vision for a Sonoma County Integrated Parks Plan (SCIPP) that will leverage the county's unique beauty and bountiful outdoor recreation opportunities to build a sustainable local economy. With the Sonoma Valley, Russian River, Bodega Bay and the North Coast among our natural resources, there are limitless possibilities to create a thriving outdoor-based economy in Sonoma County.



Agricultural Commissioner's Office

VINEYARD EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ORDINANCE (VESCO) - The Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, under the direction of the Board, developed and brought to the Board for approval new standards and best management practices for vineyard/ orchard site development involving tree removal for the Grading, Drainage, and Vineyard and Orchard Site Development Ordinance. The purpose of the new standards is to ensure that new vineyard and orchard



projects on forested slopes are designed to prevent erosion and sedimentation of our watercourses. This allows fish, including salmonids, to be protected, while also allowing agriculture to continue when meeting the standards.

This project included holding public meetings during January through May 2012 to receive input from other resource agencies, the grower community, environmental groups, and other stakeholders, and contracting with an engineering firm to develop science based standards and best management practices. The Agricultural Commissioner in conjunction with County Counsel developed the new provisions, which the Board adopted in May 2012. The department began implementing the new standards in June 2012, less than five months after receiving the initial directive from the Board.

EUROPEAN GRAPEVINE MOTH - The Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner's Office conducted activities to eradicate the European Grapevine Moth, resulting in zero moths detected in 2012 (as of September 13, 2012) compared to 9 and 59 detected in 2011 and 2010 respectively. Acreage under quarantine in Sonoma County was significantly reduced in early 2012. The majority of acreage is anticipated to be deregulated at the end of 2012.

County European Grapevine Moth program activities included deploying and servicing approximately 8,000 detection traps, conducting outreach to the winegrape growing community on treatment protocols, and conducting

numerous inspections to ensure quarantine compliance. All of these activities are part of the program designed to detect and eradicate the pest while preventing further spread into uninfested areas.

FROST PROTECTION - The Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner's Office completed the second year of inventorying frost protection systems under the Vineyard and Orchard Frost Protection Ordinance (Chapter 11B) adopted by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in 2011. Through these surveys, data for frost protection systems has been collected on 483 sites, representing approximately 17,000 acres of vineyards or orchards under a sprinkler frost protection system in the Russian River

Watershed. As a result, an inventory of frost protection systems has been created and is available to help better understand and manage water use.

In May 2012, the Agricultural Commissioner also proposed and the Board adopted an ordinance amendment to streamline the Vineyard and Orchard Frost Protection program. This was accomplished by focusing the program to the inventorying of frost protection systems and limiting the requirement for registration to initial registration and subsequent registration only if a change to the system or owner/operator occurs, rather than a required annual re-registration. This will allow the data to remain current, and reduce the amount of county staff resources needed and the public fees associated with the program.

Economic Development Board/Tourism

The number of people choosing Sonoma County as a vacation and recreation destination increased in 2012, as did the amount of money they spent while here. Occupancy rates, the measure of how full lodging businesses are, were up 5% from 2011. The price of renting a room at local inns, Bed & Breakfasts and hotels has also gone up 4%. In 2012 more visitors spent money at local businesses, and this in turn generates into more revenue for Sonoma County governments. Tourism generated more than \$1.35 billion in destination spending which meant more than \$87 million in state and local government revenue.

Sonoma County's Mission: To Enrich the Quality of Life



Agricultural Commissioner's Office promotes and protects the environment, agriculture, and the public through enforcement of local, state, and federal laws.

(707) 565-2371

Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District, a voter approved district which protects farm land from development and preserves diverse lands for public access and recreation.

(707) 565-7360

Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector provides accounting services, receipt and disbursement of county funds, budgeting, payroll, distribution of property tax revenue and auditing services.

(707) 565-3285

Board of Supervisors establishes and oversees policies, legislation and services for the County.

(707) 565-2241

County Administrator's Office assists the Board of Supervisors in managing, directing, and coordinating the operation of all departments over which the Board exercises control.

Child Support Services administers state and federal funds for the support of children and supports 19,000 families across Sonoma County.

(866) 901-3212

Clerk/Recorder/Assessor issues marriage licenses, birth and death certificates, manages county voter registration and elections, maintains public documents and deeds, vital statistics, and is responsible for the assessment of property taxes.

(707) 565-1888, (707) 565-3800

Community Development Commission is responsible for the administration and operation of housing and community development programs, primarily affordable housing.

(707) 565-7500

County Counsel provides legal representation and advice to the Board of Supervisors and other county entities, and defends legal actions against the county.

(707) 565-2421

Grand Jury/Court Support is a panel of citizens empowered to investigate issues of community concern.

(707) 565-6330

District Attorney serves as the public prosecutor for all civil and criminal offenses in the county.

(707) 565-2311

Economic Development Department provides services to encourage the startup, retention and expansion of businesses and jobs, particularly small businesses.

(707) 565-7170

Fire and Emergency Services provides wildfire prevention and suppression, hazardous materials, and natural disaster preparedness and response.

(707) 565-1152

Sonoma County Fairgrounds hosts the annual County Fair and is a hub for a variety of community events throughout the year.

(707) 545-4200

General Services maintains county buildings, heavy equipment, vehicle fleet, performs central purchasing, and is implementing the county's goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

(707) 565-2977

Department of Health Services has five major divisions.

- **Alcohol & Drug Treatment Division** operates or oversees treatment and recovery programs for people with alcohol and other drug related problems.

(707) 565-7450



Life in Sonoma County through Superior Public Services

- **Mental Health Services** provides a broad range of community and long-term care services to meet the mental health needs of county residents.
- **Environmental Health Division** provides food, recreational health, dairy inspection, waste and water quality and health nuisance abatement programs, and responds to public health **emergencies**.
- **Prevention & Planning** administers programs to reduce illness and injury, promote good health and contain health care costs.
- **Public Health Division** provides multiple services, including nursing, prenatal, children's, epidemiological, laboratory, emergency medical, and bioterrorism preparedness services. (707) 565-4400

Human Resources provides a wide variety of services including recruitment, testing, job classification, position allocation, occupational health, training, benefits, and risk management.

(707) 565-2331

Human Services Department protects and improves the well-being of individuals and families who reside in Sonoma County.

- **Adult & Aging Services** provides multi-purpose services to the adult and aging county population including: in-home support, adult protective services, veterans support, and guardian/conservatorship.
- **Economic Assistance** provides services for welfare programs including Medi-Cal, county medical services, general assistance, and food stamps.
- **Employment & Training Services** coordinates employment services, processes childcare payments, and administers human services grant programs.

- **Family, Youth & Children's Services** provides case management for Child Protective Services, Redwood Children's Center, Valley of the Moon Children's Home, and foster care services.

(707) 565-5855

Information Services Department

provides computer, telephone and radio communication services and is responsible for county records management and reprographics services.

(707) 565-2911

Sonoma County Library is the primary media resource for County residents and offers instruction in the use of Library resources and public internet accessibility.

(707) 545-0831

Permit & Resource Management

Department conducts land use and development activities, permit issuance and review, zoning and building code, and well and septic enforcement.

(707) 565-1900

Probation Department performs adult and juvenile probation and jail programs, and operates juvenile hall and camp.

(707) 565-2149

Public Defender's Office provides legal defense for any person who is financially unable to provide their own legal representation.

(707) 565-2791

Regional Parks operates and administers the county's regional parks system, including county parks, veterans' buildings and Spud Point Marina.

(707) 565-2041

Sonoma County Employees

Retirement Association

is administered by a separate board to oversee and manage the retirement, disability, death and survivor benefits of county employees.

(707) 565-8100

Sheriff's Office operates the County's jail and provides patrol services and related emergency services outside of city limits throughout the county.

(707) 565-2511

Transportation & Public Works

oversees road and bridge maintenance and repair, waste management services, and public transportation for infrastructure outside of city limits.

(707) 565-2231

University of California Cooperative

Extension provides watershed, livestock, marine, Sudden Oak Death, 4-H, nutrition, and Master Gardener expertise to preserve agriculture, help communities shape policy, and strengthen community development and leadership in youth and adults.

(707) 565-2621

Water Agency provides water supply, flood protection and sanitation services to residents through investing in water resources, environment and the community.

(707) 526-5370



Human Services

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING DIVISION The Employment and Training Division provides cash assistance, employment and training services for residents of Sonoma County. The Employment and Training Division includes the following programs and services:

- **SONOMAWORKS** provides employment assistance, training and benefits to families applying for or receiving cash assistance as part of the County's Welfare-to-Work program. An average of nearly 8,000 individuals – mostly children – received SonomaWORKS services each month in 2012.
- **JOB LINK** is a one-stop employment and training system for employers, job seekers and workers. Through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), this collaborative of over 30 programs provides access to services for job search and career development, labor market information, and a variety of resources and referrals. Employer services include referral of pre-screened job applicants, hosting hiring events and online job postings. Job Link services were provided to around 1,200 Sonoma County residents each month in 2012.
- **THE SONOMA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB)** is a policy body appointed by the Board of Supervisors that provides oversight to Job Link and SonomaWORKS, as well as special grants to ensure access to all services available to address the employment and educational needs of clients. The WIB members represent local business, labor, education, One-Stop partners, and community groups.
- **THE SONOMA COUNTY YOUTH ECOLOGY CORPS (SONOMA COUNTY YOUTH ECOLOGY CORPS)** is a jobs, workforce training and ecosystem education program aimed at employing youth and young adults while teaching them about environmental stewardship. The Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps provides youth and young adults paychecks, valuable work experience, environmental education, and the opportunity to contribute to their community through ongoing



outdoor experiences. Uniting a diverse group of county and other agencies in a replicable and sustainable program, the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps is supported by a coalition including the Human Services Department, the Workforce Investment Board, the Water Agency, the Office of Education, nonprofit New Ways to Work, over 60 project hosts, and contracted youth agencies. Nearly 200 young people participated in the 2012 Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps Summer program, which culminated in an Opportunity Fair featuring 30 organizations providing information about local educational and training options.

- **UPSTREAM INVESTMENTS** - The Human Services Department has continued its leadership role in growing Upstream Investments, a county-sponsored policy initiative which continued making social change throughout 2012. The policy initiative is driven by three strategies: invest early, by dedicating resources to prevention-focused policies and interventions; invest wisely, by selecting policies and interventions most likely to succeed based on sound evidence; and invest together, by focusing community-wide policies and interventions on preventing targeted factors and improving specific indicators of success. The collective impact of these efforts is evidenced by the growth of the Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs.



Economic Development Board

The investment in a countywide, unified sales and marketing effort has been proven to pay dividends. A study by San Francisco State University showed that because of the Sonoma County Business Improvement Area, more than \$209 million in destination spending is attributable to countywide promotions efforts, with a return on investment of \$85 for every dollar spent. The statewide average was \$63 for every one dollar invested in promotion across California.

Probation

PARTNERSHIPS WITH BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB In the fall of 2011, the Sonoma County Probation Department’s Juvenile Hall facility partnered with the Boy’s and Girl’s Clubs of Central Sonoma County, and the City of Santa Rosa to open a Club facility within the Juvenile Hall. For the last ten months, The Club has provided daily recreational and other pro-social programming inside the Juvenile Hall. Through this partnership, at-risk youth have been introduced to the Club philosophy while incarcerated, and provided both practical and evidence-based programming. They are mentored by Club staff working alongside Juvenile Hall Correctional Counselors, and assist youth to develop pro-social behaviors and appropriate relationships. The program is integrated into the Juvenile Hall’s Behavior Management System, and serves as a tool to elicit positive behavior from residents throughout their stay at the facility.

This function alone has proven to be an invaluable service to incarcerated youth; it serves to lower the “temperature” of the facility, engages young minds in a positive way, and helps build self-esteem through measured accomplishments, such as program

graduation ceremonies. An initiative is currently underway to transition The Club to the next level of programming, which will consist of a Targeted Reentry Program for youth returning to the community after serving long terms of detention. The Club program will initiate case management planning for appropriate youth at the Juvenile Hall, identifying needs and later connecting them to Club services in the community as part of their reentry plan. All of this is with an eye toward providing a positive youth development framework for successful reentry, and reduction in recidivism.



Water Agency

SONOMA COUNTY YOUTH ECOLOGY CORPS. In its fourth year, the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps hired more than 200 young people to work in jobs that improve the environment and the community. To date, more than 900 young people – many who face severe challenges in their lives – have been employed through this program. Their work has resulted in more than 60 miles of flood control channels and creeks being restored. Put in perspective, that’s the distance between Santa Rosa and San Francisco. Crews have also removed about 5,000 cubic yards of debris from

creeks. That much debris would cover the football field at the JC with a 4-foot layer.

“OURS TO PROTECT” SIGNS GO UP ON RUSSIAN RIVER - The Water Agency, along with Sonoma County Regional Parks and Russian RiverKeeper, installed signs at various locations along the Russian River to inform kayakers and canoeists about locations with access to restrooms, trash receptacles and other services that aren’t visible from beaches. This is the first step in an education campaign to keep trash and waste out of the Russian River.

SAFE MEDICINE DISPOSAL PROGRAM - This year the Safe Medicine Disposal Program collected over four tons of unwanted medical pills by organizing two special collection events and sponsoring permanent drop-off locations throughout Sonoma County. Find drop-off locations online at www.safemedicinedisposal.org.

Board of Supervisors

LOCAL JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The County’s ability to serve the community is built on a strong private sector economy. The Board made this a top priority for 2012. In November 2011, the Ad Hoc Committee on Jobs and Economic Development, consisting of Supervisors Mike McGuire and Efen Carrillo, brought to the Board a robust effort to spur the local economy and create good jobs. The Board became an early partner in the Building Economic Success Together (BEST) effort and has also adopted new policies to spur local jobs creation and retention.

The Board’s Jobs Plan focuses on several key efforts:

- Improve Regulatory Compliance Assistance;
- Deliver Business Development & Outreach Services;
- Create a Workforce Development Strategy through an employer-driven, agency-inclusive workforce development plan thru the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board focused on the current and future needs of county employers
- Encourage Business Cluster Development
- Develop a Financial Resources Program – a “toolbox” for local businesses with incentives and greater access to capital
- Facilitate Broadband Deployment in Rural Parts of the County
- Engage in Strategic Asset Development and Branding
- Enhance Coordinated Economic Development Resources within the County

These efforts will help rebuild the local economy and create the needed partnership between the County and the private sector to ensure a sustainable and growing economy moving forward.

Transportation and Public Works

ROADS - Whether traveling by bicycle, bus, or automobile, county residents depend on a functional local streets



and roads system. Statewide funding for preservation of local government roads is historically inadequate. A safe and reliable County road system, which is critical for the movement of goods and services, and supports local job growth. Every dollar spent preserving our County road system is a dollar invested in our local economy. On February 7, 2012, the Board of Supervisors formed an Ad-Hoc Committee on Roads consisting of Supervisor Shirlee Zane and Supervisor David Rabbitt to: (1) Find additional dollars to address deferred maintenance; (2) Look for long-term and short-term solutions; (3) Review the use of prioritization; and (4) Put more General Fund dollars into Sonoma County roads. This year the Board of Supervisor's dedicated \$2.2 Million in new general fund revenues annually to help preserve the County's primary road system. Additionally, the Board of Supervisor's in response to the Ad Hoc's report, dedicated \$8 Million in one-time monies. In 2013, the Board of Supervisors will be continuing discussion of long-term options to generate on-going funds to address this critical need.

Projects completed in 2012:

- Comprehensive Countywide Street Lighting Consolidation
- Clark's Crossing/Annapolis Road Bridge Seismic Retrofit
- Fort Ross Slide Repair
- Secured USDA Loan/Grant for the Salmon Creek Water System Improvements (\$1.3 M)
- 2010 Asphalt Overlay Project (6.3 Miles)
- Arnold Drive Widening/Bike Lane and Overlay south of Glen Ellen
- Western Avenue Bike Lane
- Burbank Pathway - Safe Routes to School Project
- Cold-in Place Recycling and Paving of Adobe Road (2.2 miles)
- Drake Road Viaduct Replacement Project
- Sonoma Mountain Road Restoration and Chip Seal (2 sites)

SONOMA COUNTY TRANSIT - In 2012 Sonoma County Transit (SCT) introduced a new automated passenger Information system, called NextBus, which will launch in March 2013 and provide Sonoma County Transit riders location-based information on the bus they are waiting to board. The system will provide LED screen-based information boards in new shelters at major transit centers and from any location via Apple or Android mobile devices. In addition

riders will be able to call a local phone number and receive "NextBus" information audibly regarding bus arrivals at any of SCT's 1,100 system wide bus stop locations. SCT also continues in 2013, to work with the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) coordination projects with the goal of providing coordinated bus/rail commute-period service connectivity upon SMART's start of rail service.

For calendar year 2012, Sonoma County Transit and Sonoma County Paratransit provided a total of 1.41M passenger trips. In comparison with 2011, Sonoma County Transit's ridership increased approximately 1%, while Paratransit ridership increased over 6%.

In comparison with 2010, Sonoma County Transit's 2012 ridership increased over 4%, while Paratransit ridership increased 21%.

REFUSE ENTERPRISE - In 2012 we saw the culmination of long term regional planning efforts between the County and area Cities that worked together to achieve greater diversion goals for the future, and provide an economically efficient and locally-controlled refuse system for residential and commercial customers in Sonoma County. Target goals look to achieve 80% county-wide solid waste diversion by 2015, and 90% diversion by 2020. Key components of the regional system are to achieve a long-term in-county disposal option at the Central Landfill, and to implement increased organic food waste composting.



CHARLES SCHULZ SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT

- In 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved the Runway Safety Improvement Project for the Airport. The project includes extension of the runway along with many needed airport safety improvements. Phase 1 construction will commence in 2013.

Alaska Airlines, which began in March 2007, introduced flights between San Diego and Santa Rosa, replacing service to Las Vegas.

As of August 7, 2012, the commercial service provided by Alaska Airlines, served its 1 millionth passenger and commercial passenger volume marked a record year, accommodating nearly 214,000 passengers - 3.2 percent increase from 2011.

It is estimated that since coming to the Sonoma County Airport, commercial air service provided by Alaska Airlines has resulted in a \$232,647,662 direct economic impact to the local economy, while creating a total economic impact (including direct and indirect) of \$581,619,155.

In June, Alaska Airlines, currently the only commercial carrier at the airport, started flights between San Diego and Santa Rosa, replacing service from Sonoma County to Las Vegas.

Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District

DEVELOPMENT OF A FEE LANDS STRATEGY to document the District's current portfolio of 7,500 acres of fee title lands and present a strategy for both interim management and ultimate conveyance to an appropriate responsible entry.

Enhanced the effectiveness of the BIENNIAL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM through the revision of the program's guidelines, selection criteria, and administration. Subsequently, the District conducted the 11/12 Competitive Matching Grant Program Application Cycle and identified 6 new Matching Grant Projects for potential funding of up to \$2.0 million. These grants will preserve, protect, and enhance urban open spaces and recreational opportunities throughout our Sonoma County communities including Forestville, Guerneville, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, and Sonoma.

The District is engaging in two innovative initiatives (described above) that will serve all of Sonoma County. The first is an initiative that documents the economic benefit associated with the protection of natural areas and working landscapes in the County. This initiative is funded by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and will evaluate the economic return on investment of twenty years of conservation - quantifying ways in which District investments in "green infrastructure" such as watershed protection have resulted in cost savings, jobs, and long term economic returns related to recreational tourism, agricultural viability and clean and ample water supplies. This economic valuation initiative is in collaboration with Sonoma County Water Agency and Sonoma County Regional Parks. The second initiative - in partnership with the Nature Conservancy - is mapping the potential for carbon sequestration in Sonoma County forests, rangelands, and agricultural areas, with the intention of prioritizing areas for conservation that contribute to County and State goals for reducing GHG emissions and mitigating the causes of climate change.

Information Systems Department

MOBILE ACCESS, REDUCED TRAVEL. During FY 11-12 many departments recognized and leveraged smart phones and tablet devices to allow business access and mobility of the work force. Today more than 600 laptops and 400 smart



devices support anytime-anywhere approaches to service delivery. This is our new paradigm and connectivity and security infrastructure are key components of our future.

The Information Systems virtual private network infrastructure has been totally redesigned and updated to support access for hundreds of County employees, vendors and community partners. These changes have been designed to extend the power of our networked resources to allow mobile

devices to wirelessly print to network-attached devices and to present work product on network attached TVs and projectors.

The upgraded system significantly enhances the County's ability to remotely manage services located in outlying areas, respond to system outages to restore service quickly, and offer a robust telecommuting program to employees who are travelling or working from home. In addition, the County is also able to reduce its carbon footprint and meet "green" initiatives as the need to travel is reduced.

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT - Reduce reliance on paper-based systems – a priority technology project. Daily business operations are currently heavily reliant on paper-based systems. Electronic Document Management, integrated with existing business processes, can increase productivity and customer service. File retrieval can be achieved in a few seconds. In addition, document retention compliance is automated and physical file storage needs are reduced.



University of California Cooperative Extension

4-H CLUBS - Sonoma County 4-H Clubs are part of the University of California Cooperative Extension and State 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H is a dynamic organization evolving to meet the needs of youth in a changing society and world. The 4-H program provides leadership and educational opportunities for all youth from 5 or 19 years of age.

EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY-SUMMER HUNGER INITIATIVE makes it possible for thousands of Sonoma County low-income children who rely on free and reduced-price school lunches for a major portion of their nutrition during the school year to have nutritious free lunches when school closes for summer vacation.



ROBOTICS is a fast growing 4-H project as more youth discover the fun and learning in building a hydraulic gripper or a marshmallow catapult—these are some of the robots that were demonstrated at the 4-H Sonoma County Showcase held in September 2012. With hands-on experiential learning mentored by trained adults, youth are exploring current issues and building a strong foundation for success in life.

For the last 5 years, 4-H has provided enrichment arts and crafts activities for children in the **REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**. If these activities were not provided, after lunch, many children would be returning home to a sometimes empty house, lacking in stimulation. Our 4-H teens have provided a friendly stimulating environment, where



children can be safe, relaxed and have fun! They spend the afternoon, developing social skills, fine motor skills and exploring their own creativity, in a positive environment, led by our Sonoma County teens. This summer, approximately 1000 youth will receive services from 4-H. Our teens gain valuable leadership skills and our participants are very happy to be engaged in fun, safe, summer activities.

BEGINNING FARMER AND RANCHERS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (BFRDP) - The BFRDP is a 9-month program to teach agriculture and business skills to increase economic viability for local agriculture production. Each month the cohort, 25 beginning farmers and ranchers, are provided training and visit local agricultural operations. One session started at McClelland's certified organic dairy with a dairy/cheese panel initiating discussions that included marketing and distribution of goat cheese & butter, the importance of organic certification to the dairy industry, and what motivates these entrepreneurs.

First of its kind in the county, this 3-year program will train up to 75 beginning farmers and ranchers in agriculture and business. The program will strive to reach 25% "underserved" population (minorities, women, low-income). The participants will have opportunities to connect and learn from local "master farmers and ranchers", and work individually with Santa Rosa Junior College, Shone Farm, and the Latino Service Providers. The program will increase the number of farmers and ranchers in the Sonoma with the goal of increasing agriculture businesses while providing local food access to the residents of Sonoma County and surrounding counties.

CRADLE TO CAREER

S O N O M A C O U N T Y



Department of Health Services

CRADLE TO CAREER - Through the leadership of the Health Action Council, Sonoma County Health Action formally launched its Cradle to Career initiative in 2012. Cradle to Career is a historic partnership that connects all segments of the educational continuum - early childhood, kindergarten through high school education, college and technical training, and careers - with broad community support to improve the educational, economic and health outcomes in Sonoma County.

In 2012, FIRST 5 SONOMA COUNTY expanded its innovative and capacity building efforts and implemented a One-Time Strategic/Capital Investment Strategy. This new project will fund strategic services and capital projects in Sonoma County that achieve one or more of the Commission's priority outcomes in the areas of healthy development, parent support, and high quality early care and education for children 0-5 and their families.

HEALTH ACTION COUNCIL - In September 2012, DHS was one of only 40 grantees nationwide to receive funding through the U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services Community Transformation Grants. Sonoma County's Health Action Council has provided



the leadership, and the funding is part of an early series of critical investments within federal health care reform related to chronic disease prevention, building on the County's commitment to being the healthiest County in CA by 2020.

Water Agency

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION - the Board of Supervisors directed staff to further explore the possibility of creating a new power provider option to local consumers. The "Report on the Feasibility of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) in Sonoma County" found that a power provider formed by local governments could provide energy to Sonoma County consumers at rates slightly higher than PG&E, while significantly reducing carbon emissions and creating local jobs. The goal of the CCA will be to develop a power supply that will implement with 33% renewable energy sources, working towards a goal of 50% renewable sources by 2020

The Board approved the creation of a Joint Powers Authority, the Sonoma Clean Power Authority. The five members of the Board of Supervisors and Water Agency Board of Directors will initially act as the directors of the Authority until additional municipalities decide to participate in the Authority. The Water Agency will continue to provide staffing services during the interim period until the Sonoma Clean Power Program becomes operational and the Authority generates funding.

The Board approved adopting an ordinance authorizing implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation Program. Before a program can be implemented in a particular jurisdiction, California law requires the entity electing to implement the program to do so by adoption of an ordinance.

General Services

SOLAR ARRAY AT JUVENILE HALL - In April 2012 the Board of

Supervisors took another bold move in their efforts to reduce the County facilities greenhouse gas emission. The Board voted unanimously to approve the installation of a 706 kilowatt photovoltaic system at the Los Guilicos Juvenile Hall Campus. The solar array will cut County electricity costs, further enhance greenhouse gas (G.H.G.) emission goals, and provide clean renewable energy to the Los Guilicos campus. Over the 25 year life of the system, electricity cost savings to the County is estimated to be over \$1.4 million with a G.H.G. reduction of 324 metric tons CO2.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIL SERVICES

Board of Supervisors

ROAD TO RECOVERY - The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors reversed the trend when it came to investing in our roads. In 2012, for the first time in over a decade, the Board increased the amount of local dollars being put into repairing and strengthening the County road system. Driven by the Ad Hoc Committee on Roads' Report which was presented by Supervisor David Rabbitt and Chairwoman Shirlee Zane, the Board established an \$8 Million one-time General Fund allocation in 2012-2013 for the implementation of augmented road improvement efforts. This \$8 million is the largest single year local fund investment in roads in over 20 years and reflects the Board commitment to improving critical infrastructure.



This investment has two parts: \$6.5 Million to improve road segments which support and enhancing economic growth within the county, and a \$1.5 Million to establish a county and community partnership program where county funds can be leveraged to match private funds and develop community based road improvement projects where residents may be provided resources to conduct their own maintenance. This brings the total local funding to \$15.5 million towards local roads.

This local investment combined with state and federal funds represents a commitment of over \$50 million dollars towards improving county roads through the community.

Supervised Adult Crews

The Supervised Adult Crew Program is a detention alternative that allows lower level offenders the opportunity to serve their County jail sentence by completing community work projects on crews supervised by Probation staff. During 2012, the SAC crews projects included: installation of four electric vehicle car charging stations; removal of weeds, brush and trees to prevent local flooding; construction of the foundation for a federally funded communication tower at Mt. Jackson; construction of a 50,000 gallon water tank at Tomales Bay State Park; construction of several Americans With Disabilities Act projects and at Mt Tamalpais State park; and litter pick-up and weed control on local highways.

Human Resources

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM - The Human Resources Department manages the County's workforce. The County has been partnering with community volunteers since 1984. These volunteers are vitally important in extending and augmenting essential public services provided by County departments

to our community. The County adopted a resolution in honor of National Volunteer Week recognizing approximately 3,000 volunteers and gave special recognition to 18 volunteers who demonstrated long-standing commitment, outstanding effort, significant impact, extraordinary number of hours, or other invaluable contributions.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE - The County of Sonoma is committed to improving access to County programs and

services, and to providing accommodation to individuals with disabilities. The County has designated Human Resources as the County's ADA COORDINATOR.

Human Resources, working closely with its General Services Department partner, has managed the implementation of the 12-year SELF EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN ("SETP") adopted pursuant to the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Work this past year included improving accessible parking at County Park and Ride locations, County Administration Building and Fairgrounds; accessible restroom upgrades for the Fairgrounds, Regional Parks and County Administration building; barrier removal project for the Board of Supervisors Chambers; and general facility and path of travel improvements for several regional parks and general county complex locations.

The Human Resources Department coordinates the JEFFERSON AWARDS, a national recognition system to highlight public service in America. Locally, the program emphasized "Excellence in Community Leadership and Civic Engagement". Nominations were received and considered for a Jefferson Award, resulting in five awardees being honored with a resolution and award by the Board of Supervisors in early Spring 2012. Those that were selected from among thirty-five nominations reflected the diversity of excellent services and partners in the community: Oscar Chavez (CAP), Healthy Kids of Sonoma County, Chop's Teen Club, Rick Dean (Face to Face), and Ceres Community Project.



Water Agency

EDUCATING OUR YOUTH

The Headwaters to Ocean (H2O) watershed education program gained momentum with improvements to the 140-acre Rockpile Road property above Lake Sonoma. Eighty students from JX Wilson Elementary will be piloting the program during the 2011 – 2012 school year. During the 2010-11 school year over 4,000 third and fifth grade students received direct instruction through classroom and field visits; curriculum materials were provided to 14,616 K-12 graders; the Musical Watershed assembly program performed 39 shows at 25 schools with 9,409 students attending; and Kids Scoop News reached another 12,000 students four different times.

Clerk-Recorder-Assessor

The Assessor's Office is the division of the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor responsible for providing accurate and timely property assessments and for determining eligibility for various property tax exemptions and exclusions.

The County Clerk issues and maintains birth and death records and marriage licenses, performs marriage ceremonies, records fictitious business name statements, files Conflict of Interest Statements for Sonoma County officials, and collects filing fees for Fish and Game documents.

The Recorder maintains various land and finance documents for Sonoma County. Typical land documents include deeds, leases, mining claims, subdivision maps, homestead declarations and records of survey. Typical finance documents include trust deeds, notices of default, reconveyances, and various liens. This division of the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor also collects the Documentary Transfer Tax when real property exchanges hands.

The Registrar registers Sonoma County voters and maintains the County's voter registration file, conducts federal, state and local elections held in the county, files candidates' campaign statements, and performs various other duties related to elections.

Every citizen (from birth to death) has the potential of using our service.

The Clerk-Recorder-Assessor continues to use technology to

serve the citizens of Sonoma County. This technology includes increasing assessment information on the internet, the use of computerized appraisal modules for greater efficiency, online business property statement filing, ADA compliant forms and websites, Online Voter Registration, Online Poll Worker Training, online Marriage License Application, electronic Vital Recorder and Fictitious Business Name systems

The Clerk-Recorder Assessor continues to do outreach programs in the local community. This outreach is used to discuss changes in laws or policies, and to alert the community to any local or statewide issues or changes and educate the public on our services. The department has increased the number of bilingual staff to better serve the needs of the changing population. There is an increased focus on cross training and sharing of responsibilities, to ensure that the public is served in a more timely fashion.

University of California Cooperative Extension

AG OMBUDSMAN - Sonoma County agricultural producers are seeking ways to increase their economic return, either through diversification, vertical integration of products, or even having an agritourism destination. The UCCE pilot project led by Karen Giovannini assists farmers and ranchers to increase economic opportunities to help preserve the agricultural way of life and promote local products.

RANGE MANAGEMENT - Rangeland Water Quality Management Planning, led by Michael Lennox, provides technical assistance to local livestock and dairy producers to address water quality issues throughout the County.

Day of Caring

The 2012 Day of Caring was a success for the County of Sonoma. Over 160 employees participated in 19 teams to work on 25 separate projects throughout the county. Projects were located in the cities of Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Rohnert Park, Sonoma, Petaluma, Windsor, and Healdsburg,

as well in unincorporated areas of the County. Teams worked at private residences, non-profits and parks. They cleaned, painted, gardened, and cleared debris, brush and garbage.

At the Taylor Mountain School in the Bellevue area of Santa Rosa, 10 County employees teamed up with United Way and Agilent to clean the school grounds, and perform needed gardening and landscaping. Grateful students wrote numerous letters to thank the volunteers whose work made a direct impact on their daily lives.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIL SERVICE

Combined Fund Drive

Sonoma County employees showed Commitment to Community this year by raising over \$275,000, the most since 2009.

More than 900 employees made donations to 306 non-profits and foundations working to make the community a better place. Agencies supported during the campaign help children succeed in school and life; provide food and shelter for struggling individuals and families while offering programs to help them become financially stable and secure; and work with the elderly to maintain their quality of life and support our animals and environment. Some of the agencies include: Sonoma County Family of Funds (supporting the Sonoma County Library Foundation, Regional Parks Foundation and Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation), United Way of the Wine Country, Redwood Empire Food Bank, Community Health Charities, Local Independent Charities, Earth Share of California, Humane Society of Sonoma County, Council on Aging and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

Restaurant Week

The third annual Sonoma County Restaurant Week was held February 27 – March 4, 2012. The event encourages locals and tourists to dine out during a typically slow time of the year. The total impact of the event was \$1.54 million. Almost \$100,000 in sales tax was generated, and more than \$165,000 of local products were purchased for use in Restaurant Week menus. This year almost 100 restaurants participated, more than 17,000 meals were served off the prix-fixe menu, and over 32,000 total meals were served over the week. Diners came from all over the County to enjoy Sonoma County Restaurant Week and more than 15% of all diners were from outside of Sonoma County. The event is extremely popular with restaurateurs and diners alike and we look forward to the fourth annual Sonoma County Restaurant Week planned for March 18 – 24, 2013.



2012 Restaurant Week statistics:

- \$1.54M in generated revenue
- \$165,000 local products produced
- 17,000 + meals served from the prix-fixe menu
- 32,000 + total meals served over the week
- 97 restaurants participated, 95% were satisfied with their involvement, and 99% said they would participate again in 2013
- 15% of the patrons were from outside Sonoma County

Permit and Resource Management Department

CUSTOMER SERVICE OMBUDSMAN - PRMD has added a new Customer Service Ombudsman whose sole focus is helping customers navigate and resolve problems in the permitting process. The Ombudsman reports directly to the PRMD director and who is responsible for directly assisting customers experiencing difficulties in the permitting and inspection processes, and to coordinate between PRMD divisions to keep projects moving. The Ombudsman is an advocate for our customers.



PROFESSIONAL PRIORITY TIME - PRMD has initiated a new program called Professional Priority Time Slots that allows licensed professionals to make an appointment that guarantees them a spot at the front of the line when they come into the office. This will reduce the time that contractors and other licensed professionals have to wait in our office.



2012 Board of Supervisors Community Involvement
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIL SERVICE

350 Home and Garden Challenge

The 350 Home and Garden Challenge resulted in 1,044 actions to “Grow Food, Save, Water, Conserve Energy and Build Community.” Those actions resulted in 234 lawn conversions that removed 91,000 square feet of thirsty lawns in one weekend during May.



Economic Development Board

TOURISM AMBASSADOR - Realizing that customer service and a positive visitor experience will benefit the tourism economy, Sonoma County Tourism introduced the Sonoma County Certified Tourism Ambassador Program, which will train more than 500 front-line hospitality workers and other residents, including elected officials, to become Certified Tourism Ambassadors. The program taught the Ambassadors Sonoma County’s history, culture and attractions, so a waitress in Petaluma knew the history of Fort Ross and a tasting room manager in Cloverdale was conversant in the history of the Sonoma Plaza.

SONOMA COUNTY TOURISM, the private, non-profit organization that promotes Sonoma County as an overnight destination for individual, meetings and group travel, was recognized by industry organizations for excellent work in sales and marketing. In February, Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International awarded SCT two gold awards for excellence in destination marketing.

BRAND SONOMA is a multi-year initiative to provide common messaging for Sonoma County’s wine, grape growing and tourism organizations, (referred to as the “Trio”) culminated in the public unveiling of “Brand Sonoma”. The brand essence and the accompanying brand mark are used in consumer and trade marketing to promote Sonoma County’s wine and growing heritage as well as the incredible diversity of the area for tourism. Just as conjunctive labeling will literally have millions of wine labels sporting the name “Sonoma County,” this example of “conjunctive marketing” will raise the value of Sonoma County and our products and services.

North Coast Regional Food System Network Economic Development Forum

On November 9, 2012, UCCE Sonoma County, North Coast Regional Food System Network, USDA Rural Development and the counties of Sonoma, Lake, Marin, Napa and

Mendocino co-hosted a very successful event, with over 120 attendees from across the region, representing a broad spectrum of the food system.

Glenda Humiston, USDA Rural Development State Director, shared her latest report on “Access to Local Capital”. Through the leadership of UCCE, Robert Eyler, Professor of Economics at Sonoma State University, spoke about the economic impact of agriculture and presented his newly developed Value Chains for North Bay Agriculture.

In attendance were Mendocino County Supervisor Carrie Brown; Sonoma County

Supervisors Valerie Brown, Mike McGuire, David Rabbitt and incoming Sonoma County Supervisor Susan Gorin. Supervisor Valerie Brown received accolades from Mendocino Supervisor Carrie Brown for innovative ideas and perseverance in taking Sonoma County to the next level.

Stephanie Larson, Sonoma County UC Cooperative Extension, moderated a diverse and interesting panel, including Glenda Humiston, CA State Director, USDA Rural Development; Rick Kaye, a beginning farmer; Doug Mosel of the Mendocino Grain Project; Kathryn Quanbeck, meat processing; Frederick Smith, food and farming entrepreneur; and Albert Straus of Straus Family Dairy.

There were 17 vendors displaying their product and service information, including UCCE, funders, and non-profit organizations. In the afternoon, California FarmLink hosted a Farm Finance Expo which connected 35 North Coast farmers and ranchers with local lenders.



Weights and Measures

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES - STATEWIDE COLLABORATION IN CONSUMER PROTECTION - The consumer protection investigative efforts by the Weights and Measures Division of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office have contributed to the successful settlement of four statewide civil cases settled for over \$3.2 million. The successful settlement of these cases was made possible by the combined prosecutorial efforts of several district attorney offices and the investigative efforts of multiple county weights and measures divisions throughout the state. Three of the civil case settlement involved overcharging errors that directly affected consumers shopping at local retailers. The fourth case involved a nationwide retailer that was not properly refunding gift card amounts to consumers as prescribed by state law. The largest monetary case settlement was over \$2.1 million. The Weights and Measures Division recovered investigative costs of over \$8,000.

The remaining settlement funds were used to strengthen state and county consumer protection programs and to reimburse other agencies for their investigative and prosecutorial costs.

AUTOMATED "PRICE LOOK-UP" SYSTEM (SCANNER) INSPECTIONS - During 2012, the Weights and Measures Division of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office scanned over 32,000 items offered for sale at local retailers. Of those items, 1,118 items were charged incorrectly representing a pricing error of 3.5%. Of those 1,118 incorrectly charged items, 686 were overcharged and 432 were undercharged from their posted or advertised prices. The recorded combined overcharge amount was \$1,989. This represents a monetary subtotal error of 0.2% of the total items selected for price verification or 20 cents for every \$100.00 charged at the register.

The program's recorded low "overcharging" errors are an indication of the success of the Weights and Measures Division's efforts. The programs results confirm a recent statewide price accuracy survey that concluded that counties with price verification programs in place have higher price accuracy compliance rates than counties without a comparable program. The program not only protects local consumers from overcharging errors, but also highlights pricing discrepancies to businesses that may not otherwise be aware of the problem.



Registrar of Voters

In 2012 Sonoma County Registrar of Voters Office proposed the Sonoma County Management Employee Voluntary Election Worker Program. The purpose of the program was to develop a pool of volunteer workers to replace paid extra-help employees during peak work periods in the

Registrar of Voters office and reduce costs during election periods. The end result was a reduction in expense to the County General Fund of over \$30,000, and, as an added benefit, gave other County department managers a greater awareness of how the election process works.

The Registrar of Voters office moved into production an Online Poll Worker Training Program. This program was designed to allow experienced Election Precinct Inspectors the ability to do an online training in lieu of attending a classroom setting. This program would then allow precinct officer trainers to dedicate more focused time to less experienced poll workers and clerks.

Sonoma County Registrar of Voters has developed a Polling Place Accessibility Program. This program enables this office to provide the highest level of service to the voters of Sonoma County by eliminating barriers to participation in the election process. Following completion of surveys of polling places throughout Sonoma County, the Registrar of Voters office creates a package of information describing mitigation efforts necessary to make a polling site accessible to voters with disabilities. Sonoma County's Accessibility Plan has been identified by the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Legislative Sub-committee as a guideline for other counties to use in developing their Accessibility Plans.



AWARDS & GRANTS

Two APHIS Awards - SUCCESS ERADICATING EUROPEAN GRAPEVINE MOTH AND IMMINENT LIFTING OF QUARANTINE

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

The Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner's Office collaborated with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture to survey and detect European Grapevine Moth, a serious pest that causes significant damage to the flowers and berries of grapevines. These efforts have received recognition from USDA, receiving the **"APHIS (Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service) Administrators Award"** for the successful cooperative program.

European Grapevine Moth represents a significant threat to Sonoma County's winegrape crop, valued at nearly \$350 million, as well as the potential cumulative impacts to the winegrape industry in Sonoma County, which is valued at over \$8 billion annually.



This reduction removed approximately 7,500 acres of vineyard or 14% of the acreage from the quarantine area, relieving restrictions on growers in those areas. These efforts and the resulting significant reduction in moths detected have Sonoma County poised to be removed from quarantine at the end of 2012, except for a narrow area near the border shared by Napa County.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

2012 USDA APHIS Administrators Award – this was awarded, for only the third time, to a group of people, including Lucia Varela – Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Advisor and Rhonda Smith – Viticulture Advisor, for the successful development of IPM control strategies for European Grapevine Moth to avoid secondary pest outbreaks and minimize negative environmental impacts.

Department of Child Support Services Awards

In 2012, the Sonoma County Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) received TWO STATE AWARDS: 1) Top Overall Performance for a Medium Size County; 2) Top 10 County - Statewide. DCSS ranked number 9 amongst the 58 counties statewide for exceeding the State goals as follows:

Cases with a Support Order:	Statewide Average 85.8%	Achieved 93.5%
Current Support Collected:	Statewide Average 58.6%	Achieved 66.5%
Cases with Collections on Arrears:	Statewide Average 61.6%	Achieved 67.9%
Cost Effectiveness:	Goal \$2.25	Achieved \$2.28

June Judgments:	Goal - 125 new Judgments in June	Achieved 146 Judgments
July Attorney Challenge:	Goal - Collect \$18,000 in Court payments	Achieved \$26,378
August Arrears:	Goal - Collect \$337,000	Achieved \$413,148

Traffic Safety Grant Protects Drivers

The District Attorney's Office was awarded a \$300,000 grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the prosecution of DUI and Vehicular Manslaughter cases during the period of October 1, 2012, to September 30, 2013. This unit will focus the activities and training of specialized prosecutors and investigators in the most serious DUI and traffic charges.

FEDERAL FIRE GRANT SUPPORTS COMMUNITY SAFETY

Our Fire Services Division has recently been awarded a STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This grant allows us to increase the number of trained firefighters in our communities and allow them to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).



Elder Abuse Awareness Day

In recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in June, local Girl Scouts joined the Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging to plant over 3,000 lawn flags representing the number of reports of elder abuse to Adult Protective Services and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman in 2011 – in front of the Board of Supervisors chambers, providing a symbolic visible representation of this often hidden problem in the community.



Building Healthier Communities

Sonoma County received \$3.5 million in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Community Transformation Grants (CTG). The funding is the result of an early series of critical investments related to federal health care reform. The grant was awarded to Sonoma County through a highly competitive application process and the County received one of only 40 awards provided nationally.

The County will leverage a wide network of community partners to turn its proposal into action, investing over half of the grant funds into local service providers and community organizations, with the remaining funds used to bolster County programs. Specific projects include:

- Increasing the number of Baby Friendly hospitals;
- More school staff training to integrate physical activity into the school day;
- Expanding the Safe Routes to School program;
- Supporting the local food system by bringing fresh farm produce to schools and providing financial incentives for low-income individuals and families to purchase fresh farm produce;
- Developing nutritional standards for County food;
- Launching a media campaign aimed to reduce the consumption of sugar sweetened beverages and tobacco use;
- Conducting training for youth in suicide prevention; and conducting training in healthy community design for planners, policy makers, and architects.

The projects funded by the CTG grant will reach the county's entire population. Targeted interventions will focus on low-income, Hispanic/Latino, and youth populations with special attention to underserved rural areas of Sonoma County, pregnant women and newborns.

Valerie Brown, Sonoma County First District Supervisor and member of the President Obama's Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion and Integration, and Public Health stated, "I'm tremendously proud to see Sonoma County leading the way in implementation of the National Prevention Strategy. This grant reflects the hard work of all of us to bring federal resources to help strengthen the health of our communities. We must invest in health care prevention strategies and with this grant we will do that." with an obsolete jail which the Facilities Development and Management Division demolished prior to the sale.

Statewide Recognition for Comprehensive Energy Project

California State Association of Counties awarded Sonoma County the 2012 Challenge Award recognizing the CEP as an innovative county program.

The General Services Architect Division, with assistance from Energy and Sustainability, implemented a Comprehensive Energy Project (CEP) to cut costs, modernize equipment, reduce greenhouse gases, and support the local green economy. The project included:

- 1.4MW Fuel Cell Cogeneration Power Plant
- Lighting retrofits at 20 buildings
- HVAC replacements or rebuilds in 4 buildings
- HVAC motors and Variable Frequency Drives
- Water efficiency retrofits at 16 buildings
- Central Mechanical Plant upgrade- 4 new chillers, 2 new boilers, 1 new cooling tower



Net Savings reported by Energy and Sustainability for the last 12 months are:

Water:	\$247,300 (16,500,000 gallon reduction)
Electricity:	\$319,839 (2,262,445 kWh reduction)
Natural Gas:	\$121,500 (171,164 therm reduction)
Fuel Cell:	\$1,118,800 (10,830,193 kWh reduction minus 914,372 therms to power the plant)
Total Savings:	\$1,807,439



Sonoma County Fair wins top honors in the Western Fairs Association Achievement Awards Program

The highly anticipated results from the Western Fairs Association (WFA) Achievement Awards Program are in. Sonoma County Fair was once again a top award winner, placing in 27 out of the 32 entries submitted.

Fairs from across the Western United States entered this annual competition which showcases the latest innovations from each Fair. WFA is a non-profit trade association serving the fair industry throughout the Western United States and Canada.

- Sonoma County Fair took home first place awards in the following categories:
- E-blast - "2012 Top 10 Things To Do at the Sonoma County Fair"
- Exhibits Competition - Ladies' Hat Day Centerpiece Competition
- Interim Events - National Heirloom Exposition
- Maintenance – Mobile metal sign holders
- New Innovative Use of Technology –Social Media Scavenger Hunt using QR Codes
- Printed Fair Souvenir Program – Fair Magazine, 32-page full color publication
- Viral or Video Documentation - "The Only Thing Missing Is You"
- Any other Fair/Facility Website - www.harvestfair.org

Public Defender

Interim Public Defender Kathleen Pozzi received the 2012 Women in Business Public Law Leader, Innovator and Visionary award. The award was bestowed upon her by the North Bay Business Journal with a Certificate of Recognition by the California State Legislature, Senator Noreen Evans and Assemblyman Michael Allen.



District Attorney's Office

The District Attorney's Environmental and Consumer Law Division (ECLD), obtained over \$3.5 million in civil penalties, restitution, fines, and costs through prosecutions over the past 18 months. \$938,065 was received directly by Sonoma County. Defendants have included Staples, LLC, Irwin Naturals, Inc., American Express Publishing, Clorox, Tomra Pacific, Inc., Altadonna Communications, Inc., and CVS Pharmacy.

General Services

The Purchasing Division achieved the prestigious Achievement of Excellence-in Procurement (AEP) award. This award recognizes government entities for their excellence in automation, sound policies and procedures, education and certification of procurement personnel and the use of best practices, i.e. vendor management and performance measurement.

Auditor-Controller-Controller-Treasurer-Tax-Collector Wins Award for Report Excellence

-- The Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Final Budget and the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report were recognized as exemplary by the Government Finance Officers Association. Sonoma County is one of few counties in the state to consistently receive this national award for both documents.

Successful Mental Illness Treatment Program Recognized

The Council on Mentally Ill Offenders awarded Sonoma County with the 2011 Best Practices Award for its PATHS Program. This program was recognized for its effectiveness in measuring the successful treatment of mentally ill patients/clients to decrease the likelihood of future involvement with law enforcement and corrections, and increasing the individuals' likelihood of effectively transitioning back into the community.



Environmental Protection Agency - Petaluma River Cleanup Funding

The Sheriff's Office Marine Unit was the first to receive support and \$800,000 in funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to clean up abandoned vessels and litter on the greater Petaluma River. The operation also included funding and removal assistance from Cal-Recycle.

The final count of items removed was: 11 boats; three decaying piers; three barges; one shed; three vehicles; and an assortment of televisions, engines, tires, asbestos, oil, batteries and other hazardous waste.

More than 60 marine batteries were collected, as were numerous gas cans, refrigerators, electrical equipment and dozens of cans of old paints, varnish, adhesives and household chemicals.

Partnering with Community Based Organizations

These 229 contract service agreements with local non-profit, Community Based Organizations (CBO's) represents 25% of the County's total number of contract service agreements entered into during Fiscal Year 2011-12, and 25% of the total amount of Sonoma County's contract service agreement cost of \$133.6 million.

Period: 2011-2012	Contract Amount	Number of CBO's and Contracts
Total Community Based Organization Non-Profit Vendors	\$33,781,639*	122 different local non-profit CBO's entered into 229 separate contract service agreements with County departments*

*Data is for Community Based Organization Non-profit Vendors based solely in Sonoma County

Community Development Commission Housing Authority High Performer

The Sonoma County Housing Authority makes \$2 million in rental assistance payments each month on behalf of 2,976 very low-income households. For the past 11 years, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has used an annual housing authority management evaluation system to assess performance. The Sonoma County Housing Authority again received HUD's highest performance rating for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

The Sonoma County Housing Authority received the Highest Performance rating awarded to Housing Authorities by HUD through the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP). This is an assessment process that enables HUD to more effectively manage the Housing Choice Voucher program by identifying housing authority capabilities and deficiencies related to the administration of the program. The Housing Authority was graded on 14 different indicators and received a final score of 104%. This was the eleventh year that HUD has rated housing authorities with this system and the eleventh year that the Sonoma County Housing Authority earned a "high performer" rating.



Regional Parks - Healdsburg Water Carnival Awards

Regional Parks was honored with several awards for the Healdsburg Water Carnival in 2012. The National Association of Counties, the California Park and Recreation Society and the Russian Riverkeeper all recognized the Water Carnival for its innovation and community building. The Carnival was created in 2011 (in partnership with the city of Healdsburg and Supervisor Mike McGuire) to raise the money needed to keep the Veterans Memorial Beach swimming area open.

iWORKwell Recognition Program Wins National Achievement Award

In 2012, the iWORKwell program was selected by the National Association of Counties to receive its distinguished Achievement Award. The Sonoma County iWORKwell Recognition Program is a voluntary certification program that recognizes private employers for developing and implementing exceptional employee wellness programs. Employers are awarded Bronze, Silver or Gold classification based on the breadth and depth of their employee wellness initiatives.

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County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
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Agenda Item Number: 12
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To: Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: 4/5

Department or Agency Name(s): County Counsel

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Sheryl L. Bratton, 707-565-2421

Supervisorial District(s):

Title: First Amendment to Legal Services Agreement between County of Sonoma and Moscone Emblidge Sater & Otis for Legal Services.

Recommended Actions:

Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute an amendment to the Legal Services Agreement with Moscone Emblidge Sater & Otis for representation in an appeal.

Executive Summary:

This appeal arises out of a lawsuit filed by the Salmon Estate (*Paul Scheinberg, Successor Trustee of the Salmon Family Survivors' Trust and Salmon Family Decedents' Trust Under Trust Agreement Dated November 20, 1990 v. County of Sonoma, et al.*) involving the failure to reach an agreement concerning the granting of an easement in connection with the Salmons' dedication to the County of a strip of land which is now part of the Joe Rodota Trails. The Salmon Estate asserts that because the County did not grant the easement, it was not able to sell the property to the Santa Rosa Junior College. The County generally prevailed at the trial. The trial judge ruled that the Salmon Estate was not entitled to any damages on any of the claims, but ordered the County to grant the easement. The Salmon Estate appealed the ruling. The County filed a cross-appeal on the judge's order to grant a 70 foot easement across the Joe Rodota trail.

The County Counsel retained the law firm of Moscone Emblidge Sater & Otis LLP ("Moscone Lawfirm") to represent the County in the appeal. The Moscone Lawfirm has extensive appellate practice and has represented numerous public entities. Since the County Counsel's authority to retain outside counsel is limited to a maximum of \$25,000, it is necessary for the Board to approve an amendment to the legal services agreement so that the Moscone Lawfirm can continue to represent the County on this matter.

Prior Board Actions:

None

Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 3: Invest in the Future			
This amendment supports the protection of the County's legal and economic interests.			
Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13			
Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$	County General Fund	\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$	Total Sources	\$
Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):			
The necessary appropriations to support this amendment are included in the FY 12-13 budget.			
Staffing Impacts			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)
Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):			
Attachments:			
Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:			
Amendment to Legal Services Agreement; Legal Services Agreement			



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Agenda Item Number: 13
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To: Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): General Services / Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Gene Clark, General Services, 707-565-2463;
Julianne Kamplain, ACTTC, 707-565-3583

Supervisorial District(s):

Countywide (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Districts)

Title: New lease for the Enterprise Financial System Project for the County of Sonoma

Recommended Actions:

Authorize the Clerk to publish a notice declaring the Board of Supervisors' intention to enter into a lease agreement with the Sonoma County Employee's Retirement Association (SCERA) for approximately 5,060 rentable sq. ft., for an initial rental rate of \$1.45 per sq. ft. per month (approximately \$88,045 per year), subject to adjustment as more particularly described in said lease, for an initial 3-year term plus options, in the building located at 433 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA.

Executive Summary:

Background: Since 2005, the County has recognized the need to replace the existing, mainframe based, finance and budget systems with a new, non-mainframe based, integrated financial system to serve all the entities governed by the Board of Supervisors. On September 18, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved staff recommendations to proceed with the Enterprise Financial System (EFS) project and directed staff to acquire the resources required to complete the system upgrade, including an estimated budget of \$200,000 to rent space for the first two years of the project.

Proposed EFS Lease. ACTTC and General Services staff prioritized the location of project real estate because the EFS project is underway and working with critical implementation timelines. Staff initially searched for County-owned space to house the project team's 11.8 F.T.E. County employees and any vendors/consultants. However, staff determined that existing County-owned space would be inadequate for the project's implementation needs and that securing lease space would be required to accommodate the EFS team and the operational and training functions to be performed.

The ACTTC and General Services staff assigned to locate space judged the suitability of available space for all four stages of the EFS project schedule, which consists of: Discovery, Implementation, Mainframe Transition, and end-user training. The following criteria were used to determine the most appropriate project space:

1. Immediate availability
2. 3,000 - 5,000 sq. ft. of congruent and compatible office space and training/conference rooms
3. Availability of a 3-year lease with options
4. Sufficient parking for increased occupancy during training
5. Easy access to main roads/freeways.
6. Ability to undertake and complete necessary tenant and system improvements expediently and within available budget.

After determining that 433 Aviation Boulevard fulfills all of the EFS project's requirements, Real Estate staff negotiated a lease with SCERA, the property's owner. The proposed terms are as follows:

Premises: Approximately 5,060 sq. ft. of office space located at 433 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 110, Santa Rosa. In addition to office space, the County may use the building's two conference rooms approximately 6-8 times per month and the SCERA Board room once per month for training and meetings.

Initial Term: Three years. The lease contains two, 6-month options to extend the initial term.

Rent: \$7,337 per month (\$1.45 per sq. ft.). However, rent would be waived for the first 2 months under the proposed lease. Rent would be subject to \$.10 per sq. ft. increases in years 2 and 3, raising the monthly rent to \$7,843 and \$8,349 respectively. \$1.45 per sq. ft. is a competitive rate and in line with comparable, available space in the County.

Termination: County may terminate the lease for any reason by providing 90 days' notice to the landlord, and a pro-rated early termination fee will be charged.

If the proposed action is approved, the County would receive free rent for the first two months of the lease (February and March, 2013), and the total rental payments for FY 2012-2013 would be \$22,011 (\$7,337 per month for April, May and June, 2013). The landlord would be responsible for all utility and janitorial service costs.

If the proposed actions are not approved, then County will be unable to provide adequate space for the project team and vendor, thereby jeopardizing the successful completion of the project.

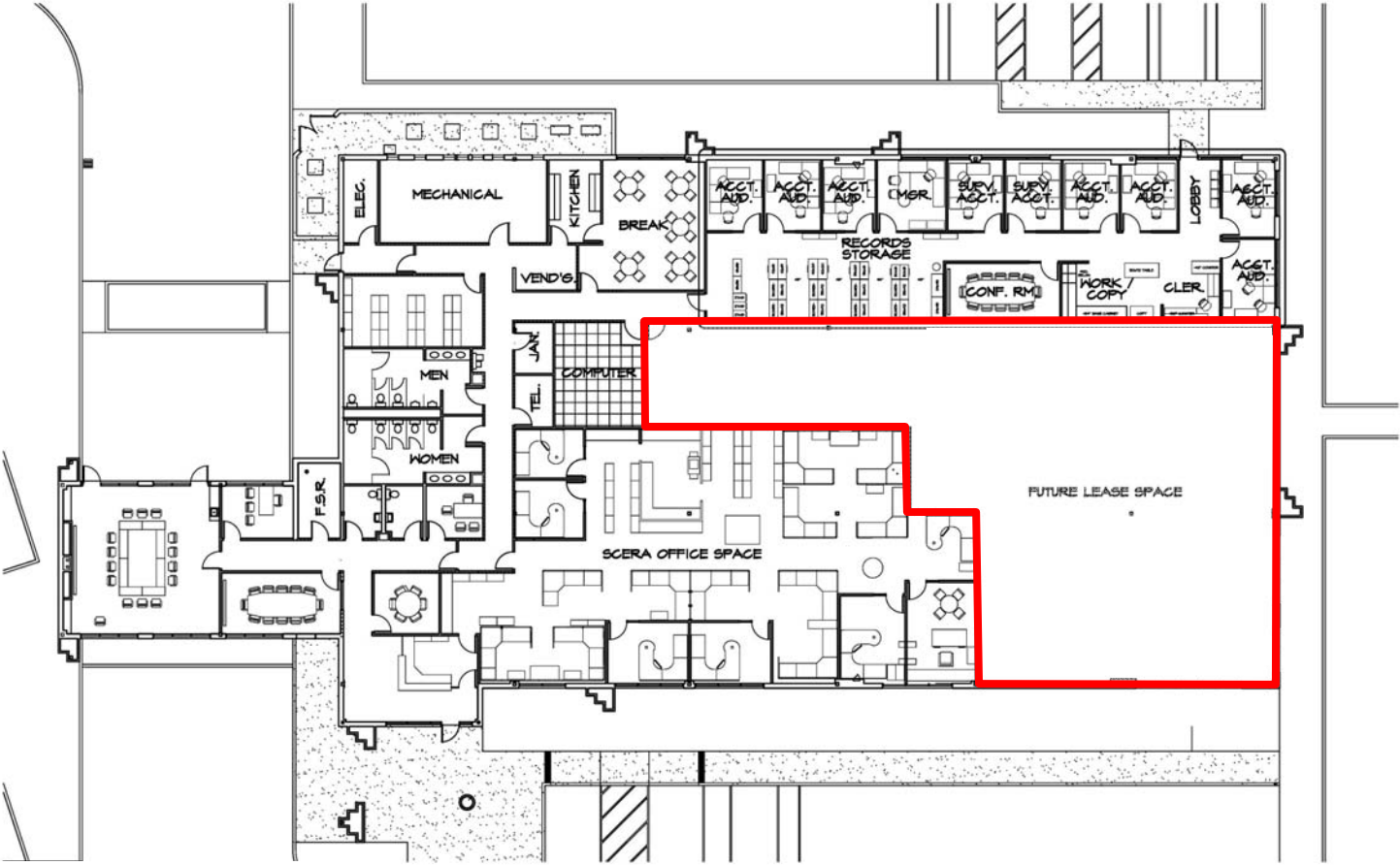
If the requested action is approved, this matter will be returned to the Board at 8:30 a.m. on or after February 5, 2012 to consummate the lease.

Prior Board Actions:

09-18-12 – Authorized staff to proceed with negotiations for purchase and implementation of a new EFS with Ciber, Inc.; directed staff to include necessary position allocation and budgetary adjustment actions in the first quarter consolidated budget adjustments.

Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 3: Invest in the Future			
Investment in a new Enterprise Financial System to replace the current financial and budget systems will provide for improved fiscal responsibility, efficiency and accountability for the County of Sonoma.			
Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13			
Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 22,011.	County General Fund	\$ 22,011.
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$ 22,011.	Total Sources	\$ 22,011.
Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):			
Under the terms of the proposed lease, County would be provided a rental credit of \$14,674 (\$7,337 X 2 months) for the months of February and March, 2013. The estimated rental expense for the FY 2012-2013 would be a total of \$22,011 (\$7,337 X 3 months) for the months of April, May and June, 2013).			
Staffing Impacts			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)
Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):			
Attachments:			
1) Diagram of proposed premises; 2) notice of intent			
Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:			
Copy of proposed lease			

EXHIBIT A



**SCERA and County of
Sonoma Lease - EFS
Project, 433 Aviation**



**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF INTENT OF COUNTY
TO LEASE REAL PROPERTY**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors intends to authorize the Director of the Department of General Services, or his Deputy, to lease approximately five thousand sixty (5,060) sq. ft. of improved office space located in Suite 110, situated in that certain office building ("Building") located at 433 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, California, for use by the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector, for its Enterprise Financial System project. The Board intends to lease the premises from the Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association, a California local public retirement system established pursuant to the County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937, as amended, Government Code Section 31450, et. seq., for the base monthly full-service rental of One and 45/100 Dollars (\$1.45) per sq. ft. of office space, said rental subject to increase as set forth in the Lease, for a three (3) year initial term, with two (2) options to extend the term for six (6) months each. Additional information regarding the proposed lease is available for public review at the Office of the Director of the Sonoma County General Services Department, 2300 County Center Drive, Suite A200, Santa Rosa, California 95403. The Board of Supervisors will meet on or after February 5, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. at the Sonoma County Administration Building, Room 102A, 575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, California to consummate the lease.

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Public notice of the County's intention to lease the Property shall be published once a week for three successive weeks in accordance with Government Code Section 25350 and 6063.



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Agenda Item Number: 14
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Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
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To: Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Department of Health Services

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Supervisory District(s):

Rita Scardaci, 565-4700

Countywide

Title: Food System Support Contract

Recommended Actions:

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute an agreement with Ag Innovations Network to support efforts related to the Sonoma County Food System Alliance for the period January 15, 2013 through June 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

Executive Summary:

The Sonoma County Food System Alliance (SCFSA) is a coalition of diverse local food system stakeholders including farmers, food producers and distributors, food security organizations, public health and environmental advocates, and other community leaders that build community consensus and partnerships to increase access to healthy food in Sonoma County. Launched in 2009, the SCFSA advocates for the creation of a vibrant local food system in Sonoma County. The SCFSA is part of a California network of county alliances and state roundtables that allow for consensus actions and policy recommendations from food and agriculture stakeholders.

Over the past three years, the SCFSA has achieved a number of successes, including:

- Partnering with the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors and other County Departments to convene the Sonoma County Food Forum in February 2011. With over 300 participants, the Food Forum engaged the broader community in dialogue about the local food system.
- Completing the Sonoma County Community Food Assessment, a comprehensive report detailing all aspects of the Sonoma County food system.
- Hosting two School Food Workshops to explore the possibility of advancing farm to school efforts and provide networking opportunities for food service workers, farmers, and community members.
- Developing and conducting a school food service survey and school garden survey to inform programmatic activities.
- Working with schools to get local apples into the school meal, conduct Harvest of the Month activities, and support heritage apples in Sonoma County.

- Drafting and completing the Sonoma County Healthy and Sustainable Food Action Plan, a guiding document for local action on food production, land and natural resource stewardship, job development, public health, and equity for the local food system.

The Department of Health Services (Department) staff work on local food systems issues including implementation of the Healthy and Sustainable Food Action Plan, in particular internal coordination of County efforts and seeking opportunities for the Department to take action in alignment with the Healthy and Sustainable Food Action Plan. However, the Department does not have adequate staff to provide the Food System Alliance with logistics coordination across the County and research and technical assistance for stakeholders, which are essential to building upon the County's recent successes. The Department requests Board approval to execute a contract with Ag Innovations Network to provide this critical support to the Sonoma County Food System Alliance for the period of January 15, 2013 through June 30, 2015 for \$300,000.

The work of the Food System Alliance is instrumental in advancing the recently adopted Sonoma County Healthy and Sustainable Food Action Plan, and supporting the goals/objectives of the Department's newly published Strategic Plan including:

- Sonoma County residents, workers, and visitors have access to and consume healthy food.
- All sectors in the community actively support health outcomes.
- DHS makes strategic investments focused on prevention.
- Health disparities are reduced.
- Community is aware of available services and resources.
- Community partnerships are strengthened.

Specifically, the contract with Ag Innovations Network requires that they:

- Organize, design, and facilitate the meetings and overall strategy of the Sonoma County Food System Alliance.
- Build and sustain relationships with Sonoma County Food System Alliance members, community stakeholders, and others impacted by food system efforts.
- Support the ongoing process to adopt, implement, and secure commitments to advance the Sonoma County Healthy and Sustainable Food Action Plan.
- Support the ongoing work of the Sonoma County Food System Alliance and all of its committees (Farm to Institution Committee, Policy Committee, Process Committee, and other ad hoc project committees as needed) with logistics, communications, and documentation support.
- Organize and facilitate public forums, meetings, and special events as needed.
- Support additional fund development efforts for the Sonoma County Food System Alliance.
- Coordinate Sonoma County Food System Alliance efforts with other Alliances in the California network.
- Research food system best and emerging practices and provide needed technical support and expertise to inform and advance Food System Alliance efforts.
- Complete required reporting detailing challenges, successes, and needs of the project, which the Department will use to update the Board of Supervisors in the context of overall local food systems efforts.

The Department has selected the contractor via a competitive process. Two proposals were received in response to the request for proposals. Ag Innovations Network (a local/Sonoma County-based organization)

was selected because of their successful history of providing operational support, guidance, and best practices to Food System Alliance groups across California. Their expertise, experience, and existing relationships within the industry will help advance food system efforts in Sonoma County.

Prior Board Actions:

Approved the Department of Health Services Strategic Plan (11/3/2012), adopted the Sonoma County Healthy and Sustainable Food Action Plan (10/23/2012), received report on February 2011 Sonoma County Food Forum (8/9/2011), and directed the Department of Health Services to work with the Sonoma County Food System Alliance, County Departments, and other partners to develop a Sonoma County Healthy and Sustainable Food System Action Plan and Recommendations (8/9/2011).

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 1: Safe, Healthy, and Caring Community

The support provided by Ag Innovations Network to the Sonoma County Food System Alliance will help ensure access to healthy food in Sonoma County.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 66,215	County General Fund	\$ 0
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$ 0	State/Federal	\$ 66,215
	\$	Fees/Other	\$ 0
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$ 0
	\$	Contingencies	\$ 0
Total Expenditure	\$ 66,215	Total Sources	\$ 66,215

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

There is no contribution from the General Fund. Funding includes state/federal resources in the amount of \$300,000 through June 30, 2015 (FY 12/13: \$66,215, FY 13/14: \$121,205, and FY 13/15: \$112,580).

Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

Attachments:

None

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

Ag Innovations Network Contract



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Agenda Item Number: 15
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Permit and Resource Management Department

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Supervisory District(s):

Traci Tesconi 565-1903

Fifth

Title: Lot Line Adjustment between three parcels with one parcel under a Williamson Act contract, File No. LLA12-0031.

Recommended Actions:

Consider and Approve Resolution and Conditions of Approval for a Lot Line Adjustment between three parcels owned by The Lands of Joseph W. Dutton and Tracy L. Dutton, Trustees; the Lands of Paul Hobbs Winery; and the Lands of Larry Brooke and Eliana Brooke for properties located at 4082 Highway 116 North, Graton (APN 113-110-028), 8661 Green Valley Road, Sebastopol (APN 130-11-009), and 3800 Vine Hill Road, Sebastopol, (APN 130-110-029) Supervisorial District No. 5.

Executive Summary:

Proposal:

This is a request for a Lot Line Adjustment between three parcels 19.12 acres (Lot A), 7.20 acres (Lot B), and .54 acres (Lot C), resulting in three parcels 19.15 acres (Lot A), 7.17 acres (Lot B), and .67 acres (Lot C), including the land acquired in a Judgment of Quiet Title for Lot A and Lot B. All three parcels are zoned DA (Diverse Agriculture) 20 acres density, Z (Second Unit Exclusion), SR (Scenic Resource). Lot A is under an existing prime (Type I) Williamson Act contract (1-605-83; 83/011843). The purpose of the Lot Line Adjustment is to adjust property lines to coincide with existing vine rows on Lot A.

Lot A contains a large commercial vineyard, a 20,000 case winery and detached public tasting room with events approved under Use Permit (UPE05-0122 and UPE01-0139), and a telecommunication cell tower approved under Use Permit (UPE05-0105). Lot B contains a single family residence, pasture, and evergreen trees. Lot C contains two single family residences and a detached garage.

Williamson Act:

To facilitate a Lot Line Adjustment, Gov. Code § 51257 permits the contracting party (Lot A) to rescind the existing contract and simultaneously enter into a new contract because the following findings can be made:

a. The new contract or contracts would enforceably restrict the adjusted boundaries of the parcel for an initial term for at least as long as the unexpired term of the rescinded contract or contracts, but for not less than 10 years.

Staff Comment: This finding can be made because the property owner of Lot A has agreed to the requirement of the Conditions of Approval for the Lot Line Adjustment to rescind and replace the existing contract with a new contract. The new contract for resulting Lot A will remain to be for not less than 10 years, renewing automatically every January 1st. The recession and replacement of the existing contract will require a separate and subsequent Board action to be scheduled at a later date.

b. There is no net decrease in the amount of the acreage restricted. In cases where two parcels involved in a Lot Line Adjustment are both subject to contracts rescinded pursuant to this section, this finding will be satisfied if the aggregate acreage of the land restricted by the new contracts is at least as great as the aggregate acreage restricted by the rescinded contracts.

Staff Comment: This finding can be made because the Lot Line Adjustment will not result in any decrease in the aggregate acreage of land under contract. The amount of land under contract will slightly increase from 19.12 acres to 19.15 acres. Lot A is the only parcel involved in the Lot Line Adjustment this is under a Williamson Act contract and will remain under contract after the Lot Line Adjustment has been recorded.

c. At least 90 percent of the land under the former contract or contracts remains under the new contract or contracts.

Staff Comment: This finding can be made because the Lot Line Adjustment results in 100% of existing Lot A to remain under the new contract, plus an additional 0.3 acre, resulting in 19.15 acres under contract. Overall, the land currently under contract will remain under contract.

d. After the Lot Line Adjustment, the parcels of land subject to contract will be large enough to sustain their agricultural use, as defined in Section 51222.

Staff Comment: This finding can be made because the Lot Line Adjustment involves only one parcel (Lot A) under a Williamson Act contract. Under the Lot Line Adjustment Lot A will continue to be large enough to sustain its agricultural use (commercial vineyard) and will continue to meet its respective contract-type's minimum parcel size requirement. Resulting Lot A will be 19.15 acres under a prime (Type I) contract that requires a minimum parcel size of 10 acres.

e. The Lot Line Adjustment would not compromise the long-term agricultural productivity of the parcel or other agricultural lands subject to a contract or contracts.

Staff Comment:

This finding can be made because the Lot Line Adjustment does not result in a decrease in the amount of land under Williamson Act contract because Conditions of Approval require that the existing contract on Lot A be rescinded and replaced with a new contract. Lot A will continue to be in compliance with its Williamson Act contract because over 50% of the parcel is planted with a commercial vineyard (Pinot Noir variety). Gross income per acre from the vineyard ranges from \$5,000.00 – \$6,000.00 per acre.

Under the newly adopted Agricultural Preserve Rules, the minimum gross income requirements are as follows:

Vineyard: Not less than \$1,000.00 per Planted Acre

Lot A will continue to conform to its prime (Type I) contract under the local Agricultural Preserve Rules and Regulations for minimum parcel size of 10 acres and minimum gross income requirement.

f. The Lot Line Adjustment is not likely to result in the removal of adjacent land from agricultural use.

Staff Comment: The Lot Line Adjustment is minor in nature and will not affect adjacent lands or their agriculture uses.

g. The Lot Line Adjustment does not result in a greater number of developable parcels than existed prior to the adjustment, or an adjusted lot that is inconsistent with the General Plan.

Staff Comment: The Lot Line Adjustment does not result in a greater number of developable parcels. All three parcels are developed either with a commercial winery facility (Lot A) or single family residences (Lot B and Lot C). In addition, under their current General Plan land use designation of Diverse Agriculture 20 acres per dwelling unit, none of the three parcels are eligible for a subdivision either before or after the Lot Line Adjustment.

Staff recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board find that all Government Code § 51257 findings are satisfied in connection with the proposed Lot Line Adjustment, and approve the proposed Lot Line Adjustment subject to the attached Conditions of Approval. Lot A will continue to be devoted to a qualifying agricultural use. Lot B and Lot C are not under a Williamson Act contract. Conditions of Approval require that prior to recording the Grant Deeds for the Lot Line Adjustment, the property owner of Lot A shall submit the appropriate applications and filing fees to rescind and replace the existing contract with a new prime (Type I) Williamson Act contract. Once the Lot Line Adjustment grant deeds are recorded, then the County can proceed with preparation of the new contract, and

include the new legal description for the parcel. Furthermore, all three parcels involved in the Lot Line Adjustment are under the same land use and zoning designation and there is no increase in overall subdivision potential as a result of the Lot Line Adjustment, therefore, staff recommends approval.

Prior Board Actions:

None

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 2: Economic and Environmental Stewardship

The Board of Supervisors has endorsed the continuation of the County’s agricultural preserve program to preserve a maximum amount of the limited supply of agricultural, open space, scenic, and critical habitat lands within the county, to discourage premature and unnecessary conversion of such lands to urban land uses, to promote vitality in the agricultural economy, and to ensure an adequate, varied, and healthy supply of food and fiber for current and future generations. The purpose of the Lot Line Adjustment is to improve the management of the existing vineyard on the larger parcel. In addition, the rescission and replacement of Williamson Act contract for one of the parcels will help facilitate further agricultural investment and support agricultural viability and help preserve open space land in Sonoma County.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$	Select an item.	\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
(Not Applicable)	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$	Total Sources	\$

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

One parcel (Lot A) is currently under a Williamson Act contract and will continue to remain under a new replacement contract. There is no net loss and just a slight gain (0.1%) of land under contract. There should be no new fiscal impacts as a result of this action.

Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):			
Attachments:			
Attachment A - Draft Resolution Exhibit A-1 -Draft Conditions of Approval			
Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:			
Vicinity Map, Proposal Statement, APN page, and Lot Line Adjustment Site plan			

Resolution No.

**County of Sonoma
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

**Date: 1/15/2013
LLA12-0031 Traci Tesconi**

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Makings Findings Pursuant To Government Code Section 51257 And Granting The Request Of The Lands Of Joseph W. Dutton And Tracy L. Dutton, Trustees, The Lands Of Paul Hobbs Winery, And The Lands Of Larry Brooke And Eliana Brooke, For A Lot Line Adjustment Between Three Parcels Located At 4082 Highway 116 North, Sebastopol (APN 113-110-028), 8661 Green Valley Road, Sebastopol (APN 130-11-009), And 3800 Vine Hill Road, Sebastopol, (APN 130-110-029) Supervisorial District No. 5. The Dutton Parcel Is Under A Williamson Act Contract.

Whereas, the property owners The Lands of Joseph W. Dutton and Tracy L. Dutton, Trustees; the Lands of Paul Hobbs Winery; and the Lands of Larry Brooke and Eliana Brooke, filed an application with the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department for a minor Lot Line Adjustment between three parcels 19.12 acres (Lot A), 7.20 acres (Lot B), and .54 acres (Lot C), resulting in three parcels 19.15 acres (Lot A), 7.17 acres (Lot B), and .67 acres (Lot C) in size, including the land acquired in a Judgement of Quiet Title for Lot A and Lot B. Lot A (Dutton) is under a Williamson Act Contract. The properties are located at 4082 Highway 116 North, Graton (APN 113-110-028), 8661 Green Valley Road, Sebastopol (APN 130-11-009), and 3800 Vine Hill Road, Sebastopol, (APN 130-110-029) Supervisorial District No. 5.

Whereas, the purpose of the Lot Line Adjustment is to adjust property lines to coincide with existing vine rows on Lot A. Lot A is under a prime (Type I) Williamson Act contract.

Whereas, Government Code Section 51257 requires that the Board of Supervisors make certain findings before an existing Williamson Act Contract may be rescinded and replaced to facilitate a Lot Line Adjustment.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors makes the following findings consistent with Government Code Section 51257:

1. The replacement contract would enforce and restrict the adjusted boundaries of the parcel for an initial term for at least as long as the unexpired term of the rescinded contract but for not less than 10 years.
2. There is no net decrease in the amount of the acreage restricted by a contract.
3. The Lot Line Adjustment results in 100 percent (100%) of the land under the original contracts to remain restricted under the new Prime (Type I)

required as a Condition of Approval for the Lot Line Adjustment.

4. After the Lot Line Adjustment, the resultant parcels (Lot A) will remain large enough to sustain its agricultural use (commercial vineyard). Resultant Lot A will exceed the 10 acre minimum acreage requirement for a prime contract and will exceed the minimum gross income requirement of \$1,000 per acre gross income for vineyard land.

5. The Lot Line Adjustment does not compromise the long-term agricultural productivity of the parcels (Lot A) subject to contract. The purpose of the Lot Line Adjustment is to adjust property line boundaries to coincide with the existing vine rows of Lot A to better manage the existing agricultural operation.

6. The Lot Line Adjustment is minor in nature and will not result in the removal of adjacent land from agricultural use. The land use and zoning designations on all three parcels will remain as Diverse Agriculture 20 acres per dwelling unit. Whereas, neither of the three parcels has subdivision potential before or after the Lot Line Adjustment.

7. The Lot Line Adjustment did not result in a greater number of developable parcels than existed prior to the adjustment because all three parcels are currently developed with either a winery facility (Lot A) or single family residences (Lot B and Lot C).

8. Conditions of approval require that prior to recording the Grant Deeds for the Lot Line Adjustment, the property owner of Lot A shall submit the appropriate applications and filing fees to rescind and replace the existing contract with a new prime (Type I) Williamson Act contract. Once the Lot Line Adjustment grant deeds are recorded, then the County can proceed with preparation of the new contract, and include the new legal description for the parcel.

9. The Diverse Agriculture zoning designation on Lot B is consistent with the County's Agricultural Preserve Rules for land under Williamson Act contracts. The Lot Line Adjustment does not result in any increase in overall subdivision potential.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors hereby finds that substantial evidence in the record before it supports the above findings, and further finds that the Lot Line Adjustment meets the requirements of the above findings.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors finds that the project described in this Resolution is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act by virtue of Section 15305 Class 5 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines) in that the project is a minor Lot Line Adjustment.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors designates the Clerk of the Board as the custodian of the documents and other material which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the office of the

Clerk of the Board, 575 Administration Drive, Room 100-A, Santa Rosa, California 95403.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors hereby grants the requested Lot Line Adjustment subject to the Conditions of Approval in Exhibit "A", attached hereto which includes a condition to rescind and replace the existing prime (Type I) Williamson Act Contract on Lot A.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors designates the Clerk of the Board as the custodian of the documents and other material which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the office of the Clerk of the Board, 575 Administration Drive, Room 100-A, Santa Rosa, California 95403.

Supervisors:

Gorin:	Zane:	McGuire:	Carrillo:	Rabbitt:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.

SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Draft Conditions of Approval

Time: 8:30 a.m.
Staff: Traci Tesconi
Owner 1: Joseph and Tracy Dutton
Owner 2: Paul Hobbs Winery
Owner 3: Larry and Eliana Brooke

Date: January 15, 2013
File No.: LLA12-0031
APN: 130-110-028, -029 and -009

Project Description: Request for a Lot Line Adjustment between three parcels 19.12 acres (Lot A), 7.20 acres (Lot B), and .54 acres (Lot C); resulting in three parcels 19.15 acres (Lot A), 7.17 acres (Lot B), and .67 acres (Lot C), including the land acquired in a Judgment of Quiet Title for Lot A and Lot B.

NOTE: Amendments and changes to approved Lot Line Adjustment conditions may be considered by the Board of Supervisors at a later date if additional information justifies the changes and does not increase the intensity of use approved by the original approval. The Director of the Permit and Resource Management Department will determine if a public hearing is necessary and if additional fees are required.

NOTE: These conditions must be met and the application validated within 24 months (September 11, 2014) unless a request for an extension of time is received before the expiration date.

1. Submit verification to the Permit and Resource Management Department that taxes, which are a lien and termed as payable, are paid to the Treasurer/Tax Collector's Department on all parcels affected by the adjustment. The Treasurer/Tax Collector knows the amount of the tax due.
2. Submit a draft description of the parcel(s) being transferred to the County Surveyor for approval. The following note shall be placed on the deed or deeds: "The purpose of this deed is for a Lot Line Adjustment for the combination of a portion of the Lands of Joseph W. Dutton and Tracy L. Dutton, Trustees, as described by deed recorded under Document No. 2010-028412, Sonoma County Records, APN 130-110-028, with the Lands of Paul Hobbs Winery, as described by deed recorded under Document No. 2012-013674, Sonoma County Records, APN 130-110-029, with the Lands of Larry Brooke and Eliana Brooke, as described by deed recorded under Document No. 2002-084403 and 2012-059546, Sonoma County Records. This deed is pursuant to an application for a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA12-0031) on file in the office of the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department. It is the express intent of the signators hereto that the recordation of this deed extinguishes any underlying parcels or portions of parcels." It is the responsibility of the surveyor/engineer preparing the deeds to insure that the information contained within the combination note is correct. Note: The County Surveyor may modify the above described note.
3. Deed of Trust agreements, which encumber only portions of accepted legal lots, are violations of the Subdivision Map Act; therefore, prior to Permit and Resource Management Department approval of the deed for recordation, the applicant shall submit either recorded documents or documents to be recorded concurrently with the Lot Line Adjustment deeds, showing that any Deed of Trust agreements on the subject properties will conform with the adjusted lot boundaries.
4. After approval of the deed description by the County Surveyor, a grant deed or deeds shall be prepared and submitted to the Permit and Resource Management Department for approval prior to recording.

5. The property owner(s) for Lot B and Lot C shall execute a Right-to-Farm Declaration on a form provided by PRMD to be submitted before the Lot Line Adjustment is cleared by PRMD for recordation. The Right-to-Farm Declaration shall be recorded concurrently with the PRMD approved lot line adjustment grant deed(s) to reflect the newly configured parcels. (Lot A already has a recorded Right to Farm Declaration).
6. A site plan map of the Lot Line Adjustment shall be prepared by a licensed surveyor or civil engineer and attached to the deed(s) to be recorded. The site plan shall be subject to the review and approval of the County Surveyor. The following note shall be placed on said plan: "THIS EXHIBIT IS FOR GRAPHIC PURPOSES ONLY. Any errors or omissions on this exhibit shall not affect the deed description."
7. Prior to PRMD stamping the grant deed(s) for the Lot Line Adjustment, the property owner of Lot A shall submit all application materials and applicable filing fees to rescind and replace the existing prime Type I Williamson Act contract with a new prime Type I Williamson Act contract and to enlarge Agricultural Preserve Area 1-605) by adding the 0.03 acres +/- adjusted into Lot A. Once the Lot Line Adjustment grant deeds are recorded, PRMD can proceed with processing the new contract.



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Agenda Item Number: 16
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

To: Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Permit and Resource Management Department

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Sigrid Swedenborg 707 565-1914

Supervisorial District(s):

All Districts

Title: Cotton, Shires and Associates Consulting Contract

Recommended Actions:

Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute a contract amendment with Cotton, Shires and Associates for an increase of \$20,000 for a new total not to exceed \$40,000, through August 31, 2013, for peer review of technical engineering documents such as geotechnical reports and hydrogeologic assessments.

Executive Summary:

Background: PRMD retains several contractors each year to peer review at-cost project review applications for traffic, geology and other technical studies. PRMD staff does not have the professional licenses registered by the State of California, such as Traffic Engineers or Professional Geologists to do peer reviews of the required studies. Once a required study has been submitted for a project, a determination is made on if it should be peer reviewed by a professionally licensed company. There are several companies that are under contract to do peer reviews for these studies or reports. Requests for proposals to do the work are circulated and a selection is made from the best proposal. The contracts are spread throughout the professional community and the total amount of each contract does not exceed \$25,000 each year. It is necessary to retain several contractors each year to insure that there is a selection to choose from. In the case of this Cotton Shires contract, several large contentious projects needed extensive review and the work started by Cotton Shires must be finished to keep the projects moving. All peer review contracts are paid for by applicants in the at-cost fees. The county does not expend funds for these services.

On September 14, 2011 the Purchasing Agent executed a \$20,000 contract for peer review of geologic reports with the consulting firm of Cotton, Shires and Associates. This amendment is needed to add another \$20,000 for further services. Peer review of the Environmental Impact Report's geotechnical section for the Henry Cornell Winery caused a major portion of the contracted money to be spent. The term of the original contract is to August 31, 2013. This amendment does not extend the term of the contract, only the amount. The

contract is proposed to be amended to allow for the increase from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

Services to be performed: Under the proposed Amended Agreement, Cotton, Shires and Associates will continue to provide peer review of technical engineering reports for projects at PRMD. All costs are 100% paid by the project applicants so there is no cost to the County.

Prior Board Actions:

None

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 1: Safe, Healthy, and Caring Community

This goal will be met by ensuring that technical documents are adequately done.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 20,000	Select an item.	\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$ 20,000
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$ 20,000	Total Sources	\$ 20,000

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

No additional costs will be borne by the County. Peer reviews performed by the contractor are paid by the project applicant through At-Cost Planning applications.

Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

Non Applicable

Attachments:

Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

Four original signed Amendments for Consulting Services and the Original Agreement dated September 14, 2011



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Agenda Item Number: 17
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Regional Parks

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Supervisory District(s):

Bert Whitaker (707) 565-2041

Fourth District

Title: Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach Dam Repair

Recommended Actions:

Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute an amended Professional Services Agreement with LTD Engineering, Inc. to expand the scope of the agreement, extend the term through October 31, 2014, and increase the consideration by \$21,000 for at total of \$106,000 for engineering services for repairs to the Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach dam spillway.

Executive Summary:

Regional Parks is proposing to amend a Professional Services Agreement with LTD Engineering to complete repairs to the sill of the dam at Healdsburg Veteran's Memorial Beach. Additional tasks included in the amended agreement are completion of the permit and regulatory process, final design and specifications for future repair work, assistance with the selection of a vendor to do the repair work, and evaluation of the completed repairs. LTD Engineering has contracted with the County since 2001 and is knowledgeable about the project history and the complex regulatory processes. Continuing the business relationship with LTD provides the most efficient and cost effective path to compliance with the Division of Safety of Dams requirements.

The Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach Dam, originally built in 1953, provides swimming and recreational opportunities during the summer months and aids in recharging groundwater in the Healdsburg area. Seasonal dams were once common on the Russian River and its tributaries, but these structures have become increasingly regulated due to their impacts on Steelhead, both Coho and Chinook salmon, and other aquatic life in and around the river. The dam is now raised on or after June 26 and lowered after Labor Day in September in order to protect endangered species and minimize impact on aquatic life. The dam is monitored for structural integrity by the California Division of Safety of Dams and all repairs must be approved by the US Army Corp of Engineers. Due to concerns about the aging structure, in 2009 the height of the dam was lowered from 7 feet to 6 feet and at that time the Division of Safety of Dams mandated short term repairs to address immediate

maintenance needs as well as a long term refurbishment project. LTD Engineering was the selected vendor and was hired to assess the structural integrity of the dam, design proposed repair work, assist Regional Parks in obtaining required permits, and assist in the selection of other vendors to perform the desired repair work.

The dam spans the Russian River and consists of a concrete sill with removable flashboards held in place by 31 pairs of steel anchor plates attached to the sill. Over the nearly 60 year life of the dam, the steel anchor plates and concrete sill have sustained varying levels of damage exposing the reinforcing steel bars that had once been embedded in concrete. In 2009 all the steel anchor plates were replaced and LTD Engineering began planning for the next phase of the project; repairing wear on the concrete sill. This phase of the project involves adding steel reinforcement and replacing eroded concrete on the sill to make it level with the base of the anchor plates. The City of Healdsburg has agreed to provide \$55,000 in one-time funding for repairs to the Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach dam. In return, the County agrees to raise the dam annually for at least 5 years after the repairs have been completed.

Regional Parks began the extensive permitting process for pile cap repair in 2009, which requires approval or permitting from the Division of Safety of Dams, the National Marine Fisheries Service division of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the US Army Corp of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The US Army Corp of Engineers consults with the National Marine Fisheries Service before issuing permits for the repairs. In turn, the National Marine Fisheries Services required extensive water studies before they would give their approval. Those studies were completed in 2012 and Regional Parks is awaiting the report, but they have indicated that they will approve the proposed repairs.

Repairs to the dam have exceeded the initial timeline and have cost more than was specified in the initial contract and contract amendments with LTD Engineering. Damage to the anchor plates and the concrete sill were more extensive than first estimated and this additional damage led to increased repair work. Both the additional repair work and the necessity to utilize concrete in the river channel triggered the additional expenditures and regulatory oversight.

Prior Board Actions:

In 2009 the Board of Supervisors authorized the Chair to execute a Professional Services Agreement with LTD Engineering, Inc. for \$38,000. In 2010 the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the contract that modified the scope of work to add \$47,000 in additional services.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Goal 2: Economic and Environmental Stewardship

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 21,000	County General Fund	\$ 21,000
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$ 21,000	Total Sources	\$ 21,000

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

LTD Engineering estimates that total costs to complete the sill repair are \$21,000. Unused appropriations from the prior contract of \$12,000 are available to complete the work, the remaining \$9,000 will come from current Operations and Maintenance appropriations.

Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

Attachments:

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

LTD Engineering PSA



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Agenda Item Number: 18
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

To: Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Regional Parks

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Supervisory District(s):

Jim Piercy (707) 875-3955

5th District

Title: Mason's Marina Fish-buying Revocable License Agreement

Recommended Actions:

Authorize the Director of Regional Parks to execute a Revocable License Agreement with North Coast Fisheries, Inc. for the use of property located at Mason's Marina, 1820 Westshore Road, Bodega Bay, for an initial term of 1 year, from April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 with an option to renew for 1 year with revenues of \$30,000 per year.

Executive Summary:

The County is the owner of real property known as Mason's Marina, located at 1820 Westshore Road, Bodega Bay, CA. The Regional Parks Department has been managing the Marina since April, 2012, after the expiration of the previous lease with Leon O. Mason and Olivia Mason. The prior tenants had entered into a sub-lease with North Coast Fisheries, Inc. in 2000 to lease a portion of Mason's Marina consisting of a small paved parking area and the southernmost dock used for fish-buying. That sub-lease expired concurrent with the Masons' lease after the County resumed control of the operations at Mason's Marina.

North Coast Fisheries, Inc. (NCF) is based locally in Sonoma County and purchases fish from the fishing vessels returning to Bodega Bay with their catch. NCF processes these fish at their processing plant in Santa Rosa for sale to local markets as well as more distant distribution. As stated above, NCF is an established tenant with equipment and structures installed on the dock and established working relationships with the local fishing population.

The initial term of the Revocable License Agreement is for 1 year, commencing retroactively, April 1, 2012 and expiring on March 31st 2013 with an option for the Director of Regional Parks to extend the agreement for one year. Consideration will consist of wharfage fees of \$0.04 per pound for off-loading of salmon, crab, swordfish, sable fish and rock cod for the account of the tenant with an additional \$0.07 per pound charged for fish

offloaded by the tenant for other companies. Wharfage fees are based on Fish and Game landing tags. Monthly fees will not be less than \$2,500 per month. Total revenue will be based on the seasonal catch of a variety of species. In addition, NCF will pay for all water and electrical usage.

Due to the complexity of the transition of the facility from Mason’s management to County management along with protracted negotiations between the County and North Coast Fisheries, Inc., the completion of this agreement has been delayed since April 2012. Regional Parks staff is researching legal and contracting options for the long term usage of the South Fish Buying Dock at Mason’s Marina consistent with a long term plan for Mason’s Marina that is currently being developed. Regional Parks has consulted with General Services Real Estate Division and County Counsel on the preparation of the agreement.

Prior Board Actions:

None.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 2: Economic and Environmental Stewardship

By entering into this agreement the County will further support the economic vitality of our local fishing fleet. Supporting the fishing population by having a local fish buyer will foster a strong and viable fishing economy.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 0	County General Fund	\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$ (RENT) 36,000
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$ 0	Total Sources	\$ 36,000

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

Rent may exceed \$30,000 per year depending on the catch, verified by Landing Reports filed by North Coast Fisheries with the California Department of Fish and Game. This revenue is budgeted for FY12-13.

Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):			
Attachments:			
Map			
Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:			
Revocable License Agreement (5 copies)			



Attachment 1 - MAP



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Agenda Item Number: 19
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

To: Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Sheriff's Office

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Supervisory District(s):

Connie Newton, 565-8884

All

Title: Annual Inmate Welfare Trust Fund Report

Recommended Actions:

Accept the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Annual Inmate Welfare Trust Fund Report.

Executive Summary:

California Penal Code Section 4025 (c) requires that this itemized annual report of the activity of the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund be submitted to the Board of Supervisors annually for review. Accordingly, the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Annual Inmate Welfare Report is attached for the Board's information and review.

The California Penal Code allows the Sheriff to authorize expenditures from this Trust Fund for items or programs primarily for the benefit, education, and welfare of the inmates confined within the Sonoma County detention facilities. Any funds that are not needed for the benefit, welfare, and/or education of the inmates may be expended by the Sheriff for the maintenance of jail facilities or for other programs as deemed appropriate by the Sheriff. Inmate Welfare funds must be expended in accordance with the California Penal Code, Section 4025(e).

The Sheriff is also authorized to operate a jail store, known as the Inmate Commissary, to sell goods to inmates. The Inmate Commissary is operated through the Jail Stores Trust Fund. Sale prices are determined by the Sheriff and all profits from the operation of the jail stores are deposited in the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund to be kept in the Treasury of the County. Expenditures from the Jail Stores Trust are primarily for the purchase of goods sold (inventory) to inmates through the commissary. The profit generated from these sales is transferred to the Inmate Welfare Trust and combined with other revenues to fund various inmate programs such as: Starting Point (an inmate alcohol and drug treatment program), Friends Outside (a non-profit agency providing support to inmates and their families), and several educational classes, including GED classes.

FY 11-12 Financial Summary

The FY 11-12 Annual Inmate Welfare Report reflects revenues for the Jail Stores Trust in the amount of \$1,238,500 and expenditures of \$987,256 for a net increase to the Trust of \$ 251,244. Typically, expenditures include an operating transfer of profits from the Jails Stores Trust to the Inmate Welfare Trust as explained above. In FY 11-12 the annual transfer did not occur until early in FY 12-13. The Jail Stores Trust ending fund balance for FY 10-11, FY 11-12, and projected balance for FY 12-13 are shown in the table below.

Revenues for the Inmate Welfare Trust were \$ 471,410. Operating expenditures totaled \$608,170 for a net decrease of \$136,760. The delayed operating transfer from the Jails Stores Trust to the Inmate Welfare Trust resulted in a negative ending fund balance in FY 11-12; the transfer in early FY 12-13 restored this fund to a positive balance. The balance in the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund for fiscal years FY 10-11, FY 11-12, and projected balance for FY 12-13 are also shown in the table below.

The combined fund balance of the two Trusts increased from \$235,427 at the close of FY 10-11 to a projected \$349,945 at the close of FY 12-13, for a projected gain of \$114,518.

FY 12-13 Budget

The FY 12-13 budgets for the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund and Jail Stores Trust Fund are a continuation of the programs and services provided for in FY 11-12. This budget projects that the ending balance for Inmate Welfare Trust will increase by \$90,275 and the Jail Stores Trust balance will increase by \$24,243. Both budgets are attached for reference.

ENDING FUND BALANCE	<u>FY 10-11</u>	<u>FY 11-12</u>	<u>FY 12-13</u>	<u>from 10-11</u>
Inmate Welfare Trust Fund	\$ 94,466	\$ (42,292)	\$ 184,741	\$ 90,275
Jail Stores Trust Fund	\$ 140,961	\$ 392,204	\$ 165,204	\$ 24,243
	\$ 235,427	\$ 349,912	\$ 349,945	\$ 114,518

Prior Board Actions:

- Annual Review of the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund Report
- Resolution #20165 establishing the Jail Stores Trust Fund and Inmate Welfare Trust Funds

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 1: Safe, Healthy, and Caring Community

The funds described in this report provide funding for programs primarily for the benefit, education, and welfare of the inmates confined within the Sonoma County detention facilities.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 2,151,500	County General Fund	\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$ 2,151,500
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$ 2,151,500	Total Sources	\$ 2,151,500

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

This represents the combined estimated expense associated with the operation of the Inmate Welfare and Jail Stores Trusts for FY 12-13 (all expenditures are funded by the Trusts).

Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

Attachments:

Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Annual Inmate Welfare Trust Fund Report

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:



Sonoma County Sheriff's Office

STEVE FREITAS
Sheriff-Coroner

LORENZO DUEÑAS
Assistant Sheriff
Law Enforcement Division

RANDALL WALKER
Assistant Sheriff
Detention Division

DATE: August 31, 2012
TO: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Annual Inmate Welfare Trust Fund Report

The purpose of this report is to meet the requirement outlined in the California Penal Code, Section 4025 (e), which requires that an itemized report of trust fund revenues and expenditures be submitted annually to the Board of Supervisors.

There are two separate trust funds used in the inmate welfare accounting system. They are the Jail Stores Trust Fund and the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund. The Jail Stores Trust Fund was established for use as an operating fund for the Inmate Commissary. The Inmate Welfare Trust Fund holds money to be spent by the Sheriff, primarily for the benefit, education and welfare of inmates confined within the jail. Any funds that are not needed for the welfare of the inmates may be spent for the maintenance of county jail facilities or as otherwise deemed appropriate by the Sheriff.

Jail Stores Trust Fund

Revenues generated to this fund come from commissary sales, inmate vending machine sales, aluminum can recycling, and prior year revenue. Expenditures fall into five categories: Salary/Benefits, merchandise expenses, operating expenses, operational transfers to the Inmate Welfare Trust, and tax payments. Profit generated from the operation of the commissary is a significant source of revenue for the Inmate Welfare Trust. Attachment "A" is a detailed summary of the revenues and expenditures for FY 11-12.

Inmate Welfare Trust Fund

The Inmate Welfare Trust Fund is managed through the Inmate Welfare Trust Committee. The Sheriff or his designee has final authority over all Inmate Welfare Trust Fund activities. Revenues received in this fund are derived from the following sources: interest generated from the fund balances of both trust funds, vending machine commissions, inmate telephone commissions, miscellaneous revenues, and transfer from the Jail Stores Trust (profit from various sources).

Expenditures from the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund meet the guidelines outlined in the Penal Code, Section 4025 (e), which states: "The money and property deposited in the inmate welfare trust fund shall be expended by the sheriff primarily for the benefit, education, and welfare of the inmates confined within

the jail. Any funds that are not needed for the welfare of the inmates may be expended for the maintenance of county jail facilities. Maintenance of county jail facilities may include, but is not limited to, the salary and benefit of personnel used in programs to benefit the inmates, including but not limited to, education, drug and alcohol treatment, welfare, library, accounting, and other programs deemed appropriate by the sheriff"

Attachment "B" is a detailed summary of the revenues and expenditures for FY 11-12.

ATTACHMENT "A"

**Jail Stores Trust Fund
FY 11-12**

Beginning Fund Balance **\$ 140,961**

Revenues

Commissary Sales 4040	\$ 1,195,714
Vending Machine Sa 4020	\$ 42,622
Recycling Revenue	\$ 164
Prior Year Revenue	\$ -

Total Revenues **\$ 1,238,500**

Expenditures

Salary/Benefits 6500	\$ 182,123
Merchandise Expenses	\$ 583,157
Notions	\$ 49,411
Telephone Cards	\$ 137,600
Snacks	\$ 301,522
Stationary	\$ 7,293
Postage	\$ 44,978
Vending	\$ 42,353

Operating Expenses	\$ 37,401
Supplies	\$ 2,393
Overhead	\$ 20,516
Printing	\$ 1,902
Data Processing	\$ 4,590
Audit	\$ 8,000

Operational Transfers	\$ 175,298
Transfer to Inmate Welfare Trust (IWT)*	\$ -
Phone Card Revenue to IWT	\$ 175,298

Taxes	
Sales Tax	\$ 9,277

Total Expenditures **\$ 987,256**

Net Gain (Loss) **\$ 251,244**

Ending Fund Balance **\$ 392,205**

*\$200,000 was transferred in FY 12/13

ATTACHMENT "B"

**Inmate Welfare Trust Fund
FY 11-12**

<u>Beginning Fund Balance</u>		\$ 94,466
 <u>Revenues</u>		
Interest		\$ 5,036
Vending Commissions		\$ 16,339
Telephone Commissions		\$ 193,816
Intake Bag Reimbursement		\$ 26,512
GovPayEXP		\$ 3,518
Bail Bond Advertising		\$ 34,920
Touch Pay Messaging		\$ 1,165
Prior Year		\$ 4,501
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$ 10,305
Transfers from Jail Stores Trust - Phone Cards		\$ 175,298
Transfers from Jail Stores Trust*		
	Total Revenues	\$ 471,410
 <u>Expenditures</u>		
Repairs to Inmate Equipment		\$ 1,537
Starting Point		\$ 199,201
Salary Reimbursement Costs		\$ 176,954
Inmate Services Coordinator (20%)	\$ 28,550	
Program Officers(2 @ 50% each)	\$ 139,531	
Detention Assistant (Reading Program)	\$ 8,873	
Postage		\$ 62
Inmate Newspapers		\$ 5,462
Inmate Printing		
DIRECTV		\$ 1,090
Inmate Equipment		\$ 3,578
Games/Athletic Equipment		\$ 33,212
Legal Research Associates (LRA)		\$ 46,236
Inmate Education Programs		\$ 80,583
Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE)	\$ 46,540	
SCOE - Current Year Payable	\$ -	
California Parenting Program	\$ 13,200	
Literacy Program	\$ 5,219	
Goodwill Job Training Program	\$ 6,232	
Creative Conflict Resolution Classes	\$ 8,184	
Supplies	\$ 1,208	
Friend Outside Services		\$ 29,000
Welfare Bags		\$ 23,255
Audit		\$ 8,000
Miscellaneous		\$ -
	Total Expenditures	\$ 608,170
	Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (136,760)
 <u>Ending Fund Balance</u>		 \$ (42,294)

*\$200,000 was transferred in FY 12/13



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Agenda Item Number: 20
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

To: Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Sheriff's Office

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Supervisorial District(s):

Lt. O'Leary/Christel Querijero, 565-3787 / 565-3923

All

Title: FY 12-13 Anti-Drug Abuse (ADA) Grant Award

Recommended Actions:

Approve a resolution and authorize the Sheriff to take the following actions: (a) apply for the FY 12-13 Anti-Drug Abuse (ADA) grant, (b) accept the grant award totaling \$157,176 for the grant period from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, and (c) execute the related grant agreement including any amendments or modifications that do not substantially change the material terms of the agreement.

Executive Summary:

This item requests that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Sheriff to apply for the FY 12-13 Anti-Drug Abuse (ADA) grant, accept the subsequent award, and execute the grant agreement. Additionally, it requests the Board of Supervisors approve a resolution assuring the granting organization that grant funds shall be used according to grant requirements.

ADA Background

The Sheriff's Office has received an annual ADA grant award since 1991. The County's ADA program combines the efforts of the Sheriff's Office, Probation Department, and District Attorney's Office (DA). These agencies collaborate to develop cases against drug dealers and to coordinate narcotic investigation and enforcement activities performed by various local law enforcement agencies.

ADA FY 12-13

The Sheriff's Office was notified of the FY 12-13 ADA grant award on August 16, 2012. The deadline to submit the application was September 21, 2012. Given the timeframe allowed to prepare the application, the Sheriff's Office was unable to bring the application to the Board for approval prior to the application deadline. The Sheriff's Office submitted the FY 12-13 application for a total award of \$157,176. The District Attorney's Office

will receive \$31,339 of the total amount to fund 14% of a deputy district attorney position. The deputy district attorney assigned to the grant prosecutes cases related to the grant project. The Sheriff's Office will receive the remaining \$125,837 to fund approximately 69% of a Narcotics Unit detective position. The grant award will also be used to fund training required by the grant program. Funding from other active grants will cover the remaining 31% of the detective position in addition to supplies and other training costs. The ADA detective initiates drug related investigations, conducts search warrants, and makes arrests.

Prior Board Actions:

Annual participation in ADA grant program since 1991.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 1: Safe, Healthy, and Caring Community

The Anti-Drug Abuse (ADA) Program supports the County's goal to provide its citizens a safe community because program funding increases the resources devoted to narcotics enforcement activities and allows for more interagency collaboration. These resources result in increased investigative intelligence, the disruption of more illegal activities, and the apprehension and ultimately conviction of more offenders.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 125,837	County General Fund	\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$ 31,339	State/Federal	\$ 157,176
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$ 157,176	Total Sources	\$ 157,176

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

ADA Appropriation

The Sheriff's Office portion of the grant award was appropriated as part of the FY 12-13 first quarter consolidated budget adjustment process. The District Attorney's Office will appropriate its portion as part of the FY 12-13 mid-year consolidated budget adjustment process.

Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

Attachments:
Resolution

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:
FY 12-13 Anti-Drug Abuse Grant Application

Resolution No.

**County of Sonoma
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

Date: 1/15/2013

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Authorizing The Sheriff To Apply for the FY 12-13 Anti-Drug Abuse (ADA) Grant, Accept The Grant Award Totaling \$157,176 For The Grant Period From October 1, 2012 Through September 30, 2013, And Execute The FY 12-13 ADA Grant Agreement Including Any Amendments Or Modifications That Do Not Substantially Change The Material Terms Of The Agreement.

Whereas, the Sheriff's Office desires to participate in the Anti-Drug Abuse Grant Program supported by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funds and administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (hereafter referred to as the BSCC).

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sheriff is authorized on behalf of this Board to submit the grant application for this funding and sign the Grant Agreement with the BSCC, including any amendments or modifications that do not change the material terms thereof.

Be It Further Resolved that the subject federal grant funds may be received, and shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

Be It Further Resolved that the County of Sonoma agrees to abide by the statutes and regulations governing the federal Justice Assistance Grant Program as well as the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement as set forth by the BSCC.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: McGuire: Carrillo: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Agenda Item Number: 21
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

To: Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Human Services

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Supervisorial District(s):

Sherry Alderman – 707-565-8501

County-wide

Title: **Workforce Investment Board Appointments.**

Recommended Actions:

Appoint Karen Fies, Robert Reynolds, and Kristyn Byrne to the Workforce Investment Board for one year terms ending January 15, 2014.

Executive Summary:

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is a federal law passed on August 7, 1998 designed to prepare youth and adults for entry into the labor force. The Workforce Investment Act required that all local regions create a Workforce Investment Board (WIB) comprised of local business and community members to oversee and implement the Workforce Investment Act programs, as well as a Youth Council under the WIB to plan delivery of WIA services to youth ages 14-21.

Membership Criteria and Process for Recommending Members for Appointment

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) regulations established that the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and its Youth Council would serve as policy oversight bodies for its employment and training programs. The law requires that appointments to these bodies be made by local elected officials. In accordance with the written agreement between the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and the WIB, the WIB reviews and approves candidates' applications for membership and forwards its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and appointment.

WIB members are not appointed by supervisorial district, but on a county-wide basis, and must have a high degree of policymaking and hiring authority within the organizations they represent. The WIB is required by law to maintain a business majority. The WIB and Youth Council also seek members who have expertise in Sonoma County's important or emerging employment sectors, such as health care, hospitality, and green technology or who provide workforce-related services. Applications are reviewed by the WIB Executive Committee and are then recommended to the Board of Supervisors for appointment. Current members in good standing are recommended for reappointment at the end of their term.

Efforts to fill the WIB and Youth Council seats are ongoing through referrals from current members and outreach to businesses, public, labor, and private non-profit organizations. The Human Services Department also works closely with

the Economic Development Board to identify business members appropriate for the business seats on the WIB.

Categories of Membership Recommendations

The individuals recommended for appointment to the Workforce Investment Board will represent the following categories of membership.

Workforce Investment Board

<u>Representative</u>	<u>Category</u>
Karen Fies	One Stop Partner – Human Services Department
Robert Reynolds	Business
Kristyn Byrne	Business

Karen Fies is the Interim Assistant Director for the Sonoma County Human Services Department. She is interested in workforce development for all Sonoma County residents, including the clients of the Human Services Department. She has been involved in workforce development for over 25 years, most recently as the Director of the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board. Ms. Fies will represent the Sonoma County Human Services Department, and will fill a One Stop Partner seat on the WIB.

Robert Reynolds is the Chief Financial Officer of Innovative Business Solutions. He is interested in Workforce Development in Sonoma County, with a particular emphasis on early childhood education and engaging ESL employees at their places of work. Mr. Reynolds will represent the business industry, and will fill a business seat on the WIB.

Kristyn Byrne is the Principal of FanBoy Tickets. She is interested in the economic welfare of businesses and citizens of Sonoma County. She has worked with non-profit companies in Sonoma County on a consultant basis. Ms. Byrne will represent the business industry, and will fill a business seat on the WIB.

Prior Board Actions:

October 9, 2012: Reappointed eight members to the Workforce Investment Board, and reappointed one member to the Youth Council.

July 31, 2012: Appointed Melanie Dodson and Kristina Holloway to the Workforce Investment Board, appointed James Hackett to the Youth Council, and reappointed Steven Herrington to the Workforce Investment Board and Youth Council.

February 28, 2012: Reappointed six members and appointed one new member to the Workforce Investment Board, and reappointed five members and appointed one new member to the Youth Council.

November 8, 2011: Appointed Marion Deeds to the Workforce Investment Board for a term of one year.

September 27, 2011: Reappointed 18 members to the Workforce Investment Board and reappointed 7 Youth Council members.

February 15, 2000: Appointed 11 members to the Youth Council.

January 4, 2000: Appointed 22 members to the Workforce Investment Board.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 2: Economic and Environmental Stewardship

The Workforce Investment Board and the Youth Council make recommendations and participate in workforce development initiatives and programs in alignment with the employer needs and building a well trained Sonoma County work force.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$	Select an item.	\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$	Total Sources	\$

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

None.

Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None.

Attachments:

Proposed Workforce Investment Board Membership Roster

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

N/A.

Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board

Membership as of Thursday, Dec 27, 2012

<u>Membership Category</u>	<u># of Seats</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Business			
	1	Yale Abrams	Yale Abrams Consulting
	1	Lee Alderman	Redwood Credit Union
	1	Ed Barr	P & L Specialties
	1	Robin Bartholow	North Coast Builders' Exchange
	1	Kristyn Byrne	FanBoy Tickets
	1	Gina Charbonneau	Francis Ford Coppola Presents, Rosso & Bianco Winery
	1	Judy Coffey	Kaiser-Permanente
	1	Laurie Decker	Sonoma Valley City/Chamber/County Partnership
	1	Melanie Dodson	Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs)
	1	Paul Duranczyk	Creekside Convalescent Hospital
	1	Steve Herron	Exchange Bank
	1	Kristina Holloway	Healdsburg District Hospital
	1	Keo Hornbostel	Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel & Spa
	1	Roy Hurd	Empire College
	1	Scott Kincaid	First Community Bank
	1	Bill Nordskog	Agilent, Retired
	1	Jose Obregon	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce /General Services
	1	David Ohman	
	1	Robert Reynolds	Innovative Business Solutions
	1	Stephen R. Thomas	Tickler & Thomas
	3	<i>Vacant</i>	
Total Seats	23		
Community Based Organization			
	1	Mark Ihde	Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire
	1	Matt Martin	Social Advocates for Youth
	1	Pedro Toledo	Redwood Community Health Coalition
	0	<i>Vacant</i>	
Total Seats	3		
Economic Development Agencies			
	1	Laurie Decker	Sonoma Valley City/Chamber/County Partnership
	1	<i>Vacant</i>	
Total Seats	2		

<u>Membership Category</u>	<u># of Seats</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Educational Entities			
	1	Steven Herrington	Sonoma County Office of Education
	1	Stephen Jackson	Sonoma County Office of Education
	1	Lynn Stauffer	Sonoma State University
	0		
	1	<i>Vacant</i>	
Total Seats	4		
Labor Organizations			
	1	Bill Robotka	Engineers & Scientists of California
	1	George Steffensen	Operating Engineers JAC
	0		
	3	<i>Vacant</i>	
Total Seats	5		
One-Stop Partner			
	1	Debbie Antonsen	Employment Development Department
	1	Stephanie Cabral	Experience Works, Inc.
	1	Oscar Chavez	Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County
	1	Karen Fies	Sonoma County Human Services Department
	1	Peter Harsch	California Department of Rehabilitation
	1	Kathleen Kane	Community Development Commission
	1	Chris Paige	California Human Development
	0		
	1	<i>Vacant</i>	
Total Seats	8		

45 Total Membership

36 Seats Filled

9 Vacancies



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda Item Number: 22
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): County Administrator

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Lori Norton (707) 565-3345

Supervisorial District(s):

County-wide

Title: Appointment to Successor Agency Oversight Board

Recommended Actions:

Appoint Supervisor Gorin to the Oversight Board for the Successor Agency to the Sonoma County Redevelopment Agency

Executive Summary:

In February, 2012 every redevelopment agency (RDA) in California was dissolved. The non-housing assets and liabilities of each former RDA were transferred to a Successor Agency. Successor Agencies, including Sonoma County as the Successor Agency to the County's RDA, are responsible for discharging obligations, liquidating assets, and conducting other activities necessary to wind down the affairs of the former RDAs.

In 2012 the Board appointed former Supervisor Brown and Supervisor Carrillo to the Oversight Board for the County Successor Agency. Staff recommends the Board appoint Supervisor Gorin to the Oversight Board. District 1 is one of two Districts (along with District 3) which has Successor Agency projects.

Oversight Boards will cease to exist when all of the indebtedness of the former RDA is repaid. By statute, commencing on July 1, 2016, each county will have only one Oversight Board, which will oversee any outstanding activities of any of the former RDAs within a county.

Prior Board Actions:

In prior actions the Board voted to have the County serve as Successor Agency for the former Sonoma County Community Redevelopment Agency. The Board also appointed retired Supervisor Brown and Supervisor Carrillo to the Oversight Board for the Successor Agency.

Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 1: Safe, Healthy, and Caring Community

Continuation of redevelopment projects support the development of safe and stronger communities

within the County.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$	Select an item.	\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$	Total Sources	\$

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

Appointments do not have a fiscal impact. Appointees are not eligible to receive compensation or a stipend for service.

Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

Attachments:

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County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Agenda Item Number: 23
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To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency, Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission, Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, Board of Directors of the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District, Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Public Finance Authority

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Kanchan Charan, 565.8300
Brenton Haerr, 565.3285

Supervisory District(s):

All

Title: Internal Audit Function Charter

Recommended Actions:

Approve a charter formalizing the responsibilities, reporting lines, and protocols of the Sonoma County Internal Audit function. Grant the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector's office the authority to fulfill the objectives and responsibilities of that charter.

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this item is to approve a charter that defines the activities, purpose, authority and responsibility of the Sonoma County Internal Audit function within the structure of the County of Sonoma and the various independent agencies and special districts (the County and Special Districts) whose governing body is the five members of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. It reinforces the authority of Internal Audit within the County and Special Districts; authorizes access to records, personnel, and physical properties relevant to the performance of engagements; and defines the scope of internal audit activities.

The Board of Supervisors (BOS), County Administrator's Office (CAO), Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector (ACTTC), and County department heads and agency directors are collectively responsible for the effective and efficient administration of the County of Sonoma and the Special Districts and the successful attainment of their missions. This requires sound financial management, adequate reporting, maintaining an effective system of internal controls, compliance with applicable rules and regulations, and maintaining the highest standards of ethical conduct. The Internal Audit function has been established within the ACTTC Office in order to aid in the fulfillment of this responsibility. Additionally, the ACTTC will establish an Audit Advisory Committee consisting of senior executives from the County Administrator's Office, other County offices and departments, and a variety of Special Districts. This Committee will be established in order to advise the ACTTC in his administration of the Internal Audit Function and ensure the objectivity and independence of Internal Audit's operations.

The Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing defines internal auditing as:

. . . an independent objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organization's operations. It helps an organization accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes.

The proposed charter is consistent with the above definition and was adapted from the *Model Internal Audit Activity Charter*, published by the Institute of Internal Auditors in 2009.

The Charter formalizes the responsibilities, reporting lines, and protocols of Internal Audit within the structure of the County and Special Districts. It establishes Internal Audit objectives and provides for uninhibited and complete authority to fulfill those objectives while outlining procedures to address obstacles and issues.

Specifically, the charter reinforces the Internal Audit function's independence and objectivity, outlines the function's authority, grants it access to records and staff, directs the professional standards to be used, outlines the scope of work to be performed and the objectives of that work, and delineates the roles and responsibilities associated with the function.

The Internal Audit function's first task, once the charter is approved, will be to begin work on a Countywide risk assessment. The report generated by this work will provide a picture of the areas within the County and Special Districts that are at greatest financial risk, and it will allow the County to better determine when and where to devote its audit resources.

A risk assessment contains four major steps:

1. Finding and documenting the auditable areas within the County and Special Districts
2. Identifying the major risks that threaten the auditable areas
3. Gaining enough of an understanding of the auditable areas within the County and Special Districts to be able to assess risk with sufficient accuracy
4. Calculating the total risk score for each auditable area and determining which areas within the County are most at risk

After the completion of the risk assessment, the ACTTC will work with the Board to find a balance between the benefits and costs of an internal audit program against acceptable levels of risk within the County.

Prior Board Actions:

- **Resolution 01162-1:** On November 7, 1961, the Board of Supervisors adopted resolution 01162-1, directing the County Controller to "audit the books, accounts, money, and securities in relation to the recovery of revenue" of the departments headed by appointees. It further directed the Controller to audit the cash receipts of all departments headed by elected officials.
- **Resolution 88-0294:** In response to budgetary shortfalls, the Board of Supervisors adopted resolution 88-0294, rescinding resolution 1162-1. According to 88-0294, "The County Auditor-Controller is hereby directed to continue auditing only those County agencies which now, or in the future, produce audit fee revenue for the County or are now, or in the future, mandated by State statute." This effectively removed 19 of the County's 26 departments and agencies from audit consideration.
- **Resolution 92-0888:** The board adopted resolution 92-0888, approving a policy that granted the Auditor-Controller authority "within the confines of the resources budgeted annually to conduct operational audits of all departments, offices, boards, activities, and agencies of the County of Sonoma..."

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 2: Economic and Environmental Stewardship

The operation of an internal audit function within the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector's office will help the County serve as economic stewards of public resources by minimizing risk, ensuring sound financial management, assisting in the maintenance of effective internal controls, and upholding the highest standards of ethical conduct.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 100,000	County General Fund	\$ 100,000
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$ 0	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$ 100,000	Total Sources	\$ 100,000

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

For FY 12-13, the ACTTC will be funding the operation of the Internal Audit function using funds freed through a pending reorganization and through salary savings generated through position vacancies. Those funds will be used to perform a Countywide risk assessment, an essential first step in any Internal Audit program.

Until the completion of a risk assessment, the ACTTC will be unable to provide a precise assessment of the resources required to provide appropriate internal audit services. By performing this preliminary work, the ACTTC will be able to return to the Board with a risk assessment that identifies the areas in the County and Special Districts with the greatest potential for risk mitigation.

Internal Audit's risk assessment report should be fully completed in time to bring it to the Board by July 30, although enough preliminary work should be completed by May 24th to provide the Board with a reasonable picture of the County's risks. The County will be able to use the risk assessment to allocate resources to areas that will produce the greatest risk mitigation and most improved efficiency.

Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution Approving the Charter of the Sonoma County Internal Audit Function

Attachment B: Charter of the Sonoma County Internal Audit Function

Attachment C: Powerpoint presentation

Attachment D: Internal Audit Process handout

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: January 15, 2013

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency, the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission, and the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, the Board of Directors of the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District, and the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Public Finance Authority, Approving the Charter of the Sonoma County Internal Audit Function.

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrator's Office, the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector (ACTTC), and County department heads and agency directors are collectively responsible for the effective and efficient administration of the County and the attainment of its mission; and

Whereas, this responsibility encompasses the requirements for sound financial management, adequate reporting, compliance with applicable rules and regulations, and the maintenance of an effective system of internal controls and the highest standards of ethical conduct; and

Whereas, Internal Audit has been established with the ACTTC Office to aid in the fulfillment of this responsibility;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Charter of the Sonoma County Internal Audit Function be approved.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Zane:

McGuire:

Carrillo:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.

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I. Introduction

- A. The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) defines internal auditing as "an independent objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organization's operations. It helps an organization accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes."
- B. This charter formalizes the responsibilities, reporting lines, and protocols of Internal Audit within the structure of the County of Sonoma and the various independent agencies and special districts whose governing boards are comprised of the five members of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (County and Special Districts). It establishes Internal Audit objectives and provides for uninhibited and complete authority to fulfill its objectives, with procedures to address obstacles and issues.
- C. The vision of Internal Audit is to be strategic partners in the achievement of operational outcomes of the County and Special Districts through excellence in audit and evaluation services.
- D. The mission of Internal Audit is to enable the County and Special Districts to efficiently and effectively achieve their strategic objectives and enhance their accountability to the residents of Sonoma County.
- E. Internal Audit's values reflect its collective principles and ethics, guide its operational activities and strategic direction, and demonstrate its commitment to fairness, respect, and professionalism. Internal Audit:
 - 1. Promotes and upholds both the Standards and the Code of Ethics produced by the IIA and published in the *Professional Practices Framework*;
 - 2. Is committed to the provision of value-added services, continuous improvement and the ongoing development of employee knowledge, skill sets, and competencies;
 - 3. Upholds the highest levels of integrity, objectivity, and professionalism;
 - 4. Cultivates diversity and inclusivity in the workplace, promotes collegiality and team spirit in our interactions, and encourages an open and respectful exchange of opinions and ideas;
 - 5. Recognizes that the staff team is Internal Audit's most important resource; and
 - 6. Encourages and celebrates innovation, excellence, and the valued contributions of our employees.

II. Purpose

- A. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (BOS), County Administrator's Office (CAO), Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector (ACTTC), and County department heads and agency directors are collectively responsible for the effective and efficient administration of the County of Sonoma and the Special Districts. This responsibility encompasses the requirements for sound

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financial management, adequate reporting, maintaining an effective system of internal controls, compliance with applicable rules and regulations, and maintaining the highest standards of ethical conduct. Together they are responsible for attaining the County's and Special Districts' missions. To aid in fulfilling these responsibilities, Internal Audit has been established within the ACTTC Office. The ACTTC may, in his discretion, establish and determine the composition of an Audit Advisory Committee to inform his judgment and assist him in carrying out the purposes of this Charter.

- B. Internal Audit supports the continuous improvement of programs, policies, and initiatives at the County of Sonoma and the Special Districts and contributes to the achievement of departmental objectives by providing timely and objective information, assurance, and advice to the CAO, the BOS, any Audit Advisory Committee established by the ACTTC, and departmental and special district management.
- C. The Internal Audit function, as part of the ACTTC Office, is guided by the Vision, Mission, and Value statements of that office.

III. Independence and Objectivity

- A. The Internal Audit function must be independent to retain objectivity. The independence of the Internal Audit function allows internal auditors to make assessments impartially and without bias while avoiding conflicts of interest. Auditor independence is also essential for the citizens and management of the County to receive an unbiased account of the results of internal audit work.
- B. To ensure independence, the Internal Audit Manager reports organizationally to the elected ACTTC, while the Audit Advisory Committee provides guidance to Internal Audit.
- C. Internal auditors use rigorous approaches and methods in their engagements to retain objectivity. Internal auditors neither subordinate their own assessments to those of others, nor place themselves in situations where they would be unable to make objective professional assessments.

IV. Authority

- A. The internal audit function is enabled to complete its mission by Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Resolution 92-0888; the California Government Code Sections 1236, 25250, 26881, 26883, and 26920; the California Welfare and Institution Code Section 275; the US Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Yellow Book Section 3.3; and the IIA Standards on Independence.

V. Access and Confidentiality

- A. Except where prohibited by law, the Internal Audit Manager and staff are granted authority for full, free, and unrestricted access to all of the organization's functions, records, files, information systems, personnel, contractors, physical properties, and any other item relevant to the function, process, or division under review. In addition, internal auditors shall be granted access to vendor records as provided for by the County's and Special Districts' standard contract language related to records maintenance and County access to records.

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- B. Documents and information presented to Internal Audit shall be handled in the same prudent and confidential manner as by those employees normally accountable for them. The Internal Audit Manager shall be ultimately responsible for handling and safeguarding of any information deemed to be confidential under state or federal law.

VI. Professional Standards

Internal Audit uses the following standards in the completion of their audits:

- A. The Standards and Code of Ethics produced by the IIA and published in the *Professional Practices Framework*;
- B. The Standards and Principles produced by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and published in the *Government Auditing Standards*; and
- C. The professional and ethical standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

VII. Objectives

- A. Auditing Services: The primary objective of internal auditing services is to provide independent assurance to County officers and management that the assets of the County and Special Districts are safeguarded, operating efficiency is enhanced, and compliance with prescribed laws and the policies of the County and Special Districts is maintained. Included in the objective is an independent assessment of the County's and Special Districts' risk awareness and its system of internal controls to manage risks.
- B. Consulting and Advisory Services: Internal Audit objectives for the consulting and advisory services are to provide management with assessments and advice for improving processes that will advance the goals and objectives of the organization. In particular, the objectives are to provide the assessments and advice on the front-end of projects so that risks may be identified and managed and that internal controls may be designed.

VIII. Scope

The scope of Internal Audit work shall include, but not be limited to, determining whether:

- A. Programs are operating within the highest fiduciary standards and are directed toward the requirements defined in federal, state, and local laws, regulations, government ordinances and rules, and the policies and procedures of the organization;
- B. Programs and processes are consistent with industry best practices, using the best public and private examples as benchmarks;
- C. Significant legislative or regulatory issues impacting the organization are recognized and addressed appropriately;
- D. Significant financial, managerial, and operating information is accurate, reliable, and timely;

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- E. Resources are economically acquired, efficiently used, and adequately protected;
- F. Existing policies and procedures are appropriate and updated;
- G. Operations, processes, and programs are consistent with established missions, objectives, and goals and are being carried out as planned;
- H. Risks within and outside the organization are appropriately identified and managed;
- I. Quality service and continuous improvement are fostered in the organization's control process;
- J. Contractors, including third-party administrators, are meeting contract requirements in conformance with applicable laws, regulations, policies, procedures, and best practices; and
- K. Operations, processes, or programs are reviewed if recommended by the ACTTC or management.

IX. Roles and Responsibilities

The responsibility of Internal Audit is to serve the County and Special Districts in a manner that is consistent with the Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing and with professional standards of conduct in the Code of Ethics of the IIA. In addition, when appropriate and necessary and depending on the type of audit being conducted, Internal Audit follows the ethical and professional standards promulgated by the AIPCA and by the GAO.

The following roles and responsibilities are necessary to enable Internal Audit to successfully achieve its mission and objectives:

A. The Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Ensures the internal audit capacity is appropriate to the needs of the County and Special Districts; and
- 2. Except where prohibited by law, ensures that the internal auditors, for the purpose of carrying out assigned responsibilities, are given full access to departmental records, databases, workplaces, and employees, and have the right to obtain information and explanations from departmental employees.

B. The County Administrator's Office:

- 1. Ensures that managers prepare action plans that adequately address the recommendations and findings arising from internal audits, and that the action plans are effectively implemented.

C. The Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector (ACTTC):

According to statute, the ACTTC is responsible for prescribing and exercising general supervision, including the ability to review departmental and countywide internal controls,

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over the accounting forms and the method of keeping the accounts of all offices, departments, and institutions under the control of the Board of Supervisors. To these ends, the ACTTC will:

1. Provide administrative oversight and support to the internal audit function;
2. Direct unscheduled assignments on an as-needed basis;
3. Ensure that organizational independence is retained for the function within the ACTTC Office; and
4. Recommend the resources that are necessary for Internal Audit to complete its mission.

D. Executive Management:

1. Ensures that their managers draft action plans that adequately address the recommendations and findings arising from internal audits;
2. Ensures that action plans are effectively implemented; and
3. Provides evidence demonstrating implementation to Internal Audit.

E. Managers of programs and functions being audited:

1. Support their executive management in preparing and implementing management action plans in response to audit recommendations; and
2. Ensure that management action plans include timeframes and identify responsibilities and accountabilities.

F. The Internal Audit Manager:

1. Establishes appropriate policies and procedures to guide the Internal Audit function, ensuring that all applicable professional standards are followed;
2. Establishes risk-based audit plans, in coordination with other internal and external providers of assurance and consulting activities, to set out priorities and the Internal Audit function that are consistent with its objectives;
3. Communicates the plan of engagements and resource requirements for the Internal Audit function, including significant interim changes and the impact of resource limitations;
4. Ensures that internal auditing engagements are completed in a timely manner and that reports are published and provided to the ACTTC, the CAO, the Board of Supervisors, and others as directed by ACTTC;
5. Ensures that internal auditors have appropriate professional qualifications and skills and the opportunity to obtain sufficient training and development to maintain and develop their internal auditing competence;

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6. Develops and maintains a quality assurance and improvement program that covers all aspects of the Internal Audit function, is continually monitored for effectiveness, and provides for an external review of the Internal Audit function at least every three years;
7. Informs, in a timely manner, the CAO and the ACTTC of issues of risk, control, or management practices that may be of significance to the County or Special Districts; and
8. Ensures that management action plans in response to audit recommendations are adequate and implemented in a timely manner as determined by audit follow-up procedures.



Reestablishing Sonoma County's Internal Audit Function

January 15, 2013

David Sundstrom, CPA, CIA
Sonoma County ACTTC



Agenda

- What is Internal Auditing?
- A History of Sonoma County Audit
- Goals of Internal Audit
- Selecting Audit Topics Based on Risk
- Sonoma County Internal Audit Process
- Internal Audit Charter
- Audit Advisory Committee
- Outcome of Internal Audit

What is Internal Auditing?

- An *independent* objective assurance and consulting activity
- Designed to *add value* and improve an organization's operations
- Helps organizations accomplish objectives by using a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes

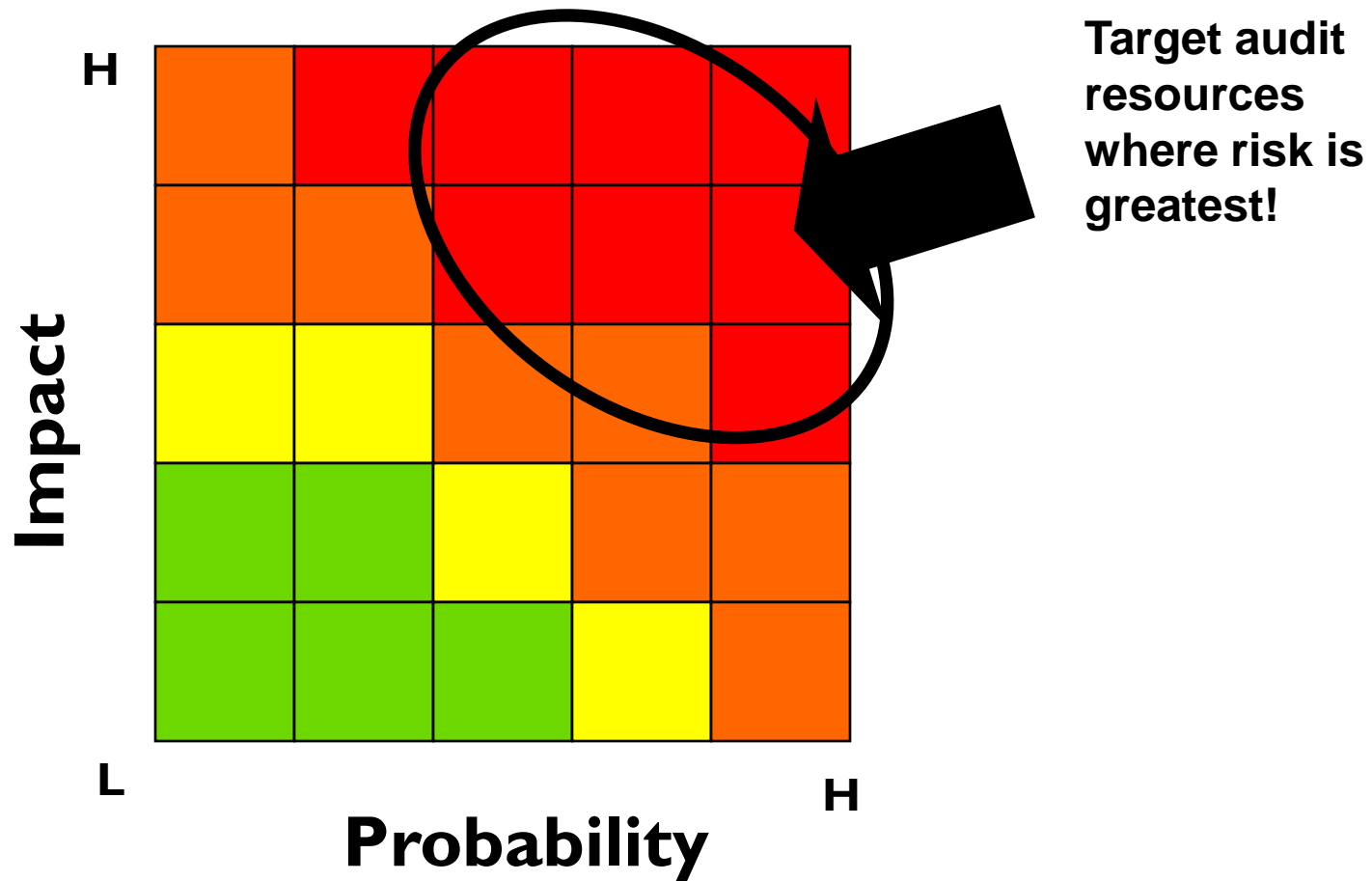
A History of Sonoma County Audit

- *November, 1961*: Resolution 01162-1
- *February, 1988*: Resolution 88-0294
- *June, 1992*: Resolution 92-0888
- Current status of Sonoma County audit

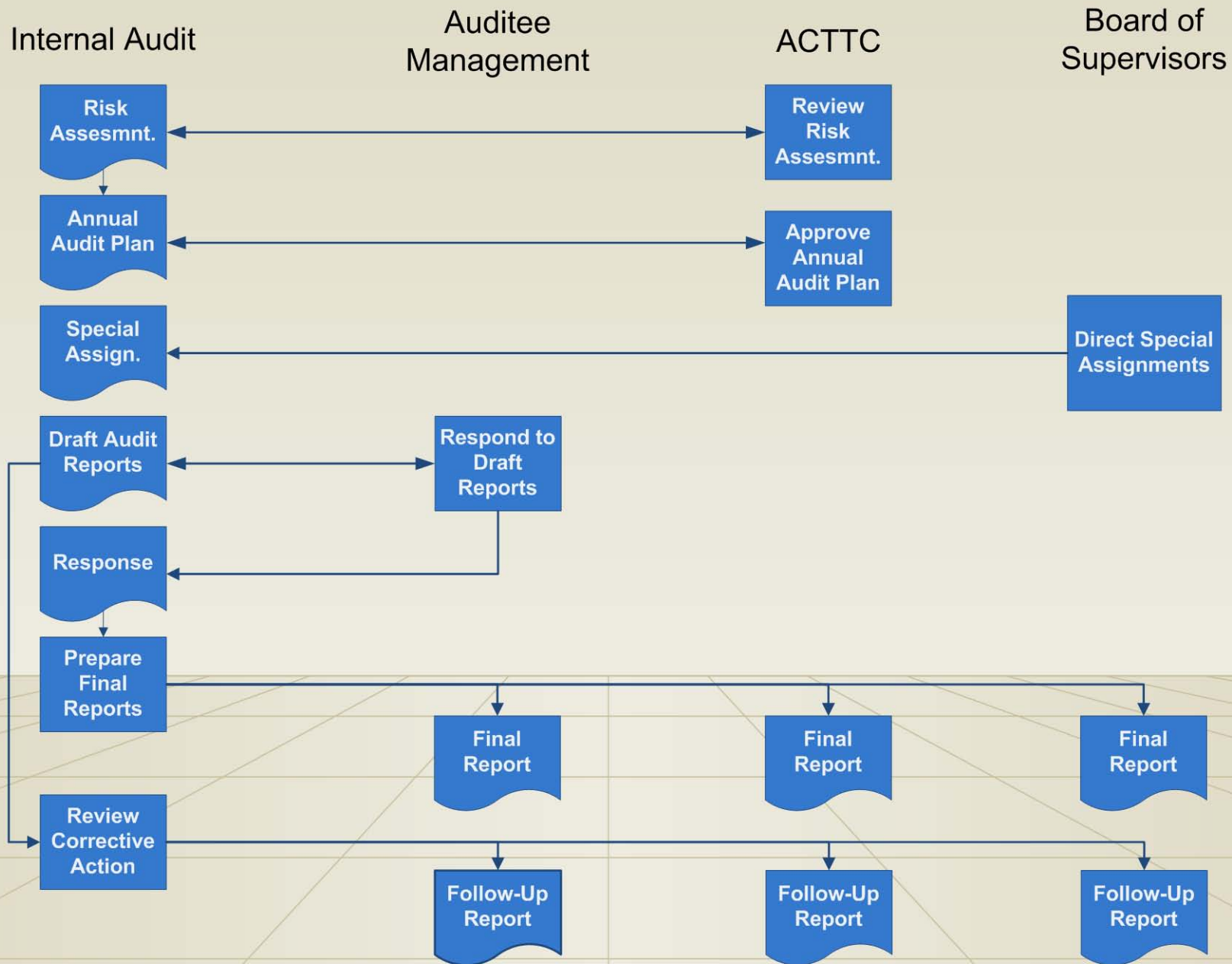
Goals of Internal Audit

- Support the continuous improvement of programs, policies and initiatives
- Contribute to the achievement of departmental objectives by providing timely and objective information, assurance and advice
- Through audit and evaluation services, become a partner in the County's achievement of strategic goals

Selecting Audit Topics Based on Risk



Sonoma County Internal Audit Process



Internal Audit Charter

- Vision
- Purpose of the internal audit function
- Independence and objectivity
- Authority to accomplish work
- Access to records and staff
- Professional standards followed
- Scope of work performed
- Roles and responsibilities

Audit Advisory Committee

- An advisory committee to the ACTTC
- Provides guidance to the County's internal and external audit functions
- Assists in ensuring the independence of the internal audit function
- Ensures that appropriate action is taken on audit findings
- Promotes and enhances effective internal controls
- Serves as an important communication link between external auditors, internal auditors, and operating management

Outcome of Internal Audit

Reduced risk of regulatory noncompliance

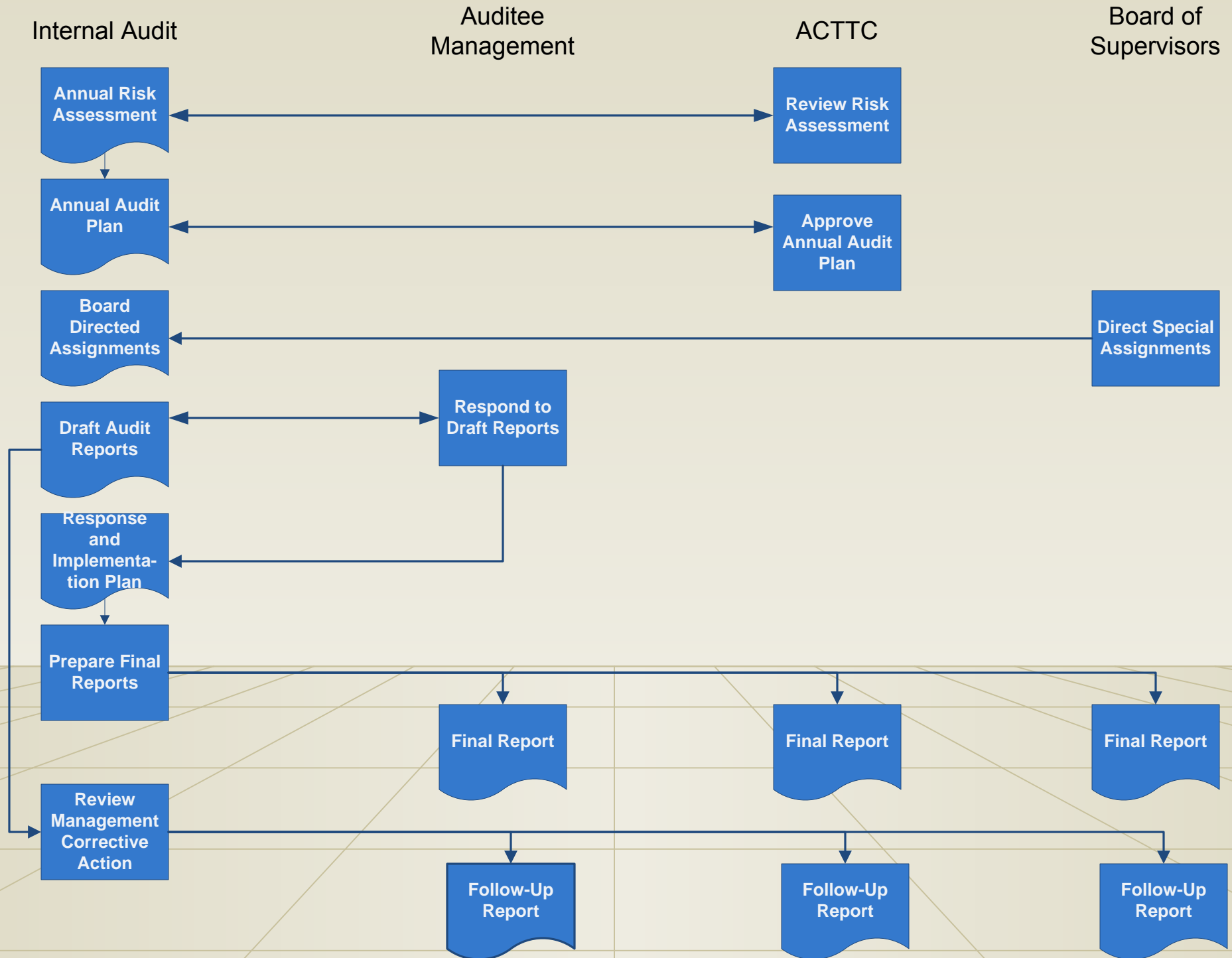
Increased efficiency and effectiveness of programs

Increased likelihood of achieving goals and objectives

Reduced potential for fraud, waste, and abuse

Enhanced financial management

Somoma County Proposed Internal Audit Process





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Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
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Agenda Item Number: 24
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To: Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): County Administrator's Office

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Jim Leddy, 565-2190

Supervisorial District(s):

All

Title: **Approval of the Sonoma County 2013 State and Federal Legislative Program.**

Recommended Actions:

Approve the Sonoma County 2013 State and Federal Legislative Program to be used by County staff, legislative advocates and the legislative delegation in efforts to seek policy support and acquire federal and state resources for County priorities.

Executive Summary: The County has robust levels of advocacy at all levels of government led by the Board of Supervisors and supported by departments, staff and community partners. These efforts are driven by the core priority to provide the County with the needed resources and policies to enrich the quality of life in Sonoma County through superior public service.

Each year the Board of Supervisors adopts a countywide legislative platform to provide direction to staff and legislative advocates in seeking resources and policy support for County priorities. After departments are queried, the County's state legislative advocates meet with County staff to review submittals and assess opportunities and strategies. On the federal issues of importance, staff collects from departments their interests and reviews them with federal advocates to provide a priority for Board review.

The recommended draft of the Sonoma County 2013 State and Federal Legislative Program (Attachment A) contains state and federal priorities and is divided into four sections: 1) General Guidelines, 2) Top State Priorities, 3) General Concerns, and 4) Federal Legislative Priorities. Within the Federal issues section, there is a further prioritization in order to focus advocacy efforts.

As the Board serves as the governing body of other agencies (i.e. the Sonoma County Water Agency and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District), some of the items in the Program have already been approved by prior Board action. The intention of the Program is to ensure cross departmental coordination and the strongest support for Board led advocacy efforts by including all departmental initiatives in one document.

1) General Guidelines: These provide the broader policy directions for specific issue items and direction for staff and legislative advocates when responding to unanticipated legislation.

2) Top State Priorities: These are issues are detailed in Attachment A and summarized in Attachment B. The issues reflect alignment with the County's Strategic Plan the County expects our legislative advocates to pursue introduction and/or passage of legislation. This year they include:

1. Community Climate Action Plan and Climate Protection Action Plan
2. Pension Reform
3. Dissolution of Redevelopment Agencies
4. Jail Alternative Model Recognition
5. County Correctional Facilities and Funding / Overcrowding
6. Prop. 83 Responsibilities and Funding
7. Reimbursement for Court Security Costs
8. Conversion of Mobile Home Parks to Resident Ownership
9. 100% Vote-By-Mail
10. State Gas Tax Allocation
11. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Funding
12. Funding for Sanitation Facility Upgrades
13. Sweetened Beverage Tax to Support Anti-obesity Efforts
14. In Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
15. Community Choice Aggregation

3) General Concerns: These are issues which the County will not take a lead on but will support those efforts by others (California State Association of Counties, National Association of Counties or other counties) to advance the items. They are listed by topic area which are Health and Human Services, Natural Resources, Criminal Justice and Development, Administrative, Support and Fiscal Services and are not listed in priority order.

4) Federal Legislative Priorities All federal requests are detailed in the Program and have been broken out for review in Attachment C. Staff in consultation with the County's federal advocates proposed the following list of top priorities. Federal items are listed in the following sections: A) Top Priorities – Primary Focus of Advocacy; B) Second Tier Priorities – Support if introduced by others; C) Third Tier Priorities – Partner with other efforts in this category (None for 2013); D) Monitor for County Action; E) County Supported Items with Other Lead Agencies – Other County related agencies are lead.

Staff and advocates recommend the following for top tier federal items for County Advocacy:

- A-1 – Protect Geothermal Royalties
- A-2 – Support Family Justice Center
- A-3 - Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital (SRMH) Emergency Department and Trauma Center Expansion
- A-4 - Perinatal Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program
- A-5 - Youth Employment Program
- A-6 - Dental Program for Foster Youth at the Valley of the Moon Children's Center Dental Program.
- A-8 - Healdsburg Dam Renovations
- A-9 - Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Development
- A-10 - Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail
- A-11 - Integrated Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Information and Communication System
- A-12 -Sudden Oak Death Outreach and Control Program
- A-13 - US 101/Airport Interchange
- A-14 - Sonoma County Transit – 8 Buses purchase
- A-15- US 101/River Road Interchange improvements
- A-16 - Forestville Bypass
- A-17 - ICE Detainers – Local Flexibility.

As in previous Programs, Sonoma County's all proposals which support County environmental sustainability efforts are highlighted with the Recycling Logo and reflect Sonoma County's ongoing commitment to climate protection efforts, green house gas reduction and enhancing other County sustainability initiatives.

The Board is requested to approve the Sonoma County 2013 Legislative Program to be used by County staff, legislative advocates, and the legislative delegation in efforts to seek policy support and acquire federal and state resources for County priorities.

Prior Board Actions:

The Board approves the County's State Legislative Program on an annual basis. The Board approved the 2012 State Legislative Program in January 2012.

Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 4: Civic Services and Engagement

Although the Legislative Platform impacts all of the County's Strategic Focus Areas, the one primarily supported by this action is Goal 4, Civic Services and Community Engagement. The Board has been a proactive advocate at the state and federal levels of government. This activity is to ensure that County funding sources are enhanced and protected and that any legislation or regulations which impact county service delivery are also shaped to support the County's mission.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 0	Select an item.	\$
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Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

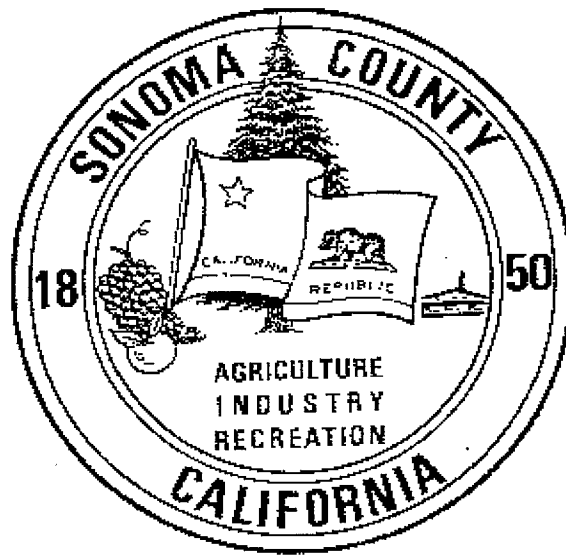
The adoption and advocacy for the Platform are budgeted each year in the Budget process. Although there is no cost to adopting the Platform, advocating has minimal costs which are covered by existing budgets. State and federal funding sources total in excess of \$470 million annually in funding to the County and advocacy protects and enhances those sources.

Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):
Attachments:
(A) Draft 2013 State and federal Legislative program (B) Top State Legislative Priorities (C) 2013 Federal Legislative Priorities
Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

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2013 STATE AND FEDERAL
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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Sonoma County 2013 Legislative Program

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General Guidelines

Sonoma County 2013 Legislative Program

The ability of the County to serve the residents of Sonoma County and provide for a thriving and sustainable community requires support from all levels of government. The State's ongoing fiscal crisis continues to threaten Sonoma County's ability to provide vital services to the public. Further, federal legislative policy and funding decisions also impact the County's ability to deliver services.

In order to fulfill the County's commitment to the community, state and federal resources should be sought to support the County's mission to enrich the quality of life in Sonoma County through superior public services (County Mission adopted by Board action, November 9, 2010).

To this end, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors supports the general guidelines set forth below. County staff, including the County's federal and state legislative advocates, will apply these general guidelines in evaluating legislation, as well as executive and regulatory actions. It is the Board's objective to implement these guidelines.

To support the County's mission, the County should:

- Seek out, develop, and support legislative and budget efforts that protect and/or enhance local governments' revenues, maximize the County's access to state and federal funding sources, and/or increases local funding flexibility;
- Oppose any effort to balance the state budget through the taking of local government resources;
- Support legislation that furthers the goals identified in the County's Strategic Plan;
- Oppose efforts by the California Department of Finance to claim assets from former redevelopment agencies. Seek clear, consistent implementation of policies at the Department of Finance with regard to recognized obligation payment schedules of successor agencies; Oppose any efforts to claim or redirect redevelopment pass-through dollars that the County receives;
- Encourage and seek legislation that protects the County's quality of life, its diverse natural resources, and preserves the essence and history of the County;
- Encourage and seek legislation to facilitate orderly and sustainable economic development, and increase the opportunity for discretionary revenues, programmatic and financial flexibility for the County;
- Support fiscal reform efforts which assure Sonoma County the financial independence necessary to provide services to its residents and meet its mandated responsibilities;
- Oppose unfunded mandates, including County control of the relevant programs and program expenditures and oppose any re-alignment initiatives which fail to fully fund services shifted to the County;
- Support the County's authority to assure mutually acceptable tax sharing agreements for annexation and incorporation that protect or enhance the County's ability to provide services to its residents;
- Support legislation that provides tax and funding formulas for the equitable distribution of state and federal monies while opposing attempts to decrease, restrict, or eliminate County revenue sources;
- Support increased appropriations to the County for mandated programs, including capital acquisition costs;

- Support the enactment of legislation to allocate statewide bond funding based on objective criteria developed with local input;
- Advocate for timely, full state funding for state programs operated by the County which include appropriate cost of living increases, as well as costs associated with increases in population and caseload growth;
- Support legislation and budget action which provides additional and continuing funding for local road infrastructure;
- Support legislation and administrative action that further the goals of the County's climate protection efforts;
- Support legislation that promotes prevention-focused (i.e. Upstream) policies and interventions;
- Support State and Federal legislative action to ensure the ongoing recognition of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) bonds as assessments and support the Sonoma County Energy Independence Program;
- Support legislation that will allow the County to ensure full cost recovery for services provided to other governmental entities;
- Support legislation which encourages mutually respectful relationships between tribal and local governments including reform to both fee-to-trust process and off-reservation gaming provisions to insure that the impacts of tribal development are fully mitigated and jurisdictional issues resolved;
- Support legislation and budget action which would protect and enhance funding for subsidized child care services, which in turn provides employment and education opportunities for residents of Sonoma County;
- Oppose legislative or administrative actions which would create federal unfunded mandates and/or pre-empt local decision making authority;
- Support legislative efforts to craft federal transportation re-authorizations which reflect the needs of the County and project priority in funding streams;
- Support federal legislative and budget action that will provide robust funding for domestic infrastructure, public safety, community development, and environmental programs which support County efforts to maintain and enhance quality of life.

State Priorities

Sonoma County 2013 Legislative Program

Top State Priorities

Set forth below are the County's priority advocacy issues for the 2013-2014 State Legislative Session. The process of identifying these priorities included an assessment of the relative importance of identified issues and an evaluation of exclusivity to Sonoma County. As a result, the 2013 priority advocacy issues include two categories:

- (1) The County's top state priorities; and
- (2) Issues that are exclusive or semi-exclusive to Sonoma County, for which the County's advocates will take a lead role in pursuing the introduction and passage of legislation.

The numbering of items and order are for tracking purposes and do not denote priority. Additionally, in order to reflect Sonoma County's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and addressing climate change, advocacy issues related to greenhouse gas emissions reductions and climate protection efforts appearing throughout the platform are denoted with the following symbol:



1. Community Climate Action Plan and Climate Protection Action Plan

Issue: The County of Sonoma is dedicated to combating the impacts of climate change. Beginning in the 1990s, the Board of Supervisors took steps to ensure that the County of Sonoma has operated in an environmentally sustainable way. In keeping with the County's long history of environmental leadership, in 2006, General Services was authorized and directed by the Board to develop and implement a Climate Protection Action Plan (the Plan) which focused on optimizing the energy efficiency of buildings, the "greening" of County fleet assets, and a reduction or modification of employee commute levels and patterns. The Plan developed a consistent set of dynamic strategies that have been modified and changed as circumstances and outcomes dictate in order to achieve the Green House Gas (GHG) reductions established by the Plan.

The Plan established a reduction in GHG emissions attributed to internal County operations in the following three areas: 1) fleet operations; 2) employee commute, and 3) County buildings. The combined reduction target of being 20% below year 2000 baseline emission levels by the year 2010 represents a total reduction of 8,450 tons. The 8,450 reduction target was adjusted to reflect normal growth in County operations (the "business as usual" factor) and the alignment of the methodologies used to establish the baseline and measure current emission levels resulting in an adjusted reduction target of 10,090 tons. This total reduction goal was distributed among the three areas to be addressed as follows: 1) 6,919 tons from buildings; 2) 500 tons from fleet, and 3) 2,671 tons from employee commute.

In 2002, the County of Sonoma joined with other municipalities within the County to become active in the Climate Protection Campaign, administered by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI). As a participant, the Board agreed to: 1) conduct a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source and quantity of the GHG emissions as a result of the County's operations, 2) establish a GHG emissions reduction target for County operations, 3) develop an action plan with both existing and future actions to meet the local GHG reduction target, 4) implement the action plan, and 5) monitor to review progress. Objectives 1 and 2 have been completed. The County's reduction target is 25 percent below 1990 levels by 2015. All nine Sonoma County cities and the County established this goal in 2005. Climate Protection Action Campaign (CPAC) was engaged by the county and cities to draft a community action plan.

In collaboration with the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, the Sonoma County Water Agency, the Cities and non-profits such as the Climate Protection Campaign (CPC), the County's General Services Energy and Sustainability Division created a model for a regional program titled the Regional Climate Protection

Coordination Program (RCPCP). The RCPCP was conceived to strategically address the issues related to climate change (including AB 32 and SB 375) and to provide a coherent framework to harness the tools, resources, and energy needed to effectively implement its elements, measure success, and make course corrections.

The CCAP solutions fall into four major categories: (1) Efficiency First – invest in widespread energy and water efficiency to reduce demand; (2) Smart Transit and Land Use – shift transportation from fossil fuel vehicles to transit, walking, bicycling, and electrical vehicles; (3) Power Up Locally – invest in Sonoma County renewable energy sources and jobs; and (4) Conserve and Capture – protect our forests and farmland, sequester carbon, and convert waste into energy.

Additionally, the State has developed and approved legislation (AB 1532) to establish a carbon cap-and-trade auction system to reduce statewide emissions. AB 1532 auction revenues may be provided as grants to local governments by various state agencies and special districts to implement natural resource activities - such as land acquisition and stewardship - that achieve the goals of AB 32 by reducing vehicle miles traveled, sequestering carbon and avoiding emissions. Offset credits are generated by projects that reduce emissions or act as sinks for green house gasses. Currently the Air Resources Board protocols provide for public land offset credits.

Actions:

- Sponsor legislation and budget actions that support the Sonoma County Climate Protection Action Plan and Community Climate Action Plan.
- Support CARB or CPUC rule making and/or support or sponsor legislation that would ensure that local climate protection programs contribute to the state's carbon emission reduction goals and that local government can secure the market value of the carbon reductions resulting from local government programs.
- Sponsor or support legislation that would improve accountability in allocation of utility public goods funds and ensure that local agencies have a voice in local allocation of these funds.
- Sponsor or support legislation to develop community scale greenhouse gas reduction programs that are eligible for an allocation of carbon value from the state's cap-and-trade program.
- Prioritize projects that reduce or prohibit development and vehicle miles traveled potential on conservation lands, open space, agriculture and working lands, and important watersheds.
- Promote projects that enhance natural system functions whereby greenhouse gases are sequestered at a greater rate than the status quo.
- Achieve a portfolio of rural and urban investment projects to maximize statewide coverage.
- Promote new and innovative programs and projects that reduce or sequester greenhouse gases, including urban greening and land use planning.
- Identify synergies or multi-benefit attributes of coordinating or leveraging other federal, state, local, and private funding sources.
- Support legislation and/or budget language that ensures any new programs to reduce greenhouse gases or respond to climate change are implemented sensibly, equitably, and effectively, and recognize avoided conversion. Further, advocate that any new State mandates include full cost recovery by Counties. Support budgetary action to fund local implementation of AB 32 and SB 375 requirements. Support focus on parks and open space lands, as public natural resources, in providing offset credits.

2. Pension Reform

Issue: The Public Employee Pension Reform Act of 2012 (PEPRA) made significant changes to pension law for PERS contracting agencies as well as 1937 Act Counties. Sonoma County supports pension reform efforts, but is opposed to reforms that are inconsistent with principles adopted by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). Concerns include loss of local control due loss of local, lack of recognition for those programs that are fiscally and managerially sound and for which considerable unfunded liability

could be created by the loss of contributions to the defined benefit plans, and loss of flexibility and employee choice of retirement age. Additionally, PEPRA remains ambiguous in many areas and requires further clarification.

Action: The County supports legislation to further clarify PEPRA. Clean-up legislation should address, for example, unintended benefit enhancements through industrial disability claims; County to share the costs due to market investment losses and actuarial assumption changes equally with employees; authority for the Board of Supervisors to appoint four additional public members to the Sonoma County Employees Retirement Board.

3. Dissolution of Redevelopment Agencies

Issue: Governor Brown approved legislation in 2011 to eliminate all redevelopment agencies (RDAs) in California. The provisions of the Redevelopment Dissolution Act as initially enacted and subsequently revised have been unclear, subject to change, and in some cases apparently contrary to other laws (such as federal contract law). Additionally, the State Department of Finance (DOF) has excised broad, unilateral, and retroactive decision-making authority in implementing the Dissolution Act. Despite close adherence to the provisions of the Act, the duly appointed County Oversight Board's decision to authorize completion of the Highway 12 and Roseland Shopping Center projects has been challenged by DOF and the two projects have been stalled pending resolution of this disputed decision.

While the elimination of RDAs will greatly impede the County's ability to improve and expand the infrastructure, facilities, and economies of the three project areas of Roseland, Sonoma Valley Springs, and Russian River, the County as Successor Agency and the Sonoma County Community Development Commission (CDC) as Successor Housing Entity are complying with every provision and timeline established in the Dissolution Act. The State DOF is not adhering to this same standard, and is therefore frustrating the Successor Agency and Housing Successor Entity's attempts to unwind and satisfy the former County RDA's non-housing obligations, and prudent management of the former County, City of Sebastopol, and City of Sonoma RDA's housing assets.

Action:

Support legislation that will:

1. Prevent the State DOF from any retroactive application of the provisions of AB 1484 to cover a time period prior to June 28, 2012.
2. Prevent the State DOF from retroactively revising or rescinding its decisions.
3. Remove or reduce the State DOF's authority to overturn Oversight Board decisions that are made appropriately pursuant to the terms of the Dissolution Act.
4. Enable Successor Agencies and Housing Successor Entities to use bond proceeds from issuances through December 29, 2011 (the date on which the State Supreme Court upheld the validity of the Dissolution Act) for the purposes stated in the bond indenture.
5. Allow Housing Successor Entities to keep unencumbered balances of low/moderate-income housing funds for use pursuant to the housing provisions of California Redevelopment Law (CRL).
6. Create new programs or financing mechanisms to support redevelopment, infrastructure, and economic development activities.

Oppose passage of any legislation that will:

1. Allow the State DOF to retroactively apply the provisions of AB 1484 to cover a time period prior to June 28, 2012.

2. Further strengthen the State DOF's unilateral authority to overturn Oversight Board decisions that are made appropriately pursuant to the terms of the Dissolution Act.

Monitor new legislation that would:

1. Revise the Dissolution Act to reform the way in which Successor Agencies will be permitted or required to implement the unwinding and final satisfaction of their enforceable obligations.
2. Revise the Dissolution Act to reform the way in which the Housing Successor Entities will be allowed to take ownership of, and use, housing assets of the former RDAs.
3. Amend the housing provisions of CRL to reform the way in which Housing Successor Entities are permitted or required to use housing assets, and future income from housing assets.
4. Create new programs or financing mechanisms to support redevelopment, infrastructure, and economic development activities.

Criminal Justice

4. Jail Alternative Model Recognition

Issue: The Legislature passed and the Governor signed SB 1022 as part of the 2012-13 budget. This legislation provides funding for jail beds that are accompanied by programming facilities to improve outcomes for released prisoners. The Sonoma County Strategic Plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in December 2007 and re-affirmed by the Board in October 2009 and November 2010, discusses the need to "more effectively address public safety issues at the lowest risk levels for all members of the community, including early detection, intervention and diversion of minor criminal activity, substance abuse, and mental health issues."

Sonoma County is exploring a number of jail alternatives including the potential development of a Community Corrections Center. This model holds offenders accountable while providing programs to help them become productive members of our community. It assists offenders in taking responsibility for their lives through law-abiding and responsible behavior. The model includes offering programs and services such as job skills training, life skills classes, thought-restructuring programs, individual and group counseling, alcohol and drug counseling, family counseling, and financial management classes.

Action: Seek funding made available through SB 1022 to fund the Sonoma County Community Corrections Center Model.

5. County Correctional Facilities and Funding / Overcrowding

Issue: Sonoma County projects the County jail will reach its inmate population capacity by 2025. State prison reform efforts have shifted many state inmates to the county jail, further reducing available capacity. The estimated cost to consolidate and expand the County's main adult detention facility to house the increasing inmate population is \$400 plus million. Furthermore, a panel of three federal judges has ordered the state to reduce the state prison population by over 40,000 inmates. The State is within a few thousand prisoners of meeting that goal, due to the 2011 public safety realignment.

Action: Support legislation that would:

- Enhance diversion strategies, to prevent offenders from further involvement in the criminal justice system, e.g. mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, vocational training, and adult probation supervision;
- Support proposals to provide state funding to maintain and expand County correctional facilities to house increasing inmate populations, and to fund viable jail alternatives.

6. Prop. 83 Responsibilities and Funding

Issue: Proposition 83, which was approved by voters in November 2006, prohibits registered sex offenders from residing within 2,000 feet of any school or park. Prior law barred high risk parolees convicted of specified sex offenses against a child from residing with one-quarter to one-half mile (1,320 to 2,640 feet) of a school. The increased residency restrictions contained in Prop. 83 will ultimately force many of these offenders from urban to rural areas. This will result in an increased number of offenders residing in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Further, Prop. 83 adds responsibilities for the Probation Department to assess and supervise these offenders. As written, Prop. 83 requires sex offenders to be monitored by Global Positioning System (GPS) for life. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is responsible for the offenders while on parole, but Prop. 83 was silent as to who monitors and pays for monitoring offenders who complete parole and return to the community. Proposition 83 does not provide any funding for the required life-time monitoring.

Actions:

- Support efforts to change the residency requirements through the court or legislative process;
- Support legislation that will clarify the proposition and assure state funding of sex-offender assessment, supervision, and monitoring;
- Seek clarification to identify the state as the entity financially responsible once an offender is off parole, but still required to comply with lifetime GPS monitoring.

7. Reimbursement for Court Security Costs

Issue: Pursuant to Government Code Section 69922, the Sheriff's Office is obligated to provide security for the local Court. For the past several years, funding for court security services has been provided through the State Trial Court Trust Fund as a payment from our local Court. Many costs have been either non-eligible or not allowed to be paid until additional funds were allocated to the local Court by the State Legislature. These costs include new hire and ongoing general deputy training, initial uniform and equipment, Lieutenant's time managing the Court Security Bureau, professional services such as payroll and accounting, general overhead, retiree health care, 4850 costs, and costs to transport inmates to and from court.

As part of the 2011-12 State budget plan, the legislature enacted a "realignment" of State program responsibilities and revenues to local government. With the passage of AB 118, the Local Revenue Fund 2011 and various subaccounts, including the Trial Court Security Account, were created in the State Treasury. Funding is provided through specified tax sources and other monies. The Trial Court Security Account monies are allocated monthly by the State Controller to the counties. Certain court security costs not funded in the past will be eligible to be reimbursed, if monies are sufficient in the Trial Court Security Account. These costs include the Lieutenant Pay and professional services.

Confusion still exists with exactly what can and cannot be funded since the Administrative Office of the Courts rules and SB 1396 still apply with regard to the billing principals of negotiated security contracts. The legislative language needs to be consistent and allow the broadest use of the funds so that counties are not responsible for payment of Court costs. Ideally new legislative language should also allow for expansion of the funds to apply to costs required for the transportation of inmates to and from Court facilities. Additionally, realignment funding for court security ensure that future funding includes cost of living adjustments and allows for additional costs related to new judgeships, expansion of court facilities, or other conditions requiring additional court security personnel.

Action: Support Legislation to:

- Allow counties to be reimbursed for all costs for court security;

- Provide future court security funding to the counties with cost of living adjustments, provisions for new judgeships, changing or expanding court facilities, and other events that require additional court security personnel or security costs;
- Allow for other court security related items, such as transporting inmates to and from Court facilities, to be considered as eligible costs for realignment funding. Clean up language in the Superior Court Law enforcement Act of 2001 (SB 1396) to be consistent with the Realignment Act of 2011 (AB 118);
- Revise Government Code 69922 as a result of the State's Realignment Act of 2011 (AB 118);
- Clarify the definition of what Court Security costs are and provide that all court security costs shall be reimbursable;
- Expand the eligibility of costs to include transportation of inmates.

Development, Administrative, Support & Fiscal

8. Conversion of Mobile Home Parks to Resident Ownership

Issue: Mobile homes are an essential source of affordable housing in Sonoma County. Within both unincorporated and incorporated areas throughout the state, there is a growing movement by mobile home park owners to convert their parks to resident ownership. Under current state law (Government Code § 66427.5), upon conversion and the sale of a single lot, the entire park is removed from local rent control. Residents must be given the opportunity to purchase their lot, but the lot does not need to be offered at fair market value. If residents remain as tenants, the provisions of GC§ 66427.5 supersede local rent control, which effectively eliminates this source of affordable housing in the County, especially for seniors and others on fixed incomes. To address these concerns, GC§ 66427.5 directs local agencies to consider the level of resident support for the conversion. The courts, however, have reached significantly differing conclusions as to the extent of local agency discretion.

The County and City of Santa Rosa sponsored AB 1542 (Evans) in the 2007 session to address this issue. The bill was vetoed by the Governor. In May 2007, the Board adopted a local ordinance governing conversions. The County's ordinance was challenged by a law firm representing MHP owners and the ordinance was ultimately invalidated. Recent court decisions for other jurisdictions have upheld the local government's right to consider the "survey of support" from park residents in deciding whether to approve a conversion. However, stronger legislative action is needed. The County co-sponsored SB 444 (Evans) in 2011, which narrowly failed passage in the Senate.

Action: Support legislation that helps maintain mobile home parks as a viable and essential source of affordable housing. This could be accomplished by: 1) differentiating between owner-initiated and resident-initiated conversions; 2) requiring that owner-initiated conversions are bona fide conversions to resident ownership and have the support of park residents; and/or 3) ensuring that mobile home space rent control provisions can remain in place where needed.

9. Vote-By-Mail

Issue: Over 60% of the registered voters in Sonoma County choose to participate in the Permanent Vote by Mail program, and roughly 60-70% of the ballots cast in Sonoma County for statewide elections are cast via the Vote by Mail program. The high number of Permanent Vote by Mail voters, state law currently requires counties to establish, outfit and staff polling places, which is costly.

Action: Allow counties the option of converting elections to 100% Vote by Mail if the percentage of registered voters participating in the Permanent Vote by Mail program exceeds a specific percentage, and require a number of Vote by Mail drop off locations in proportion to the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction to be established (in lieu of the requirement that return postage is paid for voted ballots).



10. State Gas Tax Allocation

Issue: The revenues received from taxing fuel suppliers are deposited in the State Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA). These revenues are allocated to the state, counties and cities. Although most of the state road miles are owned and operated by the cities and the counties, the State receives the vast majority of the HUTA revenues for state highway maintenance. The allocation of the HUTA revenues to the unincorporated counties are based upon registered vehicles within the geographic county and to a smaller part maintained mileage within the unincorporated county. Urbanized counties with large incorporated populations and areas benefit from the formula even though the unincorporated portion of the county may have few road miles to maintain. Conversely, counties that are less densely populated tend to have more unincorporated road miles and infrastructure to serve their public; but given the HUTA formula allocation, have less revenue to address the transportation infrastructure needs. Currently, Sonoma County receives approximately \$9,846 per mile from HUTA funding while some bay area counties receive over \$51,000 per mile.

Action: Support legislation and budget action which reviews the current HUTA distribution formula and establishes a HUTA allocation formula which weights road miles more heavily. Seek to reverse the budget action approved in 2012-13 which made the HUTA borrowing by the State permanent.

11. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Funding

Issue: Proposition 84 allocates \$37 million to the North Coast and \$138 million to the Bay Area for implementation of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans. These funds should be appropriated by the Legislature over the coming years. SB 2X 1 (Perata, 2008), which was signed by the Governor on September 20, 2008, appropriates over \$181 million statewide for integrated plan programs. Funds are disbursed through grant programs administered by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). In addition to benefitting County departments such as Regional Parks and Public Works, special districts including Agricultural Preservation and Open Space, the Water Agency, and cities within the county are eligible.

Action: Advocate for grant criteria as DWR develops them so that Sonoma County and regional agencies have maximum opportunity to draw down grant funding for local projects. Support or sponsor legislation that would appropriate substantial funding amounts for integrated water management plans and coastal salmon restoration under future water bonds or water infrastructure funding initiatives.

12. Funding for Sanitation Facility Upgrades

Issue: Three rural communities in Sonoma County (Occidental, Camp Meeker, and Monte Rio) are under regulatory orders to install or upgrade sanitary sewer collection and wastewater treatment systems. The cost of required facilities has escalated over time, and now exceeds local financial resources. State financial assistance is necessary to implement projects to bring these communities into compliance with state regulatory order. An \$11.1 billion general obligation bond (originally scheduled to appear on the November 2010 ballot) will appear on the November 2014 ballot. The Board has endorsed this bond, which currently contains \$75 million for such projects. The total amount of this bond may be lowered in the next legislative session before it appears on a future ballot.

Action:

- Advocate for state funds for the Small Community Grant Program offered through the State Water Resources Control Board;
- Support implementation of integrated regional water management grant programs through Prop. 50 and Prop. 84 to support these projects;
- Advocate for grant criteria to be developed for the new bond, if it is approved by the voters, which will benefit Sonoma County's upgrade projects.

Health and Human Services

13. Sweetened Beverage Tax to Support Anti-obesity Efforts

Issue: Overweight children and childhood obesity constitute a preventable public health crisis. In Sonoma County, 8% of the children ages 2-11 are overweight or obese. The problem is even greater among Hispanic children and children from low-income households. Thirty-eight percent (38%) of low income children are overweight or obese and their future health may suffer, as three out of four children who are overweight will remain overweight as adults, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The connection between obesity and consumption of sweetened beverages has been clearly established. A tax would generate over \$17 million in Sonoma County to fund upstream community-based childhood obesity prevention programs; early recognition, monitoring, and weight management intervention activities in medical settings; and elementary and secondary schools for educational, policy, and other public health approaches that promote nutrition and physical activity.

Action: Support legislative efforts to pass a sweetened beverage tax to fund anti-obesity efforts at the local level.

14. In Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Issue: The County's interest is to sustain the 2012 funding methodology for IHSS as established in the 2012-13 Budget. The county contribution for IHSS has increased each year until the current year when a Maintenance Of Effort (MOE) was established for IHSS. The MOE replaced the share of cost methodology that was used to determine the County cost for IHSS. The new MOE allows the County to fund the IHSS program and support the community at a lower cost.

The MOE took effect July 1, 2012, and includes a substantial shift in how counties budget IHSS costs. All 58 counties began paying the MOE in July 2012, regardless of the date of transfer of collective bargaining for IHSS Providers. The base year for county expenditures for the MOE is the 2011-12 fiscal year; beginning in 2014-15, the county MOE will be increased by an inflation factor of 3.5% per year (with the exception of years when 1991 Realignment revenues decline). The county MOE will be increased for the county's share of any costs of locally negotiated wage and benefit increases prior to the state taking over collective bargaining if the state approves.

Action: Support legislative efforts to reduce county's obligation to fund IHSS such as a Maintenance of Effort.

15. Community Choice Aggregation

Issue: The Water Agency and the County are engaged in feasibility studies for development of a community choice aggregation program that would provide local residents and businesses with an alternative source for procuring power. A joint powers authority has been formed to develop the Sonoma Clean Power entity and project startup will require financing and would have specific concerns regarding state legislative policy and regulatory procedures at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Specific concerns include the following: Possible state funding and support for startup costs; Eligibility for CPUC energy efficiency programs; Utility cost allocation formulae that could be disadvantageous for community choice programs; Legislative initiatives that weaken the community choice program or place additional barriers to development of these programs.

Action: Monitor future community choice legislation and oppose bills that have negative impacts on Sonoma Clean Power. Support legislation that reduces cost or removed barriers to implementation. Submit filings and testimony before the California Public Utilities Commission regarding utility cost allocation, energy efficiency programs and other issues impacting Sonoma Clean Power.

General Concerns

General Concerns

Following are the County's general advocacy issues for 2013. General advocacy issues differ from priority advocacy issues, in that the County's legislative advocates will primarily support the efforts of others to enact legislation to address these concerns, which are most often shared concerns of multiple counties.

Health & Human Services

16. Implementation of Federal Healthcare Reform

Issue: In March 2010, President Obama signed into law comprehensive health care reform, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). The PPACA will provide coverage for approximately 32 million Americans, 5 million Californians, and 45,000 Sonoma County individuals without health insurance coverage. In addition, the PPACA will provide important funding for community health centers, implement changes in the Medicaid and Medicare programs to expand access, establish a National Public Health Council and Prevention and Public Health Fund, establish multiple public health funding opportunities (e.g. Community Transformation Grants, Healthy Aging, Living Well Grants, Epidemiology-Laboratory Grants, Positive Health Behaviors and Outcomes Grants, etc.); include mental health and substance abuse parity, and fund workforce development programs. As comprehensive health care reform is implemented, it is important that all components of the PPACA and funding be protected. Toward that end, the County supports legislative and regulatory efforts that implements the PPACA in a manner that promotes high-quality, cost-effective care; stabilizes and maintains the local health care safety-net; maintains a strong public infrastructure; strengthens prevention-focused primary care; addresses health disparities; supports and preserves the strengths of the current system, including the unique qualities of county-operated systems that specialize in serving vulnerable populations and protects the funding provided for in the PPACA.

Action: Support legislative efforts to protect and preserve funding for the implementation of the PPACA.

17. Current and Future Realigned Health and Human Service Programs

Issue: The 2011-12 State Budget Act included the 2011 Realignment. While a large part of this shift of responsibilities from the State to counties focused on the public safety systems, it also included the realignment of two mental health funding sources and the realignment of several substance used disorders programs.

The 2011 Realignment shifted funding for mental health managed care and the state general fund contribution to the local match for children's Medi Cal services (known as Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) funding) to the sales tax revenues identified to fund this realignment. While the counties have been responsible to manage the provision of Medi-Cal services to children in their role as the Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Plan, this action shifted financial risk for these services to counties. In addition to this change related to the EPSDT funding, the mental health managed care allocation funding was also shifted from state general fund to sales tax revenue.

Along with the realignment of mental health funding and risk, 2011 Realignment shifted financial risk and supposedly responsibility and authority to manage substance used disorders services, including: the Drug Medi-Cal Program, Drug Courts, Perinatal Drug Program, and Non-Drug Medi-Cal Services.

The concept of realignment calls for the shift of funding and financial risk along with the shift of authority and responsibility. Unfortunately, as the State is implementing this realignment, the transfer of authority and responsibility is being withheld. For example, the State retained its Alcohol and Drug Program Department to provide oversight to counties and continues to control rate setting. The State has also retained the certification of providers and the ability to establish contracts with new providers even if the county would prefer to not contract with the provider. By shifting funding and fiscal risk to the counties without the requisite authority to

manage the programs and risk, the State is renegeing on the promise of realignment. The State could make a decision that would increase costs to the county forcing the county to fund the excess costs with '91 realignment or other local funds. The counties would have no ability to manage their provider networks, utilization or quality. The counties' ability to make system improvements would be hampered.

Action: Craft enabling legislation and regulations that provides counties the authority and processes needed to manage the new responsibilities shifted to them by the State.

18. Public Guardian - Limits of Liability

Issue: The Conservatorship Act of 2006 changed state law giving the court authority to order the Public Guardian to apply for conservatorship in situations that the court determined necessary. This change in the law increases the responsibilities of the Public Guardian and it amounts to an unfunded mandate. In such cases, the County Public Guardian does not have any option but to comply with the Court. Additionally, the County and the Public Guardian are not immune from personal or civil liability arising from conservatorship duties.

Actions: Support legislative effort that would allow the Public Guardian discretion to respond to the court by conducting an investigation into the appropriate case management for the conservatee; limit liability for counties and for the Public Guardian; provide a federal or state funding stream for public guardian services.

19. Distribution of Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Treatment State Discretionary Funding

Issue: Since 1994, as a result of the Sobkey v. Smoley court decision, the disparity in the distribution of AOD discretionary state general funds has grown. Some counties receive no AOD discretionary state general funds (such as Sonoma County), some receive less than 50 cents per capita, and some receive more than 50 cents per capita. The methodology for distribution of AOD state discretionary general funds needs to be revisited and a more equitable distribution methodology developed. Furthermore, juveniles are not eligible for alcohol and drug related services, which results in significant unmet need. The County substantiated, through its recent Jail Alternatives Study, the high correlation between alcohol and other drug use and involvement with the criminal justice systems. Investing in upstream programs, like AOD treatment, and making these services available to all age groups, could relieve pressure on the criminal justice system thereby resulting in savings to the County and to the state.

Action: Support legislation that provides a base level (minimum \$1.00 per capita) of state discretionary funding to all counties for local alcohol and other drug treatment programs to be used for various eligible populations as determined by each county.

20. Health Coverage for All Children and Adult California Residents

Issue: There are approximately 46 million Americans without health insurance coverage, including 6.5 million residents of California. Two-thirds of the uninsured are low income, and eight in ten come from working families. Many of the uninsured work for employers that do not offer insurance, and those who are offered insurance often cannot afford their share of the premium. Young adults, racial and ethnic minorities, and those who are non-citizens are more likely to be uninsured. Lack of insurance has a significant impact on an individual's ability to access health care services. Uninsured adults are more likely to postpone or forego health care altogether, are less able to afford prescription drugs, and less likely to follow through on treatment plans. Reduced access to quality health care results in poor health, preventable hospitalizations, and premature death. Similar to the efforts that have been made to provide insurance coverage for uninsured children, the County supports the development of a long term solution that will provide health care coverage for all residents of California.

Toward that end, the County urges the President and Congress to build upon the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) to work with the goal of expanding a system of health care coverage and medical care delivery for all children and adults that builds upon and preserves the strengths of the current

system, including the unique qualities of county operated systems, such as the County's Healthy Kids program. Any health care reform process must take into account historical, current, and future County costs for treating those who are, and those who may remain, uninsured. Finally, health care reform must include mental health parity provisions that provide coverage for mental health services equal to coverage for medical and surgical benefits and ensure adequate ongoing funding for both expanded and core mental health services.

Action: Support legislative efforts to provide health insurance for all children and adults and a stable source of funding for all residents of California consistent with the *Health Care Reform Principles of Action* adopted by the Board on December 8, 2009.

21. Mental Health Managed Care Allocation

Issue: In the early 1990s, the state consolidated Medi-Cal mental health services into a single Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Program and contracted with local agencies/organizations to operate the program. The Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health program is a federal and state partnership with shared costs. When the state consolidated Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Program, it provided contracting agencies with funding to match the federal funds related to the fee for service part of Medi-Cal, referred to as the Mental Health Managed Care allocation. Since consolidation of the program, the state has unilaterally reduced the Mental Health Managed Care allocation. As a result, the Mental Health Managed Care allocation for Sonoma County in FY 09-10 has declined by over 50% since the program's inception despite significant increased Medi-Cal costs over the same period.

Action: Support legislation or budget action that indexes the Mental Health Managed Care allocation based on the cost of Medi-Cal services and calculated each year based on the Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP).

22. Restoration of Health and Mental Health Realignment Funding Baselines

Issue: The formula for the distribution of realignment between the Social Services, Health, and Mental Health Services Trust Funds allocates funding to Human Services on a priority basis based on increased caseload growth. Increased realignment growth is diverted to Human Services with little or no growth in the funding for the Health or Mental Health Trust Funds. As a result, the department has been forced to make reductions to health and mental health realignment programs and services.

This inequity in the current realignment funding formula has been made worse by the recent downturn in the economy, which has resulted in a significant decrease in revenue and a lowering of baseline funding levels. As a result, when the economy rebounds, any growth in revenues above the new lower baselines will go disproportionately to the Social Services Trust Fund, thereby further reducing available funding for health and mental health realignment funded programs. Furthermore, Governor Brown has indicated his interest in opening up the 1991 Realignment to shift more services from the state to counties. This presents numerous concerns regarding the share of realignment funds that currently flow to Sonoma County being eroded by pressures from other counties to secure a larger share of the original realignment.

Action: Support legislation that provides a temporary restructuring of the realignment distribution formulas to provide growth in health and mental health funding consistent with levels that existed prior to the downturn in overall realignment funding. Oppose efforts to reduce funding from the 1991 Realignment to Sonoma County.

23. Emergency Medical Services Planning and Local Control

Issue: Legislation introduced in the past would have reduced County control over local planning and emergency medical services by requiring local policies and procedures be reviewed and approved by the State Emergency Medical Services Authority. This legislation fails to reflect California's diverse geography and population and would negatively impact local emergency medical services agencies.

Action: Oppose legislation that would usurp local control over emergency medical services planning and delivery.

24. Service Delivery System and Funding for Individuals With Cognitive Disorders

Issue: Individuals with cognitive disorders such as Alzheimer's, HIV, dementia, and traumatic brain injuries often require extensive, costly long-term care and other mental health treatment services. Currently, there is no mental health services delivery system or funding for programs and services to address the needs of individuals with cognitive disorders. As a result, these individuals often end up in mental health crisis centers and inpatient psychiatric hospitals requiring significant mental health realignment dollars to fund needed services.

Action: Support legislation or budget language that identifies new resources to fund services, including long-term care services for individuals with cognitive disorders.

25. State-Funded Child Care

Issue: Every year when the state budget is late, hundreds of children, families, child care providers, and employees of state subsidized programs are in danger of losing care and/or their jobs. This loss of child care impacts county residents' quality of life and disrupts the local economy as employees must forego working in order to provide at home child care.

Action: Support legislation and budget action which would ensure continuity of child care for children and families.

26. State-Funded Afterschool Programs

Issue: There has been a marked increase in the number of income eligible children/families waiting for a subsidized child care slot to become available in Sonoma County. The County and the Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County are concerned about protecting funding for Proposition 49 (2002) - the After School Education and Safety Program and 21st Century After-School Programs as these directly impact the quality of life for Sonoma County residents.

Action: Seek and support legislation which would preserve, protect, and increase funding for subsidized and other government-funded child care.

27. Community Care Licensing

Issue: As the basis for health and safety in local licensed child care programs, it is critical that the Department of Social Services; Community Care Licensing (CCL) has the capacity for annual visits. In addition, it is imperative that CCL have staff that is knowledgeable about child development and has the capacity for building ongoing, collaborative relationships with families, local non-profits and the County. The lack of these resources impacts children and families and puts additional pressures on the County to provide child care resources.

Action: Seek and support legislation and budget action to ensure that CCL is adequately funded by the State to provide reliable and meaningful services and that CCL inform parents about its functions and limitations.

28. Child Care Facilities Licensing

Issue: Sonoma County has a shortfall of approximately 6,900 child care spaces while family child care providers and child development centers face regulatory barriers to building capacity through expansion and new facilities development.

Action: Support legislation which would reduce state regulatory barriers and increase opportunities for child care capacity expansion.

29. Health Care Coverage for Persons Released to Sonoma County in Realignment

Issue: The state's final FY 11-12 Budget restructured the state-local relationship shifting funding and responsibility to local government for more than \$10 billion in services including Public Safety and Health and Human Services programs (2011 Realignment). The realignment of public safety program includes the County assuming responsibility for state prison inmates released to post-release community supervision and certain non-violent, non-serious, non sex offender populations. The Department of Health Services strongly supports enrollment of transferred inmates into Medi-Cal or CMSP health insurance coverage effective upon release; assignment of a medical home; and provision of in custody or out-of-custody health (e.g., mental health; substance use services) and social support (e.g., employment services) services required to improve outcomes and produce cost efficiencies. In addition, over a two year period, the 2011 Realignment will realign funding for community mental health services; mental health allocation; EPSDT; Drug Medi-Cal; Non-Drug Medi-Cal; Perinatal; Drug Court. When the Governor signed the budget it was recognized that additional work would need to be done to refine the financing structure and constitutional protections would need to be provided to counties.

Action: Support efforts to put in place required processes to ensure inmates are enrolled in Medi-Cal/CMSP effective upon release; assigned to a medical home; and that they receive in custody and community-based health and social services. Support legislative efforts or ballot initiatives to provide adequate base funding and constitutional protections to counties for realigned services.

30. Elimination of Fingerprinting Requirement for Participation in CalWORKS Program

Issue: The Governor approved legislation in 2011 which eliminated the fingerprinting requirement for persons applying for CalFRESH assistance; however, a commensurate elimination of fingerprint requirements for CalWORKS was not approved. Fingerprinting has not been proven to reduce instances of fraud, but does create a barrier for both applicants and for counties, as getting fingerprinted can be difficult for persons who live in rural areas without access to transportation.

Action: Support legislation to repeal the fingerprinting requirement for CalWORKS applicants.

31. Additions to Workforce Investment Act

Issue: Legislation introduced in 2011 would require local workforce investment boards (WIBs) to spend a certain percentage of federal funding on workforce training, penalize WIBs that do not meet all federal performance standards by making them ineligible for state funding, and require WIBs to work with apprenticeship programs.

Action: Oppose all legislation that would add state mandates to federal Workforce Investment Board requirements, resulting in unfunded state mandates.

32. Source Certification

Issue: Locally grown, fresh fruit and vegetables benefit the health of consumer, the health of the environment and the vibrancy of the local economy. State regulation provides for the necessary protection of public health through ensuring fresh fruits and vegetables are safe and free of contamination. For local producers, the State provides for an "approved source" certification process. However, this process is not clearly defined leaving local governments without clear direction or standards by which to certify local producers. As a consequence, many producers are unable to obtain certification. Without certification, vendors – such as those at farmers markets, independent grocers, and school cafeterias – assume liability for any illness associated with the food's


consumption. This liability is a significant deterrent for many vendors to accept food from non-certified producers, thus restricting the flow of local, fresh food to the community.

Action:

- Seek and support legislation to clearly define standards and definitions related to approved source certification;
- Engage the California Department of Public Health in developing processes for certifying local producers.

Natural Resources

33. State Parks Access



Issue: In 2011 the State planned to close five State Parks in Sonoma County and 70 Parks state-wide. In response, Sonoma County Regional Parks (Annadel State Park), Valley of the Moon Historical Association (Jack London State Park), Team Sugarloaf (Sugarloaf Ridge State Park), Stewards of the Coast and Redwood (Austin Creek State Recreational Area), and the Sonoma/Petaluma State Historic Parks Association (Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park) signed operating agreements with California Department of Parks and Recreation to keep these parks open as allowed by state legislation.

Then, in the summer of 2012, the Governor signed California State Assembly passed AB1478 which places a moratorium on closure of State Parks for two years and mandates that the State match moneys from third party donors and partners that entered into agreements with the State to keep parks open. This action was in response to the discovery of over \$50 million in previously-unreported State Parks funds.

The closure of these Parks would have had significant impacts on the County. County Departments, including the Sheriff, Emergency Services, and Regional Parks, would have been expected to address emergencies and other problems in closed State Parks, such as fire risks, vandalism, medical problems, trespassing, and property damage. State Parks are an important part of the draw for tourists to visit Sonoma County, and fewer open Parks would have reduced the value of the County as a tourism destination. Reduced availability of State Parks would have increased usage and need for staff at County Parks. Closure would have diminished the value of integrated open space connecting Regional Parks to State Parks, which in many cases are adjacent (such as Spring Lake and Annadel, Hood Mountain and Sugarloaf Ridge, forthcoming North Slope Sonoma Mountain Trail and Jack London). The Sonoma County Open Space District both (1) owns lands that intended to become part of the State Park system, and (2) owns lands that are adjacent to state parks with active plans to create open trail systems between properties. Neither the District nor the County have funds to provide safe access to these properties.

In addition to parks access, the County remains very concerned about the ongoing threat of Sudden Oak Death (SOD) in county parks and open space. SOD threatens the survival of tanoak and several oak species in California, and has afflicted tree populations along the coast since 1995. SOD has killed more trees this year than in the last two years. Sonoma County is experiencing the worst tree mortality of any county in the State. The Forest Service conducts annual aerial surveys over California forests to document damage. The 2012 survey reflected a significant increase in SOD's impact on the North Coast. An estimated 136,918 of the newly dead trees, predominantly tanoaks, are in Sonoma County. In this county an estimated 105,000 acres are infected. In January 2008, the Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services and the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) released the Sonoma County SOD Strategic Response Plan, citing threats ranging from falling trees to habitat and economic losses. This followed their 2006 launch of successful education and outreach program designed to mitigate the spread of the disease, and to manage the increased fire hazard resulting from the disease. Early detection is crucial to management. In spring of 2012, as part of an annual field inspection, hundreds of trees were examined for SOD in Sonoma County and 278 suspect trees were tested for infection. Of those tested, 46.4% came back positive for SOD. The proportion of infections in

this small sample of trees illustrates the potential severity of the issue throughout the entirety of Sonoma County.

Action:

- Continue the FY2012-2013 Operating Agreements in FY2013-2014 to provide sufficient management authority to all qualified organizations and agencies that entered into operating agreements for State Parks in Sonoma County.
- Utilize all existing legal tools pursuant to AB 42 (Huffman, Statutes of 2011, Chapter 450,) and subsequent legislation to allow non-profits, local governments, and businesses to operate Parks, so long as the operations sufficiently protect the Parks' natural resources, public access, and are consistent with other public values associated with State Parks. The Legislature and Governor must ensure that unfunded management and public safety costs for closed State Parks do not shift to Sonoma County and regional agencies, given the State Parks discovery of \$54 million in previously hidden funds.
- Provide State funding sufficient to keep the five State Parks proposed for closure in Sonoma County open consistent with the signed operating agreements and to provide State matching funds for moneys expended by third party donors and partners per AB1478 and AB1589.
- Ensure State Parks rangers from other areas continue to respond to calls for service in closed State Parks.
- Support legislation to allocate funding to support Sudden Oak Death monitoring, education, fire fuel mitigation and hazardous tree removal, for all affected County Departments and Agencies.
- Oppose efforts to require "Iron Rangers" to be placed on state beaches in Sonoma County to fund beach operations.

34. Proposition 1C and Proposition 84 – Park Funding Implementation Language



Issue: Sonoma County has a strong interest in ensuring that Proposition 1C and 84 bond funds are allocated timely, equitably, and in a manner that supports ongoing priorities of its Regional Parks and Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District needs, including specific earmarks, if applicable. The bonds total \$8.2 billion that could assist the County in protecting open space and developing its regional parks and related facilities.

Action: Advocate for legislation and/or specific implementation language to include that Sonoma County receive its fair share in funding for park facilities, programs and protection of open space within these bond acts and incorporate language that considers the environmental diversity of Sonoma County (e.g., riparian corridors, coastal areas, trails, etc.) and for projects funded by per capita formula.

35. Funding for Implementation of AB 3018



Issue: The emerging green economy requires a trained "green" workforce and AB 3018 (Nunez, 2008) was passed recognizing that this is a necessity. AB 3018 sets forth a plan to develop a green-trained work force but does not provide program funding, thus becoming an un-funded mandate. The training programs are available and desperately needed, but there is no funding appropriated for the program.

Action: Advocate for state budget action to fund green-trained work force development.

36. Fishery Restoration Programs and Funding



Issue: Remnant populations of Coho salmon in the Russian River are endangered and a multi-agency captive broodstock program has been developed to assist in their recovery. Hatchery operations and production of fish are coordinated by California Department of Fish and Game. The University of California and Sea Grant conduct monitoring of released fish as they rear in Russian River tributaries and subsequently migrate to the ocean in the spring. This information is used to evaluate the success of the recovery program and adaptively manage it to maximize the likelihood of long term success resulting in self-sustaining runs. The County strongly


supports funding for Coho issues which will allow University of California, Cooperative Extension (UCCE) to continue their work on critical natural resources throughout the county.

California allocates general fund and water bond dollars to support salmon restoration programs. The state funding forms the state/local match for federal funding under the Pacific Coast Salmon Restoration Fund. Funding from Proposition 84 for this purpose is reported to be fully expended at this time.

Actions:

- Support funding for Coho issues which will allow UCCE to continue their work on critical natural resources throughout the county;
- Support legislative or budget action that would appropriate \$10 million in Proposition 84 funds and \$10 million in General Fund money for salmon restoration programs managed by the Department of Fish and Game;
- Advocate for the Department to use the funds for projects that fulfill requirements of the State's Coho Salmon Recovery Strategy;
- Advocate for allocation of future water bond or water infrastructure dollars for coastal salmon restoration.

37. Groundwater Banking for Local Water Supply



Issue: Groundwater banking is an important component of the Water Agency's water supply strategies for the future. A number of barriers at the state level stand in the way of successful implementation of groundwater banking programs locally. Barriers include the high cost of preliminary studies required to determine feasibility, uncertain authority to capture and divert storm water flows for underground injection, the need to re-designate point of use or time of use under water rights permits, and unwarranted regulatory restrictions on injection of surface water in underground aquifers. Legislative action and participation in development of regulatory policy could be very valuable in moving local groundwater banking programs forward.

Action:


- Advocate for funding for groundwater banking programs in future statewide water bonds or other infrastructure funding initiatives;
- Support or sponsor legislation and regulatory policy to expedite regulatory approval and permitting for groundwater banking programs.

38. Recycled Water

Issue: The state of California has recognized the importance of recycled water for meeting future water needs in the state and has set statewide goals to increase distribution and use of recycled water. However, existing statutes continue to regulate recycled water as a waste rather than a resource, resulting in burdensome rules that have the effect of delaying and increasing the costs associated with reuse initiatives like the North Bay Water Reuse Authority programs and other projects under development by local sanitation districts and cities.

Action: Participate in developing recycled water legislation to advocate for language that facilitates implementation of recycled water projects in ways that are fully protective of public health, surface and ground water quality. Support legislation and regulatory policy that promotes efficient implementation of recycled water projects throughout California.

39. Water Well Logging



Issue: County entities are developing groundwater management plans for several groundwater basins in Sonoma County. These agencies are also required by state law to conduct ground water monitoring in all of the identified groundwater basins. Local efforts in both areas depend on access to geological information recovered by drillers and landowners when wells are drilled. The legislature recognized this need in approving

a bill introduced by Senator Pavley in SB 263, 2011 and SB 1146, 2012), requiring that water well log data be made available to professionals conducting such studies. Sonoma County Water Agency anticipates that additional legislation will be needed in 2013 to ensure that public agencies conducting groundwater studies have reasonable access to this information.

Action: Support or sponsor legislation and administrative policy to improve access to well log information for groundwater planning and monitoring.

40. Williamson Act Funding

Issue: The Williamson Act (the Act), established in 1965, has helped preserve Sonoma County's rich and productive farm and ranch lands by providing property tax incentives to keep land in agricultural uses. Sonoma County has over 273,000 acres enrolled in the Williamson Act, and has lost approximately \$450,000 in subvention payments. Due to the ongoing budget crisis, beginning in Fiscal Year 2009-2010, the Governor has not funded the subventions to counties. In 2011, the Governor signed legislation (AB 1265) authorizing counties to shorten the contract term of Williams Act contracts from 10 years to 9 years, and capture the 10% increase, in part to offset losses to counties. In November 2011, the Board of Supervisors declined to implement AB 1265 due to concerns about increasing the tax burden on farmers and ranchers. This demonstrates the need for the Legislature and Governor to develop and fund a long-term plan for the Williamson Act, in order to ensure that agriculture and open space are preserved into the future.

Actions: Support legislation and budget language which:

- Seeks full funding of the Williamson Act at its highest historical levels;
- Supports new and innovative funding alternatives to replace lost subvention payments;
- Develop long-term solutions, including locally developed and approved options that create a reliable funding stream to protect the Act.

41. Certificates of Compliance, Agricultural Land Conservation and Funding

Issue: Under the state Subdivision Map Act, Certificates of Compliance are used to recognize parcels created by old deeds, patents and early subdivision maps. Certificates are also used to recognize "fragment lots" that result from intersecting lines of old deeds and maps, one laid on top of the other. Certificate parcels are usually inconsistent with the dwelling unit densities in the General Plan, but the County has no authority to deny or place conditions on these Certificates.

Actions:

- Sponsor and/or support legislation that would restrict or eliminate the use of Certificates of Compliance for lots created prior to implementation of the public agency review provisions of the Subdivision Map Act in 1929, and for "fragment lots".
- (1) Amendments to Government Code Section 66499.35 to restrict or eliminate the use of Certificates of Compliance on parcels created by subdivision maps prior to 1929. (2) Amendments to Government Code Section 66499.35 to restrict or eliminate the use of Certificates of Compliance for "fragment lots."

42. Weights and Measures Device Registration

Issue: Mandated inspection programs to verify accuracy for weighing and measuring devices are partially funded by an annual device registration fee. The authority for this fee, found in Business and Professions Code Section 12240, sunsets January 1, 2013 as prescribed under Section 12246. This is the most significant funding mechanism for Weights and Measures inspection programs.

Action: Support legislation that would extend or eliminate the repeal date in the Business and Professions Code Section 12246 pertaining to Weights and Measures Device Registration Fees, and allow for increased fees to offset cost increases.

43. Endangered Species Act – Habitat Conservation Plans and Other Efforts Necessary to Comply With the ESA’s “Take” Prohibition

Issue: The federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits “taking” any endangered species without specific authorization. Obtaining this authorization, whether through the ESA Section 7 process for projects with federal funding or a federal permit or through Section 10 for other projects, typically involves an extensive conservation planning effort. Once “take” authorization is granted, significant financial commitments are required to implement conservation programs. The cost of the comprehensive conservation planning effort can make individual projects financially infeasible. Public funding sources for conservation planning efforts under the ESA are very limited.

Action: Support legislation that would make federal and/or state funds available for comprehensive conservation planning efforts under the ESA.

44. Clean Generation Measures

Issue: Counties should be permitted to retain the green credit associated with power generation. Power purchase agreement installation surplus generation will be deemed eligible for this treatment. Counties should be encouraged to generate more green energy by being paid the full value of solar power generated and sold to an investor-owned utility, less reasonable transmission charges.

Action: Sponsor or support legislation which would:

- Support increased state solar subsidies, advocate for retention of the green credit for surplus generation, and require peak rate payment for solar power generation sold to investor-owned utilities;
- Advocate for legislation which authorizes Power Purchase Agreement surplus power to be wheeled to its own other government accounts, and;
- Support additional California Energy Commission rebates over standard rebates to reflect the loss of the Federal Tax Credit and raise the California Solar Rebate should be raised back to its initial funding level.

45. Public Goods Charge

Issue: The Public Goods Charge (PGC) on electricity bills is an important funding source for programs that reduce energy use and consumer costs. A cost-effective use of the PGC is to support conservation and efficiency programs that save Californians millions of dollars through reduced energy bills, reduce the demand for additional electricity generation and transmission capacity, and support a thriving sector of the clean economy. The County of Sonoma Energy and Sustainability Program coordinates the Sonoma Energy Watch Program (SEWP), a Local Government Partnership with Pacific Gas and Electric. SEWP is regarded as a leading Energy Watch program in the region having served over 150 customers, saving over 5,000,000 kWh per year (enough to power 330 homes), saving over \$650,000 for clients, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1,500 tons of CO₂ per year. Combined with the resources afforded by the local Energy Independence Program and Energy Upgrade California, local government input on the use of PGC would leverage the success of these programs and the one-stop-shop model of service delivery.

Action: Support legislation and language in regulatory action which:

- Includes local government input on Public Goods Charge uses to increase the success of energy efficiency programs;
- Increases direct funding of local government energy efficiency programs from the Public Good Charge before the CPUC and in legislation;

- Extends the utility public goods charge for energy efficiency and related programs;
- Ensures local government entities such as the County or the Regional Climate Protection Authority are eligible to administer energy efficiency programs funded from the public goods charge.

46. Wheeling Energy

Issue: Existing legislation, AB 2624, allows local government to apply excess renewable power produced from a customer account as energy credits against charges for power delivered to one or more of its other accounts. This option allows for local government to take advantage of a generation at a site compatible with renewable generation installations and apply the credits for overproduction of electricity to a less compatible site. Private sector entities and consumers would like this same option for supplying power (through credits) to their selected benefitting accounts (other business sites, family members, etc.).

Action: Support the passage of legislation that would allow private sector entities and consumers to apply credits from overproduction of electricity from one account to another account.

47. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations



Issue: With the installation of electric vehicle charging stations for public use, there is a need for the charging station owner to have an option to recover the costs for operation of the charging station. Under current law, only utilities can bill for actual consumption of energy; charging station owners only have the option of establishing a fee structure for charging station use. Due to the factors of vehicle type, time connected to the charging station, condition of the vehicle charging system, etc., the calculation of a reasonable and accurate fee is not possible. Electric vehicle charging station owners need the ability to bill charging station users based on actual consumption of (kWh).

Action: Support State and Federal legislative action to allow electric vehicle charger owners to bill electric vehicles on a usage (kWh) versus fee basis, in compliance with Proposition 26.

48. Alternative Metering



Issue: Investor-owned utilities are rolling out so-called “Smart Meters” to remotely report household energy usage for billing purposes. This technology is concerning to some households, who wish to avoid the technology being installed on their property.

Action: Support legislation which identifies and offers alternative options for customers who decline the installation of “Smart Meters.”

49. Single Sourcing Based on Green Standards



Issue: Sonoma County supports state action to develop “Green Standards” for single source procurement/sourcing decisions as they relate to the purchase of goods and professional services. As many of the standards today are self-certifying, the appropriate criteria would need to be established so that it is fair for all parties. Developing green preference programs, for example, would allow true benefits to be realized by suppliers. Similarly, expanding existing law to include incentives for suppliers that objectively demonstrate certifications in particular areas, promotes expertise and an overall acceleration of green projects. Local government agencies will benefit from any legislative processes that help support and govern such green procurement policies.

Action:

- Support legislation that authorizes local procurement agencies to single-source green goods and professional services;

- Support legislation that provides incentives for suppliers to objectively demonstrate certifications, expertise, and overall acceleration of green projects.

50. Storm Drain Maintenance Assessment Districts New NPDES Water Quality Standards

Issue: Storm drains are separated by law from sewer drains. To form a maintenance district and assess property owners to fund storm drain maintenance requires a high threshold of voter approval (66 2/3 %).

Action: Support legislation that equates funding mechanisms for storm runoff standards with funding standards for clean water standards and for water sewer treatment, as well as lower the voter approval threshold to form storm water maintenance district to 60% or less of property owners.

51. Air Pollution Reduction



Issue: The air pollution control districts currently fund grants to incentivize cleanup of mobile sources through a surcharge on motor vehicle registration. In 2004, the Air Pollution Control Officials (APCO) helped negotiate (with business and environmental representatives) \$61 million in the Governor's budget for additional diesel pollution clean-up, to be allocated to the air pollution control districts and released as grants, subject to state guidance. The same negotiations also resulted in the passage of AB 923 (Firebaugh, 2004) authorizing districts to raise additional incentive funds, and establishing a surcharge on the sale of new tires that will fund diesel pollution grants and the purchase of clean school buses. The negotiations also identified other potential sources of clean-up funds and program changes that would increase fund availability for public fleets. The Governor's office asked negotiators to continue to work towards consensus on these funding sources and program changes with a commitment from the administration to carry forward any consensus elements in the Governor's next budget or through independent legislation.

Action: Support state budget initiatives, legislation, or regulatory changes to increase funds available for incentive programs to reduce air pollution.

52. Manufacturer's Extended Product Stewardship for Discarded Items



Issue: Many existing products and several new waste streams have been identified as hazardous waste when discarded, requiring the County to provide for collection and load checking to remove these wastes from the waste stream. The state has provided funding assistance for only a limited number of these items (used oil, Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs)). Collectively, these waste streams are costing the County hundreds of thousands of dollars to manage annually. These increased costs have resulted in new and increased tipping fees at County disposal sites, and have also increased the incidents of illegal dumping. Electronic waste has emerged as a major concern in waste, and requires attention and action from the Legislature.

Action: Support extended producer responsibility (EPR) legislation to include mercury-containing (fluorescent) lamps, electronic devices (in addition to CRT's), batteries, and other hazardous items that are prohibited from landfill disposal.

53. New Funding Sources for Renewable Energy Projects

Issue: In November 2012, California voters approved Proposition 39, an initiative which closes a corporate tax loophole and provide about \$550 million annually for clean energy and energy efficiency programs. The measure directs the funds to be used for energy efficiency retrofits and alternative energy projects in public facilities and for other purposes. The legislature will be responsible for determining the allocation of funds to eligible participants. Proposition 39 will be an important source of financial support for local clean energy and energy efficiency programs and may a source of funds for new programs like Sonoma Clean Power.

Action: Sponsor or support legislation or budget language that provides opportunity for local agencies to receive funding from the Clean Energy Job Creation Fund to be implemented under Proposition. Advocate for development of an effective local government program under Proposition 39 with the administration and especially with the Energy Commission and the Public Utilities Commission.

54. Summer Youth Ecology Corps



Issue: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided \$1.2 million for a youth summer jobs program. The Sonoma County Water Agency, Workforce Investment Board, Human Services Department, the Office of Education, and the nonprofit New Ways to Work combined forces to create the Summer Youth Ecology Corps. This program provided jobs, environmental education, and workforce skills to 300 young people aged 14-24. New sources of funding are needed to carry this program into future years.

Action: Sponsor or support state legislation or budget appropriations which would fund the Summer Youth Ecology Corps.

Criminal Justice

55. Funding Responsibility for Civil and Criminal Grand Juries

Issue: The state, through trial court funding, has transferred court fiscal responsibility to the state. The fiscal responsibility of criminal and civil grand juries was not included in the transfer. Since the County lacks control over activities, expenditures, and investigatory activities (which include county agencies and officials as well as special districts and cities) of grand juries, it is reasonable that the fiscal responsibility should also be transferred to the State. Grand juries report to the presiding judge and the presiding judge can order the county to increase funding for grand juries if a request is made and approved.

Action: Support legislation that would transfer fiscal responsibility of civil and criminal grand juries to the state since Government Code Section 914 allows the presiding judge to approve expenditures in excess of budget.

56. Defendant Release from Jail In Capital Cases

Issue: Existing law provides that a defendant must be released from custody pursuant to Penal Code Section 1318, pending the prosecution's appeal of an adverse ruling on a suppression motion. There are two exceptions: 1) when the defendant is charged in a capital case where the proof is evident and the presumption great, and 2) in certain defined non-capital offenses where the court orders the defendant released from custody upon making bail. These narrow exceptions mean in life-sentence cases such as attempted premeditated murder and aggravated sex offenses or crimes with gang enhancements that carry life terms, potentially dangerous defendants must be released from custody pending the outcome of the prosecution's appeal. Such an outcome creates the possibility a defendant may flee and may place the public's safety at risk.

Action: Support legislation to add exceptions for release to any case where the punishment is a life term.

Development, Administrative Support & Fiscal Services

CEQA Reform

CEQA reform has emerged as a priority initiative in the California legislature for the next two-year legislative cycle. The Senate Pro Tem has indicated his desire to improve CEQA's efficiency while still retaining all the environmental protection standards of the law and has designated Senator Rubio to prepare legislation on this topic. The County supports addressing the following matters with respect to CEQA reform:

57. Adaptive Management Practices

Issue: Current CEQA rules require development and evaluation of a stable project description that does not change during the life of a project. Many of the Water Agency's fishery and habitat restoration projects use an adaptive management approach that is not easily implemented under the terms of CEQA in its existing form. Reform legislation would be an opportunity to seek modifications to CEQA that enable greater use of adaptive management methods while maintaining and even improving the environmental protections afforded by the law.

Action: Monitor development of CEQA reform legislation in Sacramento and support language that maintains the full integrity of environmental protections afforded by CEQA. Support amendments to CEQA legislation that would facilitate environmental review of projects the employ adaptive management methodology.

58. CEQA Reform, Tiering of Environmental Documents

Issue: Recently, the CEQA Guidelines were modified in response to a 2002 lawsuit by the Citizens for a Better Environment (CBE vs. California Resources Agency). One effect of these changes was removal of specific guideline language (CEQA Guidelines Section 15152 (f)(3)(C)), which previously allowed agencies to "tier" a Mitigated Negative Declaration for a project on a previous Programmatic EIR, so long as no new, unmitigatable significant impacts are identified. Even if significant impacts were identified for the subsequent project, a mitigated negative declaration could still be used so long as the impacts were identified and found to be acceptable in the previous EIR (i.e., findings were made in support of a Statement of Overriding Considerations). The County has numerous Programmatic EIRs (General Plan, Arm Plan, Airport Master Plan, etc.) upon which environmental documentation for a wide array of future projects should be able to tier, without the preparation of new EIRs. Given confusion over the new CEQA Guidelines, agencies may now need to prepare new EIRs to address subsequent project impacts, even if they were previously analyzed and, if found to be significant, overridden. This is in direct conflict with longstanding CEQA principles in support of document tiering, and is in direct conflict with CEQA process streamlining.

Action: Support amendments to streamline CEQA statute and/or guidelines to clearly provide for the tiering of mitigated negative declarations on Programmatic EIRs, including situations where the subsequent project would have significant unavoidable impacts that were adequately identified in the Programmatic EIR and allow for multiple projects within a given area to share recent environmental data collected in the area.

59. CEQA Reform: Last Minute Information Submittal

Issue: The CEQA statute allows potential litigation issues to be raised very late in the decision-making process, well after the close of the public comment period. Despite prescribing very clear and publicly noticed review periods during which anyone can submit comments on the adequacy of CEQA documents, the statute also allows new information (and future causes of action in litigation) to be inserted into the process at any time prior to the close of the last public hearing before final project approval by the lead agency (PRC Section 21177[a]). Project opponents regularly take advantage of this provision to introduce voluminous information about environmental issues at the last minute, with the intent and effect of disrupting the project review process and delaying the decision while the lead agency scrambles to ensure that every issue is adequately addressed. At its most troublesome, this information consists of material that could have been known and submitted earlier or that duplicates earlier submittals. This practice diminishes the importance of the orderly public review opportunities included in the CEQA process and often introduces substantial uncertainty into the decision-making process at the eleventh hour.

Action: Amend the CEQA statute to limit the introduction of new environmental information after the close of comment periods, with an exception for significant new information that could not have been known earlier. Further, amend the statute to enhance public review opportunities prior to final decision.

60. CEQA Reform: Increase Defensibility of Negative Declarations

Issue: The fair argument standard creates a very low threshold for a lead agency's decision to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) instead of a Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). In many cases the standard has appropriately encouraged lead agencies to be accountable for sound environmental planning. However, the fair argument standard has not evolved, while the level of detail and sophistication of environmental analysis in ND/MNDs have improved dramatically in the nearly four decades since the standard was codified in *County of Inyo v. Yorty*. Consequently, unnecessary and costly EIRs have been required in circumstances where well-prepared ND/MNDs can and should suffice. As CEQA practice has matured, NDs and, particularly, MNDs, have evolved such that many now contain a thorough, well-supported discussion of environmental impacts and mitigation measures, with technical studies and other substantial evidence included to support the conclusion that "clearly no significant effect on the environment would occur" after mitigation (14 CCR Section 15064[f][2]). In this way, many MNDs now fulfill the essential disclosure and mitigation purposes of CEQA. Despite this evolution in the effectiveness of ND/MNDs, the only question that really matters is whether any substantial evidence exists to suggest that the project may have a significant impact. Under the fair argument standard, an EIR is required even when other substantial evidence clearly and convincingly shows that the project will not have a significant effect.

Action: Support legislation that balances more stringent standards for responses to public comments and greater opportunities for public review throughout the CEQA process with a more deferential standard of review for Negative Declarations and Mitigated Negative Declarations that have been subjected to this more rigorous review.

61. Tribal Matters

Issue: Federally recognized Indian tribes can develop lands held by the federal government in trust, without regard to local land use plans, such as the county general plan. Further, such developments can have a number of impacts on the County, its citizenry, services, lands, and infrastructure that the County may not have the ability to mitigate. Recognizing this, the Board has adopted resolutions and provided policy direction both on specific development proposals, as well as more general matters, regarding tribal gaming and other development on tribal lands. Board policy has included opposing tribal gaming and insuring that the impacts of tribal development projects approved by the BIA are fully mitigated. In addition, the Board and County staff have actively participated in developing policy which deals with these issues regionally, and on state and national levels.

Action: Monitor and support efforts to enact legislation and regulations consistent with California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and National Association of Counties (NACo) policies, prior and future Board resolutions, and policy direction with respect to tribal recognition, fee-to-trust reform, and development proposals. Oppose legislation and regulations that are inconsistent with the above.

62. Workers' Compensation

Issue: Since passage of SB 899 (Poochigian, 2004), Workers' Compensation Reform, labor representatives, and the workers' compensation applicant attorney bar have sought legislative support for weakening the just-enacted reforms, pressed the Administrative Director to produce weakened guidelines, and pursued legal challenges to the reforms of SB 899. Previously, extraordinarily high Workers' Compensation costs experienced by Sonoma County and other public employers resulted in the need to divert important discretionary general funds away from other identified needs to offset this growing liability. Further, the claims adjudication system became unbalanced to the point that common sense often did not prevail in the determination of benefits.

Action: Resist all legislative and administrative efforts aimed at further reducing improvements made to the workers compensation system through SB 899. Continue to actively support the legislative platforms outlined by various statewide public employer organizations, including the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the CSAC Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC-EIA), and the Public Agency Risk Managers Association (PARMA).

63. County Early Pest Detection, Surveillance and Management Programs

Issue: County early pest detection, surveillance and management programs are critical to Sonoma County, and the entire state, as a means of preventing the introduction and spread of exotic pests. These pests can range from Sudden Oak Death, Light Brown Apple Moth, European Grape Moth, Asian Citrus Psyllid, Diaprepes root weevil and Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter, various noxious weeds, to vine mealy bug. With an 80% reduction of funding to perform these activities, in the past year the state and counties have reduced or eliminated these programs, putting the program and entire state at risk. These programs are administered in conjunction with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and USDA.

Actions: Support legislative and budget proposals that would:

- Provide resources for counties to perform early pest detection, surveillance, and management programs;
- Obtain broad support for programs and funding for these programs at federal, state, and local levels.

64. Pesticide Regulatory Activity Funding

Issue: The costs of operating County programs are not being adequately funded in order for counties to provide the level of pesticide enforcement activities expected by the public. Specific public concern and attention is focused on air and water quality, worker safety, and endangered species.

Actions: Support legislative and budget proposals that would:

- Provide adequate funding to provide a robust level of service at the County level;
- Obtain broad support for programs and funding for these programs at federal, state and local levels.

65. Transportation Fee Limits

The County has authority to issue transportation permits for extra-legal loads (i.e., over height, width or length) on County roadways. The County issues over 1,000 such permits each year. Approximately 80 percent of these permits are for one-time uses, such as moving a large piece of equipment or a building. The remaining permits are annual permits for entities that regularly move large loads.

The fees for these permits are set by the Vehicle Code at an amount not to exceed the fee collected by Caltrans for similar permits on state highways. The fees themselves are set in the California Code of Regulations. Currently these fees are \$16 for a one-time permit and \$90 for an annual permit. The time needed for County staff to process these permits is not great. However, these very low fees do not begin to cover the actual cost. Staff analysis indicates that these fees only recover just over 60 percent of the actual cost. Occasionally a permit takes many hours of staff time to ensure the transport will occur safely and, still, \$16 is the only fee collected.

(1) Amend the California Code of Regulations, Title 21, Section 1411.3 to increase transportation permit fees for one-time and annual permits to \$20.00 and \$110.00, respectively; (2) Amend California Vehicle Code Section 35795 to allow local jurisdictions to charge transportation permits fees that reflect the cost of processing these permits.

Support the current proposal of the Caltrans Transporter Permits Advisory Council to increase transportation permit fees by 19 percent and support efforts to move toward eventual full cost recovery for these permits.

66. Force Account Labor Threshold

Issue: Use of force account labor is restricted to projects totaling \$30,000 or less under the Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Act of the Public Contract Code (The Act). Sonoma County Facilities Operations is allowed to use its in-house Building Mechanic for labor construction projects under \$30,000 including detention work for all maintenance work. The \$30,000 limit on force account labor is restrictively low and does

not adequately take into account construction project costs escalation. Construction projects can be delivered effectively and efficiently through in-house labor. This threshold level is constrictive, particularly with detention work which requires additional background clearance and security measures for outside contractors up to \$125,000. Legislation approved in 2011 increased the formal bidding threshold under the Act from \$125,000 to \$175,000. However, the \$30,000 threshold on force labor accounts remains.

Action: Support legislation to amend the Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Act of the Public Contract Code to increase the authorized amount of force account labor for construction projects to align with the same level allowed for purchasing.

67. Broadband Deployment

Issue: Broadband deployment and access throughout Sonoma remains challenging. Market forces have proven inadequate to achieve general broadband deployment in the County. Additional funding and regulatory incentives are required to ensure that all residents are provided broadband access. Furthermore, the data utilized by regulatory agencies regarding broadband penetration in rural areas remains questionable.

Action:

- Seek and support legislative and regulatory assurances to effectuate broadband deployment throughout Sonoma County.
- Support legislative and regulatory actions that produce accurate metrics to gauge broadband deployment in the County. Providers of broadband deployment data should be required to submit accurate data and such data should be verified through independent, in-the-field validation.

68. Code Enforcement Officer access to Assessor Records

Issue: Code Enforcement staff respond to numerous complaints alleging unpermitted construction and land use, including entirely new structures, additions and remodels to existing buildings, and creation of additional dwelling units. Investigating these allegations relies on access to various property records and permit histories. Of particular importance are historical records showing the building footprint shape, interior characteristics (i.e., number and location of bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens, floors, basements, etc.), and changes to the structure over time. The Assessor's Office maintains "appraiser's notes" and other proprietary records that specifically provide this type of information. Access to these records is critical for a Code Enforcement Officer's determination whether unpermitted construction has occurred.

Pursuant to the Revenue and Taxation Code, Section 408, these specific and detailed Assessor's records are considered not to be public records and may only be accessed by specified members of law enforcement, the Grand Jury, various other authorized state bodies, or through written authorization from the property owner. The Assessor's office does not regard Code Enforcement Officers (as defined in Penal Code Section 829.5) as either law enforcement or an authorized state body. Property owners are reluctant to allow a Code Enforcement Officer the ability to pursue an allegation of unpermitted construction and will deny authorization.

As a result, Code Enforcement Officers only have access to "non-confidential property characteristics" information from the Assessor's Office, the same access granted to the public at large. These records are typically vague and only reflect current conditions. This general information does not provide the historical context and details required by Code Enforcement to thoroughly investigate an allegation of unpermitted construction.

Action: Support unrestricted access by Code Enforcement Officers to view "appraiser's notes" and other confidential records maintained by the Assessor's Office for the purpose of researching and investigating alleged unpermitted construction and land use. Amend the Revenue and Taxation Code Section 408 to include Code Enforcement Officers (as defined in Penal Code Section 829.5) as authorized to view Assessor's documents not otherwise considered to be public records.

County of Sonoma
2013 Federal Legislative Priorities

County of Sonoma 2013 Federal Legislative Priorities

The ability of the County to serve residents and provide for a thriving and sustainable community requires support from all levels of government. Although state policy often impacts the County more directly, federal legislative and funding decisions have great impact. In order to fulfill the County's commitment to the community, federal resources should be sought to support the County's mission to enrich the quality of life in Sonoma County through superior public services (Mission adopted by Board action, November 9, 2010).

The following list of federal priorities and appropriation requests is reflective of all County agencies and departments and represents those resources needed to bolster County efforts on behalf of the residents of Sonoma County. As Sonoma County is a complex and diverse service organization, there are many different efforts always underway. In some matters, the County will serve as the lead in advocacy direction and in others be supportive of special district or agency requests.

It is the Board of Supervisor's prerogative to establish the priority for all County advocacy efforts. The tables below first list all County priorities in rank order then provide the same list of projects under their department of origin. Additional details follow the tables.

A. Top Federal Advocacy Priorities – Primary focus of Advocacy efforts			
Rank	ISSUE/DEPARTMENT	2012 NO.	NOTES
A-1	Geothermal Royalties - CAO	A-1	\$2,100,000
A-2	Family Justice Center – DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	A-2	\$800,000
A-3	Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital (SRMH) Emergency Department and Trauma Center Expansion– DHS	A-3	\$8,000,000
A-4	Perinatal Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program – DHS	A-4	\$1,000,000
A-5	Youth Employment Program	A-5	\$0
A-6	Dental Program for Foster Youth \$120,000 - Seek federal appropriations for the Valley of the Moon Children's Center Dental Program. HSD	A-6	\$120,000
A-8	Healdsburg Dam Renovations \$2,100,000 – REG. PARKS	A-9	\$2,100,000
A-9	Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Development - REG. PARKS.	A-10	\$5,000,000 - \$8,000,000
A-10	Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail REG. PARKS	A-11	\$5,000,000
A-11	Integrated Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Information and Communication System – FIRE & EMERGENCY SRVS.	A-12	\$500,000
A-12	Sudden Oak Death Outreach and Control Program – FIRE & EMERGENCY SRVS/REG. PARKS	A-13	\$1,000,000
A-13	US 101/Airport Interchange – TPW	A-14	\$50,000,000
A-14	Sonoma County Transit – 8 Buses purchase –TPW	A-15	\$4,000,000
A-15	US 101/River Road Interchange improvements – TPW	A-16	\$10,000,000
A-16	Forestville Bypass – TPW	A-16	\$16,000,000
A-17	ICE Detainers – Local Flexibility	New	\$0
B. Second Tier - Support			
Rank	ISSUE/DEPARTMENT	2012 NO.	NOTES
B-1	Public, Education, and Government (PEG) - Support HR 1746 to remove language distinguishing between “capital” and “operating” expenses in PEG	B-1	
B-2	Behavioral Health Services In Community Clinics - DHS	B-2	\$800,000
B-3	Subsidized Employment Program - Seek federal appropriation to support. HSD	B-3	\$1,500,000- \$2,500,000
B-4	CalFresh Outreach \$600,000 - Seek federal appropriations to support CalFresh outreach efforts. HSD	B-4	\$600,000
B-5	Senior Transportation - Support federal funding to improve senior	B-5	

	transportation services. HSD		
B-6	Spud Point Marina Ice Plant Refurbishment – REG. PARKS	B-6	\$68,000
B-7	Spud Point Marina Vessel Lift Refurbishment - REG. PARKS	B-7	\$50,000
B-8	McCullough/Mark West Creek Acquisition - REG. PARKS	B-8	\$8,000,000
B-9	Tolay Lake Regional Park Master Plan and Development - REG. PARKS	B-9	\$10-12,000,000
B-10	Monte Rio Bridge replacement – TPW	B-11	\$30,000,000
B-11	Brickway Extension – TPW	B-12	\$5,000,000
B-12	Laughlin Road Widening and Intersection Improvements at River Road – TPW	B-13	\$5,000,000
B-13	Healthcare Workforce Development – Support federal funding through existing Department of Labor programs to strengthen local training programs for Home Care Aides, Paramedics, and Nurses.	New	

C. Third Tier – Partner (None for 2013)

D. Monitor for County Action

Rank	ISSUE/DEPARTMENT	2012 NO.	NOTES
D-1	Tribal Issues – CAO/BOS/CC	D-1	Monitor
D-2	Temporary Aid for Needy families (TANF) Reauthorization HSD	D-2	Monitor
D-3	Support Reauthorization of Workforce Investment Act HSD	D-3	Monitor
D-4	Elder Justice Act - Support federal budget appropriations for Elder Justice Act. HSD	D-4	Monitor
D-5	Older Americans Act - Support increased federal funding for the Older Americans Act. HSD	D-5	Monitor
D-6	Local Foods – Support funding in Farm bill to enhance economic development of local farms and ranches and increases access to local foods. AG COMM/DEPT. HEALTH SERVICES.	D-7	Monitor

E. County Supported items with Other lead Agencies

Sonoma County Water Agency Federal issues

Rank	ISSUE/DEPARTMENT	2012 NO.	NOTES
E-1	Russian River Biological Opinion funding (#1 SCWA Rank)	E-1	
E-2	Support full funding for O&M at Warm Springs, Coyote Valley, and related fish facilities (#2 SCWA Rank)	E-2	
E-3	North Bay Water Re-Use program (#3 SCWA Rank)	E-3	
E-4	Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (#4 SCWA Rank)	E-4	
E-5	Climate protection and Energy Efficiency (#6 SCWA Rank)	E-6	
E-6	San Pablo Bay Ecosystem Restoration (#7 SCWA Rank)	E-7	
E-7	Quagga/Zebra Mussel Statewide Fee and Inspection Program (#8 SCWA Rank)	E-8	
E-8	NOAA's Hydrometeorology Testbed Project Implementation (#9 SCWA Rank)	E-9	
E-9	San Francisco Bay Restoration (#10 SCWA Rank)	E-10	
E-10	Youth Ecology Corps Employment program	New	
E-11	Technical Collaboration with US Geological Service and NOAA	New	
E-12	Agricultural Water Enhancement program – Support (#11 SCWA Rank)	E-11	
E-13	Santa Rosa Creek Ecosystem Restoration (#12 SCWA Rank)	E-12	
E-14	Laguna de Santa Rosa Ecosystem restoration (#13 SCWA Rank)	E-13	

Sonoma County Agriculture Preservation and Open Space District			
Rank	ISSUE/DEPARTMENT	2012 NO.	NOTES
E-15	Sonoma Mountain Habitat Preservation Project	E-14	\$1,000,000
E-16	Mark West Creek Agricultural Diversity and Habitat Protection	E-15	\$1,000,000
E-17	Sonoma County Stream Channels Project – Connecting Urban Communities, Riparian Corridors, and Watershed Lands	E-16	\$750,000
E-18	Integrated Watershed Restoration, Stewardship and Climate Adaptation Program	E-17	\$500,000
Sonoma County Transportation Authority			
Rank	ISSUE/DEPARTMENT	2012 NO.	NOTES
E-19	Sonoma County Transportation Authority Projects – Support SCTA endorsed projects	E-18	
Total of all Federal Requests			\$168, 388,000 TO \$175,388,000

Listing of items by Department or Other Agencies

CAO			
Tracking No.	Title/Issue/Departments(s)	2012 issue No.	Notes
1	Geothermal Royalties - CAO	A-1	\$2,100,000
2	Public, Education, and Government (PEG) - Support HR 1746 to remove language distinguishing between "capital" and "operating" expenses in PEG support. The bill amends the Act to ensure PEG fees used for any PEG purpose – CAO	B-1	
3	Tribal Issues – CAO/BOS/CC	D-1	Monitor
District Attorney			
Tracking No.	Title/Issue/Departments(s)	2012 issue No.	Notes
4	Family Justice Center – DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	A-2	\$800,000
Health Services			
Tracking No.	Title/Issue/Departments(s)	2012 issue No.	Notes
5	Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital (SRMH) Emergency Department and Trauma Center Expansion– DHS	A-3	\$8,000,000
6	Perinatal Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program – DHS	A-4	\$1,000,000
7	Behavioral Health Services In Community Clinics - DHS	B-2	\$800,000
8	Local Foods – Support funding in Farm bill which supports County work to enhance economic development of local farms and ranches and increases access to local foods. AG COMM.	D-7	Monitor
9	Healthcare Workforce Development – Support federal funding through existing Department of Labor programs to strengthen local training programs for Home Care Aides, Paramedics, and Nurses.	New	
Human Services			
Tracking No.	Title/Issue/Departments(s)	2012 issue No.	Notes
10	Youth Employment Program	A-5	\$800,000
11	Dental Program for Foster Youth \$120,000 - Seek federal appropriations for the Valley of the Moon Children's Center Dental Program. HSD	A-7	\$120,000
12	Training for Unemployed Job Seekers \$300,000 - Seek federal appropriation for Unemployed Job seeker training. HSD	A-8	\$300,000
13	Subsidized Employment Program \$1,800,000 to \$2,400,000 - Seek federal appropriation to support Subsidized Employment Program. HSD	B-3	\$1,800,000 to \$2,400,000
14	CalFresh Outreach \$600,000 - Seek federal appropriations to support CalFresh outreach efforts. HSD	B-4	\$600,000
15	Senior Transportation - Support federal funding to improve senior transportation services. HSD	B-5	\$300,000
16	Temporary Aid for Needy families (TANF) Reauthorization HSD	D-2	Monitor
17	Support Reauthorization of Workforce Investment Act HSD	D-3	Monitor
18	Elder Justice Act - Support federal budget appropriations for Elder Justice Act. HSD	D-4	Monitor
19	Older Americans Act - Support increased federal funding for the Older Americans Act. HSD	D-5	Monitor
Agricultural Commissioner's Office			
20	Local Foods – Support funding in Farm bill which supports County work to enhance economic development of local farms and ranches and increases access to local foods. AG COMM.	D-7	Monitor

Regional Parks Federal Issues			
Tracking No.	Title/Issue/Departments(s)	2012 issue No.	Notes
21	Healdsburg Dam Renovations \$2,100,000 – REG. PARKS.	A-9	\$2,100,000
22	Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Development - REG. PARKS.	A-10	\$5,000,000 - \$8,000,000
23	Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail REG. PARKS.	A-11	\$5,000,000
24	Spud Point Marina Ice Plant Refurbishment – REG. PARKS.	B-6	\$68,000
25	Spud Point Marina Vessel Lift Refurbishment - REG. PARKS.	B-7	\$50,000
26	McCullough/Mark West Creek Acquisition - REG. PARKS.	B-8	\$8,000,000
27	Tolay Lake Regional Park Master Plan and Development - REG. PARKS.	B-9	\$12,000,000
Fire and Emergency Services			
Tracking No.	Title/Issue/Departments(s)	2012 issue No.	Notes
28	Integrated Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Information and Communication System – FIRE & EMERGENCY SRVS.	A-12	\$500,000
29	Sudden Oak Death Outreach and Control Program – FIRE & EMERGENCY SRVS.	A-13	\$1,000,000
Sheriff's Office			
30	ICE Detainers – Local Flexibility	New	0
Transportation Projects			
Tracking No.	Title/Issue/Departments(s)	2012 issue No.	Notes
31	US 101/Airport Interchange – TPW	A-16	\$50,000,000
32	Sonoma County Transit – 8 Buses purchase – SONOMA COUNTY TRANSIT/TPW	A-15	\$4,000,000
33	US 101/River Road Interchange improvements – TPW	A-14	\$10,000,000
34	Forestville Bypass – TPW	A-17	\$16,000,000
35	Hwy 12/121 and 8 th Street East Intersection improvements – TPW	A-18	\$4,000,000
36	Monte Rio Bridge replacement – TPW	B-11	\$30,000,000
37	Brickway Extension – TPW	B-12	\$5,000,000
38	Laughlin Road Widening and Intersection Improvements at River Road – TPW	B-13	\$5,000,000
Sonoma County Water Agency Federal issues			
Tracking No.	Title/Issue/Departments(s)	2012 issue No.	Notes
39	Russian River Biological Opinion funding (#1 SCWA Rank)	E-1	
40	Support full funding for O&M at Warm Springs, Coyote Valley, and related fish facilities (#2 SCWA Rank)	E-2	
41	North Bay Water Re-Use program (#3 SCWA Rank)	E-3	
42	Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (#4 SCWA Rank)	E-4	
43	Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency (#6 SCWA Rank)	E-6	
44	San Pablo Bay Ecosystem Restoration (#7 SCWA Rank)	E-12	
45	Quagga/Zebra Mussel Statewide Fee and Inspection Program (#8 SCWA Rank)	E-8	
46	NOAA's Hydrometeorology test bed Project Implementation – support (#9 SCWA Rank)	E-9	
47	San Francisco Bay Restoration (#10 SCWA Rank)	E-10	
48	Agricultural Water Enhancement program – Support (#11 SCWA Rank)	E-11	
49	Santa Rosa Creek Ecosystem Restoration (#12 SCWA Rank)	E-12	
50	Laguna de Santa Rosa Ecosystem restoration (#13 SCWA Rank)	E-13	
Sonoma County Agriculture Preservation and Open Space District			
51	Sonoma Mountain Habitat Preservation Project	E-14	\$1,000,000

52	Mark West Creek Agricultural Diversity and Habitat Protection	E-15	\$1,000,000
53	Sonoma County Stream Channels Project – Connecting Urban Communities, Riparian Corridors, and Watershed Lands	E-16	\$750,000
54	Integrated Watershed Restoration, Stewardship and Climate Adaptation Program	E-17	\$500,000
Sonoma County Transportation Authority			
Tracking No.	Title/Issue/Departments(s)	2012 issue No.	Notes
55	Sonoma County Transportation Authority Projects	E-18	
Total of all Federal Requests			\$168,388,000 TO \$175,388,000

Priority Listing of Federal Requests

A. Top Priorities

A-1. Geothermal Royalty Revenues

Under the 2005 Energy Policy Act, Sonoma County received a share of Geothermal Royalty revenues from September 2006 through October 2010, for a total of \$5.4 million.

In March 2010, the Department of Interior (DOI) notified the County that changes made in federal fiscal year 2010 Appropriations Act for the Department of Interior (P.L. 111-88) repealed the authority to make revenue sharing payments to counties. However, subsequently Congress reversed the repeal (P.L. 111-212) and the County received the balance of payments accrued for geothermal generation through September 2010 (payment received in October 2010). In November 2010, the DOI's Office of Natural Resources Revenue advised the County that P.L. 111-212 was not included in the Continuing Resolution for FY 2011, thus payments to counties would be discontinued. However, due to County advocacy efforts and the intervention of Congressman Mike Thompson and Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, the language was included. With the passage of the Continuing Resolution on December 8, 2010, the County will receive funding for an additional federal fiscal year (ending September 2011). This funding source remains threatened.

Action: Seek legislative or budget action that permanently protects the County's geothermal royalty share.

A-2. Family Justice Center Sonoma County (FJCSC) Request: \$800,000 toward funding various items of equipment.

The Family Justice Center Sonoma County (FJCSC) is a multi-disciplinary, physically co-located model with a coordinated, single point-of-access offering comprehensive services for victims of family violence. This approach specifically addresses the dispersal of services. The FJC collaborative model is designed to improve victim safety and recovery, increase success in offender prosecutions, and reduce family violence injuries and homicide. Additional collateral benefits documented as outcomes include increased service efficiencies through the provision of collaborative services, and increased community support for services being offered to victims and their children, thus reducing costs and increasing revenues. All Family Justice Centers seek to improve the services being offered to victims, and to reduce the number of locations a victim must visit as well as the number of visits they must make to tell their story and receive the help they need. The United States Department of Justice, through its Office on Violence against Women (O.V.W.), has identified the Family Justice Center model as a best practice in the field of domestic violence intervention and prevention services. Additionally, Congress has recognized the importance of Family Justice Centers as a "purpose area" in the Title of the Violence Against Women Act (V.A.W.A. 2005).

A broad coalition of law enforcement, local government and community based partners established the Family Justice Center Sonoma County to co-locate services for family violence victims. The doors opened in August 2011. The County has been an invaluable partner in this endeavor by supporting the FJCSC efforts and authorizing the partnership to renovate and occupy a building purchased by the County that is centrally-located in Santa Rosa on the county campus.

The FJCSC is seeking an \$800,000 federal appropriation to fund site equipment and related costs, all of which are critical to enhanced service-delivery and evidence based outcomes. The FJCSC is an Upstream Investment Program and the passage of Senate Bill 557 offers both legislation for the Family Justice Center model and also identifies the FJC Sonoma County as a pilot/study site for the State of California.

The on-site Partner Agencies are the District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, Santa Rosa Police Department, Human Services, Community Based Organizations including YWCA, Verity, Catholic Charities, Council on Aging, Legal Aid and Inter-Tribal Council.

This coming year the Redwood Children's Center (RCC) is transitioning to the FJCSC building. RCC is a multidisciplinary interview center staffed by a team of professionals from The District Attorney's Office, Mental Health, Human Services, Health Services and Law Enforcement. RCC exists to provide a child-friendly environment for forensic interviews and medical exams where a child victim of sexual abuse, or child victims of other crimes such as witness to domestic violence, or developmentally disabled victims can be interviewed one time by one person rather than experience further trauma from multiple interviews.

The \$800,000 appropriation would fund various items of equipment needed to facilitate mobile, electronic or video-relay linkages with victims in remote county locations, such as at health clinics and law enforcement agencies, as well as a one year cost related to personnel for a forensic medical unit onsite, all related to the project's mission of providing co-located comprehensive family violence crime victims' services. \$475,000 would go toward equipment necessary for the co-location of service-providers in a nurturing and suitable setting for crime victims service delivery, optimizing victims' access to services and victims' crime reporting. Specifically, it would go toward computer equipment, video conferencing capabilities, satellite video relay and communication equipment to provide services onsite and remotely via confidential video both at health clinics and at smaller law enforcement agency locations in remote parts of the county. \$275,000 would fund the first year of a full-time nurse practitioner and part-time medical director to staff and run the on-site forensic medical unit, related to sexual assault, domestic violence and elder assault examinations. \$50,000 would go toward equipment for the forensic medical unit, such as examination table, colposcope and other medical devices, cameras, cabinetry, computers, filing system, locking medical refrigerator and evidence storage locker.

The federal appropriation would be put toward acquiring necessary equipment to house co-located partners, link with off-site partners in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible, and ensure victim access to the services delivered in this new model. Federal funding would enable the FJCSC to begin child and adult forensic service delivery sooner to meet one of the most significant needs of the community as quickly as possible.

Action: Support District Attorney's Offices efforts to seek federal appropriations or other grant sources for the Sonoma County Family Justice Center Sonoma County Redwood Children's Center and Forensic Medical Unit equipment needs.

A-3. Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital (SRMH) Emergency Department and Trauma Center Expansion \$8,000,000

The Sonoma County Department of Health Services is requesting \$8 million to support the construction/expansion of SRMH's Emergency Department and Trauma Center Program operating in Sonoma County, thereby ensuring access to a modern and highly effective trauma program and state of the art Emergency Department (ED) with full access to specialty care. In a recent site review, the American College of Surgeons identified the need to modernize SRMH's Emergency Department. SRMH is a 278-bed Regional Medical Center; one of 14 California trauma centers verified by the American College of Surgeons; and the second busiest trauma center in the state. In 2010, SRMH's trauma program provided specialized care to 1,550 seriously injured patients from Sonoma, Napa and Mendocino County. This project will expand the Emergency Department with a build-out of 4,228 square feet; renovate 9,280 square feet of existing space, and increase of the number ED bays from 19 to 26. Its projected budget is \$15 million with an expected completion date of January 2014.

Action: Seek federal appropriation to support Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital (SRMH) Emergency Department and Trauma Program Expansion.

A-4. Perinatal Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program \$1,000,000

A significant number of Sonoma County women presenting for delivery at local hospitals test positive for alcohol or other drugs. The implication of this rate of toxicity among pregnant women reflects a need for further treatment interventions and a comprehensive systems approach to meet the needs of newborns who may be impacted by the mother's drug use. With the success of the Perinatal Alcohol and Other Drug Action Team's effort to develop universal screening protocols for pregnant women seen by medical providers and the hiring of the County Perinatal Placement Specialist, referrals to perinatal residential and especially Perinatal Day Treatment programs have increased beyond capacity. Specifically, Drug Abuse Alternative Center's (DAAC) Perinatal Day Treatment Program has operated at its enrolled capacity of 33 women and 20 children for the last three years. Due to a lack of funding, the program has had to maintain a waiting list of 15-20 women (and their children) during this same time period. The Perinatal Day Treatment Program has proven to be extremely successful over the last 20 years. The Sonoma County Department of Health Services is requesting \$1 million over three years to support expansion of community perinatal alcohol and drug treatment programs and services.

Action: Seek appropriations to support the Perinatal Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program.

A-5. Youth Jobs Program \$800,000

In July 2012, the summer jobs program operated by the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board and its Youth Council expanded to a year-round youth employment program. One component – the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps (SCYEC), administered by the Human Services Department on behalf of the Workforce Investment Board – provides subsidized employment to youth ages 14 to 24 at \$8 per hour while they learn employment and life skills. Youth work in crews of 8 individuals under the supervision of a crew leader. Most youth work on stream maintenance and restoration projects in Sonoma County. Youth served in the program include those from low-income families, foster youth, youth on probation or at risk of gang involvement, and youth with disabilities. In 2012, more than 200 youth were served. In 2009, the program was funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). In 2010, the program was funded through Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF). In 2011, the program was funded through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA). In 2012, the SCYEC was funded by WIA, SCWA, TANF, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, and the Sonoma County Fish and Wildlife Commission. Since there is no dedicated funding for youth employment programming, funding of approximately \$800,000 is requested.

Action: Support federal appropriations for the Youth Employment Program.

A-6. Dental Clinic for Foster Youth \$120,000

Funding is being requested to support a public-private oral health infrastructure that provides dental care for all children entering emergency foster care at Sonoma County's emergency shelter, the Valley of the Moon Children's Center (VMCC). VMCC serves approximately 450 children a year. The American Academy of Pediatricians estimates that about 35% of children enter foster care with high prevalence of undiagnosed or under-treated acute and chronic dental or oral health conditions. Limited local dental resources for low-income and at-risk youth have made it difficult for these children to receive appropriate and timely dental care. The services provided through the VMCC dental program include: dental evaluations and teeth cleanings of all children; follow up care such as fillings and extractions; dental emergencies such as tooth pain; developing community resources to address higher level dental needs (i.e., surgeries); and implementing an oral health prevention program by providing dental sealants and educating children and youth about oral health. The partnership uses the services of volunteer dental professionals from the local community. Total funding requested is \$120,000 for Dental Program Director, equipment, and supplies.

Action: Seek federal appropriations for the Valley of the Moon Dental Clinic.



A-8. Healdsburg Dam Renovations \$2,100,000

Department of Energy: Energy and Water Subcommittee

Department of Interior: Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Act and Land-Water Conservation Fund Act

These funds would support the refurbishment of the Healdsburg War Memorial Dam in Healdsburg, California. The dam was originally built in 1953, and then reconstructed in 1956 following a flood. The dam consists of a concrete sill, steel anchor plates and removable flashboards. The flashboards and support structure is erected annually, currently to a maximum height of seven feet due to structural weaknesses, in late June and removed mid-September. The War Memorial Dam is a significant recreational feature along the Russian River with over 100,000 annual visitors to Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach and the increased water levels during the dry summer months contributes to the recharge of the City of Healdsburg's drinking water wells located upstream.

Refurbishment of the entire dam structure would include repair of the eroded surfaces on the concrete foundation, replacement of steel anchor plates, replacement of the flashboard panel assemblies and a new sheet pile wall. Additionally, fish passage will be enhanced while the dam is erected by increasing the depth of the resting pool beneath the spillway. After the work is completed, Regional Parks expects that it will be able to restore the War Memorial Dam to its historical height of ten feet.

Recipient: Sonoma County Regional Parks/City of Healdsburg

Action: Seek federal appropriations for the Sonoma County Veterans Memorial Beach Dam in Healdsburg.



A-9. Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Development \$5,000,000 - \$8,000,000

Department of Interior: Land-Water Conservation Fund Act

Housing and Urban Development: Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District and Sonoma County Regional Parks are currently working together to complete the Taylor Mountain Master Plan. Funding is needed to begin the development phase of the project. Once this park is developed, the public will be able to hike, bike or horseback on this beautiful 1,000 acre park. The Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve is just minutes always from the cities of Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Roseland, Cotati, Petaluma, and Sonoma.

Action: Seek federal appropriations for Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve.



A-10. Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail \$5,000,000

Housing and Urban Development: Urban Revitalization & Livable Communities

Department of Interior: Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Act and Land-Water Conservation Fund Act

The Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Corridor is a multi-phase project that will form an important link in the California Coastal Trail System as well as linking commercial, recreational and residential areas of Bodega Bay. Some segments have been funded, but several segments still require funding for the planning and development phases. Conceptual plans and preliminary California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance are complete for the entire trail corridor.

Action: Seek federal appropriations for the Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail.

A-11. Integrated Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Information and Communication System \$500,000

Department of Justice – COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Funding will be used to improve the communications interoperability of the EOC to effectively manage county-wide emergency response. This project deserves funding because it contributes to the national priority of improving public safety and supports the local community. \$190,000 was approved in the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. Congresswoman Woolsey has placed a request of \$500,000 in the FY 2010 Appropriations process.

Action: Continue efforts with Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey's office to attain additional funding for the Integrated Emergency Operations Center Information and Communication System.

A-12. Sudden Oak Death Outreach and Control Program \$1,000,000

US Forest Service – State and Private Forestry

The Sonoma County Sudden Oak Death project will address the fire hazard caused by the death of thousands of trees throughout the county. Fire fuels mitigation and modeling and a comprehensive outreach program are the objectives of the project. This project contributes to the national priority of preserving the environment and supports the local community. This request was not included in the FY 2009 Appropriations process, but Congresswoman Woolsey has included a request of \$1 million in the FY 2010 Appropriations process which was slated for approval. Unfortunately, due to Congress lack of passage of a final budget this appropriation remains on hold.

Action: Continue to work with Congresswoman Woolsey's office to attain the \$1 million appropriation for fire hazard mitigation.

A-14. Sonoma County Transit purchase of eight buses – \$4.0 million

This project proposes to purchase eight 40 foot compressed natural gas powered transit coaches. The County and the region are committed to a comprehensive effort to improve the air quality of this area. To this end, the County has replaced the diesel bus fleet with clean burning equipment powered by natural gas. The County is scheduled to replace 8 buses over the next year to be able to maintain service on all routes. In this difficult economy, transit has become more of a necessity to the general public and these new buses will help fill any gaps.

Action: Seek federal appropriations for new bus purchases.

A-15. US 101/River Road Interchange Improvements - \$10 million

This project proposes to rehabilitate the interchange and approaches to US 101 at River Road. This is one of the main access routes to the agricultural areas of the County, including vineyards, wineries, dairies, and others. It serves as the primary access to the Russian River recreational areas and the Pacific Coast. To the east, Mark West Springs Road links the US 101 to Calistoga and northern Napa Valley. It is a very important and heavily used interchange. There are a number of sight distance problems and other safety issues to resolve with this work. This is an outdate alignment plus the road surfaces are extremely worn from the high volumes of truck traffic. The upgrading of the interchange will address the safety concerns and pavement design to accommodate heavy vehicle traffic. No significant environmental issues are anticipated with the rehabilitation of the interchange.

Action: Support efforts for inclusion in the next federal transportation re-authorization bill.

A-16. Forestville Bypass - \$16 million

The project proposes to reconstruct a portion of State Route 116 with a separate link connecting to Mirabel Road. This is a significant safety improvement to this community. Portions of the right-of-way have been secured by developer subdivision process and County acquisitions.

Action: Support efforts for inclusion in the next federal transportation re-authorization bill.

A-17. Immigration Detainers – Local Flexibility

Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 8 section 287.7(d) currently requires local law enforcement to hold people in jails should the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Department issue a detainer, based upon the persons immigration status, while the person is in local custody on another issue.

There has been significant conflict over whether or not ICE detainers are mandatory or simply “requests.” The conflict is created by the “shall” language in section 287.7(d) regarding detentions. ICE also has stated that detainers are mandatory and the vast majority of counties both in California and nationally have followed that interpretation. Nonetheless, the County and Sheriff believe that justice would be better served by providing local discretion.

Action: Seek to change Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 8 section 287.7(d) to replace “shall” with the word “may.”

B. Second Priorities

B-1. Increase Flexibility in use of Public, Education and Government Cable Franchise funds

Under the Cable Act, a cable operator and a local community may negotiate for Public, Education, and Government (PEG) support in addition to the franchise fee payments for use of public rights of way. Sonoma County started receiving PEG funds since May 2010, in FY 10-11 total received was \$345,000, and FY 11-12 \$275,000 is expected. To date only \$6,000 has been used for equipment, as the FCC recently ruled, subject to some important exceptions, that this PEG support may only be used for facilities and equipment, and not for PEG operating expenses. Thus, cost associated with televising Board of Supervisors meetings are covered with the county’s operating General Fund.

Action: Support HR 1746 to remove language distinguishing between “capital” and “operating” expenses in PEG support. The bill amends the Act to ensure that PEG fees can be used for any PEG purpose PEG funding to be used for operating expenses

B-2. Behavioral Health Services In Community Clinics \$800,000

The Sonoma County Department of Health Services is requesting \$800,000 to support collaboration between the Sonoma County Department of Health Services Behavioral Health Division and Santa Rosa Community Health Center, Petaluma Health Center, and Alliance Medical Center to provide routine universal mental health and substance use disorder screenings, education, and integrated mental health and substance use disorder services to patients who screen positive for mental illness and/or substance use. The provision of services will focus specifically on minority communities in Sonoma County, particularly the Latino community.

Action: Seek federal appropriations or agency grant funds to support behavioral health services in community clinics.

B-3. Subsidized Employment Program

In 2011, under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingent Fund (ECF) employers received a subsidy to offset all of the wages and costs of employing a participant. Subsidized Employment Program participants, who must meet federal income guidelines, were paid the going rate for workers who perform the same job. Participants are placed in public agencies, private non-profit organizations, and private for-profit businesses, and perform work designed to contribute valuable services to the community and stimulate the local economy. Work experience helps participants improve their job skills while increasing their household income. With TANF ECF funding, 365 people were enrolled, and of those, 173 transitioned to permanent employment. Most of the cost of the program was for wages. The Department wishes to provide a Subsidized Employment Program for TANF recipients under AB98/SB72 (using the Department's CalWORKs single allocation). Since no dedicated funding exists, the subsidized employment program is very small. Additional funding will provide additional opportunities for subsidized employment and will help meet work participation goals.

Action: Seek federal appropriation to support Subsidized Employment Program.

B-4. CalFresh Outreach \$600,000

California has the nation's lowest participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly called "Food Stamps." California's low-uptake for the SNAP program, called CalFresh in California, is likely affected by the relatively high numbers of immigrants compared to the rest of the nation. Legal immigrants may fear that accepting government benefits will adversely impact their immigrant status. Only one third of California's working poor are estimated to participate in the SNAP. California Food Policy Advocates use three CalFresh eligibility criteria to calculate that only 35% of most potentially eligible Sonoma County residents were actually receiving SNAP benefits in 2010. The Sonoma County poverty rate has increased to 13.1% from 8.9% in 2007.

Federally-funded SNAP benefits directly stimulate the local economy. The Department of Agriculture estimates that for every dollar spent there is a return to the local economy of \$1.84. Funding is needed for outreach services particularly among seniors, Spanish-speaking residents, agricultural workers, and the working poor. The Human Services Department requests \$600,000 for CalFresh outreach activities that would build on its existing partnerships with community-based organizations already working with these populations.

Action: Seek federal appropriations to support CalFresh outreach efforts.

B-5. Senior Transportation

The Area Agency on Aging implemented a special initiative focusing on senior transportation; the program received a NACO award in 2011. The staff position dedicated to this project was eliminated because the funding for senior transportation programs has not been authorized on the federal or state level.

Improving access to transportation resources for seniors and adults with disabilities has been identified as a high priority in the Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) senior needs assessment. Transportation is critical to seniors' ability to access social and medical services that enable them to remain safely in their homes. The City of Santa Rosa was funded for one call center, and is working with 211 to launch a centralized telephone number for seniors to call for transportation assistance. Funding is needed to support the current volunteer driver programs implemented by Sonoma County, and establish new ones. Because public transit agencies must confront multiple priorities, it is vitally important that separate federal funding for senior transportation continue and expand. Additional funds on the federal level could result in local grants for senior transportation alternatives and mobility management.

Action: Support federal funding to improve senior transportation services.

B-6. Spud Point Marina Ice Plant Refurbishment \$68,000

The ice plant at Spud Point Marina was built in 1986 to serve the commercial fishing industry in Bodega Bay. Ice is an absolute requirement for commercial fishing of salmon, crab, and rockfish as it is used to hold the catch at optimal temperature until the vessel returns to offload. The 35-ton Northstar icemaker at Spud Point Marina is 26 years old and rapidly deteriorating; technicians have indicated that it could fail at any time. The other key components of the ice plant, the compressor, regulator, and pump, have all been replaced. The failing drum cannot be replaced as a part; therefore, a complete new ice maker is required.

Due to the recent salmon closures in the past ten years, the demand for ice does not warrant a 35-ton replacement unit; a 28-30-ton unit would suffice at an approximate cost of \$68,000. The original ice maker was not solid steel and only provided a three-year warranty; the replacement unit would be solid stainless steel and have a lifetime warranty.

When the current ice maker fails, fishermen will be forced to truck ice to their boats; a very expensive alternative that would, additionally, take them off their fishing vessels during peak fishing seasons. The loss of a working ice plant in Bodega Bay would have catastrophic financial impact on the commercial fishing industry there.

Action: Seek federal appropriations for the refurbishment of the Ice Plant.

B-7. Spud Point Marina Vessel Lift Refurbishment -- \$50,000

Vessel Lift Only: From 1988 to 2002 a vessel haul-out facility (boat yard) was operating at Bodega Bay across from Spud Point Marina under a private lease and supported the area's fishing and recreational boating activities. The boat yard operator leased a county-owned, 70 ton Marine Travelift® boat hoist from the County as part of this operation. The operator lost their lease on the boatyard property and the hoist was left unused for ten years. Deemed irreparable, the hoist was auctioned off for scrap by an experienced Port Master and lift operator who, after rigorous inspect, determined that the integrity of the lift's frame is still very good and has agreed to refurbish the lift if the County advances the \$50,000 for sandblasting, galvanizing, powder coating, and new machine parts. Once refurbished, the lift will be certified by Travelift® engineers and be put into service at Spud Point Marina by the owner/operator.

Because there are no large haul-out facilities near Bodega Bay, the closest being 70 miles away over open ocean, reestablishing haul-out operations in Bodega Bay is paramount. Vessels in trouble, damaged or sinking are unable to be repaired or kept from sinking, and often become not only a danger for crew and cargo, but often become navigational hazards, and even more disturbing, they become an environmental hazards should they sink. Additionally, both commercial and recreational boaters tend to choose harbors with haul-out facilities for their permanent berthing; this will boost the berthing occupancy at Spud Point Marina and provide a boon to local businesses as well. The haul-out facility piers and docks associated with the haul-out facility are still in very good condition.

A replacement Marine Travelift® would cost the County approximately \$450,000 delivered and assembled, ready for use. Refurbishing the lift will result in a better quality lift as the owner will utilize stainless steel parts and hardware to extend the future life of the lift; the manufacturer does not utilize the highest quality parts and hardware. It is expected that the refurbished boat hoist will generate monthly revenues (rent and percentage of fees) of approximately \$25,000 per year to the County.

Funding this request would benefit not only the California coastal environment, but the County of Sonoma and the entire Bodega Bay Community, as well as all fishing and recreational vessels traversing the waters between San Francisco and points north.

Action: Seek federal appropriations for the refurbishment of the Spud Point Marina 70 ton TraveLift® .

B-8. McCullough/Mark West Creek Acquisition \$8,000,000

Department of Interior: Land-Water Conservation Fund Act

Sonoma County Regional Parks and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District have been working together on a public-private partnership to preserve the McCullough and Cresta Ranches to transform these properties into a regional park and open space preserve. The proposed Mark West Creek Regional Park and Open Space Preserve would become 1,095 acres of recreational open space and wilderness opportunity minutes from the cities of Santa Rosa, Calistoga, Windsor, and Healdsburg. The east and west ridges of the McCullough Ranch stand as a 461 acre preserve of grasslands, woodlands and streams that are home to Coho Salmon and Steelhead Trout, and a 22 mile trail system that provides expansive views of the surrounding Russian River Valley and the Santa Rosa Plain. The proposed linkage of the two properties speaks to the essence of Sonoma County's legacy of open space preservation.

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District purchased a 340 acre property known as Cresta Ranch in November 2007, and a 461 acre property known as McCullough Phase I in September 2009. These properties are intended to be part of the future Mark West Creek Regional Park. To date, the County has invested approximately \$15 million for the purchase of McCullough and Cresta Ranches. To realize the full potential of this project, which will ultimately form a contiguous protected habitat of over 4,600 acres on the northern edge of the Santa Rosa urban area, an additional \$8 million is needed to acquire the valley between the ridges, protect the confluence of Mark West and Mill Creek, and create public access from Porter Creek Road.

Action: Seek federal appropriations for the McCullough/Mark West Creek Acquisition.

B-9. Tolay Lake Regional Park Master Plan and Development -- \$10,000,000 - \$12,000,000

Department of Interior: Land-Water Conservation Fund Act

Housing and Urban Development: Urban Revitalization & Livable Communities

Sonoma County Regional Parks is working together with the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to complete the planning and development phase of the Tolay Lake Regional Park. The proposed park (formerly known as the Cardoza Ranch) is approximately 1,700 acres and will restore habitat, protect open space, and provide natural and cultural resource educational and recreational opportunities to Sonoma County residents and visitors. The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District provided more than half of the \$18 million needed for the acquisition of Tolay Lake. These funds are from the one-quarter cent sales tax approved by voters in 1990. The remaining \$6,800,000 for the purchase included grants from the Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Conservation Board, State Coastal Conservancy, Land and Water Conservation Fund, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, State Proposition 12 Funds, and private foundations, businesses, and individual donors.

Action: Seek federal appropriations for Tolay Lake Regional Park Master Plan and Development.

B-10. Monte Rio Bridge Replacement - \$30 million

This project proposes to replace the main structure across the Russian River that has severely deteriorated in recent years. A cooperative agreement with Caltrans will be required.

Action: Support efforts for inclusion in the next federal transportation re-authorization bill.

B-11. Brickway Extension - \$5,000,000

This project proposes to extend Brickway Boulevard south over Mark West Creek to Laughlin Road. This project will provide a direct link connection to the airport area from River Road. This project will shift some traffic from Fulton Road and the Highway 101 at the Airport interchange. A major component of this project is a new bridge over Mark West Creek. Following construction of this new link, the existing narrow Laughlin Road Bridge over Mark West Creek will be closed to vehicular traffic, but will remain as an historical structure (1916 earth- filled arch). Future use will be limited to pedestrians, bicyclists, and emergency vehicle access only.

Action: Support efforts for inclusion in the next federal transportation re-authorization bill.

B-12. Laughlin Road Widening and Intersection Improvements at River Road - \$5,000,000

This project proposes to widen Laughlin Road from the Brickway extension to River Road. This project includes the intersection control improvements at River Road/Laughlin Road/Woolsey Road; with the accompanying widening of segments of River Road and Woolsey Road. This signal is necessary when the Brickway extension opens to allow traffic from airport area to access River Road.

Action: Support efforts for inclusion in the next federal transportation re-authorization bill.

B-13. Healthcare Workforce Development

The health care workforce of the future will be highly focused on prevention, care coordination, care process re-engineering, dissemination of best practices, team-based care, community-based care, continuous quality improvement, and the use of data to support new care delivery models. Training and educational experiences will be needed to help develop this knowledge and these skills.

Current reimbursement payment policies do not support such workforce needs. They can, for example, be prescriptive regarding the type of individuals providing care. Yet there are many care coordination models that utilize less expensive but potentially highly effective individuals who are trained to interact with patients in a focused way to address preventive health and chronic conditions (e.g., community health workers).

There is a shortage of such individuals today, even as we are moving toward a health care system based on effective care coordination and prevention. Additional examples could include but are not limited to: the use of personal and home care aides to help the elderly age at home; expanding the use of community-based paramedics to provide basic services to extend available primary care resources in rural communities; and the use of community-based nurse teams working with primary care practices to provide intensive care management for the most complex patients.

Consistent with NACO's platform, innovative organizations, providers, and local communities are developing new care models to improve outcomes and efficiency for these populations and others. These programs, which exist today in small rural towns and large urban cities, have the potential to be expanded to broader populations across the country.

Action: Support funding for training programs needed to meet the workforce demands that will come with health care reform. Federal funding can be directed through existing programs, such as in the Department of Labor, and/or programs can be combined with funding in the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

D. Items Monitored for County Issues/Action

D-1. Tribal Issues

Issue: Federally recognized Indian tribes can develop lands held by the federal government in trust, without regard to local land use plans, such as the County General Plan. Further, such developments can have a number of impacts on the County, its citizenry, services, lands, and infrastructure that the County may not have the ability to mitigate. Recognizing this, the Board has adopted resolutions and provided policy direction both on specific development proposals, as well as more general matters, regarding tribal gaming and other development on tribal lands. Board policy has included opposing tribal gaming and insuring that the impacts of tribal development projects approved by the BIA are fully mitigated. In addition, the Board and County staff have actively participated in developing policy which deals with these issues regionally, and on state and national levels.

Action: Monitor and support efforts to enact legislation and regulations consistent with California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and National Association of Counties (NACo) policies, prior and future Board resolutions, and policy direction with respect to tribal recognition, fee-to-trust reform, and development proposals. Oppose legislation and regulations that are inconsistent with the above.

D-2. TANF Reauthorization

Authorization of TANF has been temporarily extended to September 30, 2012 by the same legislation that extended the payroll tax cut, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. Ideally, reauthorization will include a revision of the Work Participation Rate (WPR). Currently, the formula for WPR ensures failure because the numerator includes all recipients who have worked 32 hours a week for a month, and the denominator includes recipients who are not required to work. Nearly 8,000 Sonoma County residents receive TANF (CalWORKs).

Action: Support full reauthorization of TANF including a revised definition of Work Participation Rate (WPR)

D-3. Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Reauthorization

In 1998, Congress passed the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) as the largest single source of federal funding for workforce development activities. WIA created a universal access system of one-stop centers to provide access to training and employment services. Democrats and Republicans on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce have introduced separate legislative proposals to reform and reauthorize WIA.

Action: Support full reauthorization of WIA including adequate funding for youth employment programs

D-4. Elder Justice Act

President Obama proposed \$21.5 million in funding for the Elder Justice Act for 2013. Despite continued advocacy from elder abuse prevention advocates across the country, the proposed funding was removed by the Senate.

After years of advocacy efforts, the Elder Justice Act (EJA), the nation's first comprehensive national legislation addressing elder abuse, was signed into law in March 2010. Unfortunately appropriations have not been authorized which left the provisions of this law unfunded. The EJA law has the promise of establishing federal standards for adult protective services and providing a dedicated federal funding stream for services to protect seniors and vulnerable adults from abuse. The EJA also provides funding for the Long Term Care Ombudsman to investigate abuse and neglect in skilled nursing facilities. The law also provides

for the establishment of Forensic Centers on Elder Abuse and training in abuse investigation standards. The Human Services Department urges federal funding to support the Elder Justice Act as it was originally designed.

Action: Support federal budget appropriations for the Elder Justice Act.

D-5. Older Americans Act (OAA)

Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA) was proposed in 2012, but not acted on by Congress. The OAA is vitally important to Sonoma County because the state funding for Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) has been eliminated. Seniors age 60 years and older account for over 20% of the total population in Sonoma County. By 2020, seniors age 60 years and older will account for 25% of the total population in Sonoma County. Public services for older adults are limited, with the majority of services available to seniors with low incomes.

Congress passed the OAA in 1965 to address a lack of community social resources for older persons. The act established a national network of Area Agencies on Aging which oversee a variety of social services for seniors including: nutrition, elder abuse prevention, legal services and advocacy, and caregiver resources. The OAA has never been adequately funded and does not reflect the need for senior services or the population growth in people over age 60. With the elimination of state funding to support California's Area Agencies on Aging programs, it is critical that the proposed federal funding remain in place. The Human Services Department urges the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act to expand services that are not currently funded, and advocates for increased flexibility in federal regulations.

Action: Support the reauthorization of and increased federal funding for the Older Americans Act.

D-6. Local Foods Efforts

The need exists to enhance the economic development of local farms and ranches, while coordinating food systems work in the community to increase food access and public health. There is not an adequate and reliable source of funding to support these efforts by County departments (Agricultural Commissioner's Office, UC Cooperative Extension, Health Services, and other departments).

Initiatives to support local agriculture and healthy communities are components of the County Strategic Plan. An update on the status, recommendations, and work to promote these initiatives were presented to the Board on August 9, 2011. These initiatives are in alignment with USDA's mission and the funding made available through the Farm Bill, including the areas of: food and nutrition; food safety, including promoting the growing and access to healthy foods; agricultural product marketing and regulatory programs; rural development, including farm worker housing; and education, including job training and resources for new farmers and green economy; and protecting natural resources and the environment through sustainable management.

Action: Secure federal funding, through the Farm Bill and other avenues, to support County work to enhance the economic development of local farms and ranches, and coordinating food systems in the community to increase food access and public health.

E. County Supported Items with Other Lead Agencies

Sonoma County Water Agency

E-1. Russian River Biological Opinion (BO)



The Water Agency is required to implement the Recommended Prudent Alternatives and Measures and the other terms and conditions of the Biological Opinion (BO) and continue to coordinate with US Army Corps of Engineers on obtaining currently identified funding needs, identifying long-term funding needs, determining the appropriate review and approval process and federal authorization needs, and ultimately to jointly implement the alternatives and terms and conditions. Russian River Project authorization was included in the proposed 2010 House Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) legislation and will need to be included in future WRDA legislation. ARRA funding and additional Operations funding has been received to initiate some of the alternatives and measures. Over the remaining 11 year term of the BO, millions of dollars of annual funding beyond the operations and maintenance needs of the existing Lake Sonoma and Lake Mendocino facilities will be needed to meet the timelines and project needs identified in the BO.

Action: Support Water Agency efforts to:

- Seek legislation that would implement the Recommended Prudent Alternatives and Measures and terms and conditions of BO;
- Support reintroduction Russian River Project Authorization/Water Resources Development Act language amending existing authorization in 113th Congress and where possible use existing Corps authorities;
- Support continued appropriations for Corps authorized BO requirements in Energy and Water appropriations bills.

E-2. Russian River Project: Warm Springs Dam and Coyote Valley Dam Operations



Operations and Maintenance funding varies annually, not always adequate to fully fund hatchery operations. The Sonoma County Water Agency has pursued additional funding annually to support existing Coho broodstock program.

Action:

- Support SCWA efforts to acquire full funding of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) needs and to implement existing and expanded Coho broodstock program;
- Support SCWA efforts to pursue statutory or report language directing the Corps to use O&M funding for ESA purposes.

E-3. North Bay Water Reuse Program



The North Bay Water Reuse Program is a regional cooperative program in the North San Pablo Bay Region which includes as partners the Sonoma County Water Agency, Napa Sanitation District, Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District, the County of Napa, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, North Marin Water District, and Novato Sanitary District. The purpose of the Program is to promote sustainability and environmental enhancement by expanding the use of recycled water. The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is the federal partner in this program and has already provided millions of dollars in funding toward 50% of the Feasibility Study for Phase 1.

There is an existing federal authorization for a \$100 million dollar construction program with up to \$25 million federal cost share and the ability to expand into additional phases of another \$100 million dollar construction program. Phase I construction works are already underway with an award of ARRA funds of \$7.3 million in 2011 for design and construction of multiple projects in Napa, Sonoma, and Marin Counties.

A scoping effort for Phase II of the program to increase storage and distribution of recycled water beyond Phase I projects is currently underway with cost share being provided by Reclamation and the local partners and an estimated scoping analysis completion date of early 2013.

Action:

- Support Water Agency request for additional funding for Phase I construction projects through the Water Smart Grant program administered by Reclamation;
- Support Water Agency request for increased grant limits for regional, multi-phase projects such as this program;
- Support Water Agency request for additional funding for Phase II Feasibility Study, including engineering and economic analysis and amendments of existing environmental documents, if project partners determine a desire to enter into this phase pending the results of the scoping analysis.

E-4. Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund

Appropriations of \$80 million per year were approved in FY 09 and FY 10. Proposed funding for FY 11 is \$80 million. Funds are allocated among the Pacific states based on applications submitted by the states. California disburses the funds to local projects through the California Department of Fish and Game Fishery Restoration Grant Program. SCWA Director and Supervisor Efren Carrillo is part of the selection committee.

Action: Support SCWA efforts to maintain future years funding and advocacy for an equal share among states. (Funding for this program, which is restoration oriented, should be kept separate from reparations for losses in fish harvest).

E-5. Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Legislation

Legislative measures to implement nationwide reductions in greenhouse gas emissions failed passage in the prior legislative session. The 112th Congress is likely to consider less expansive measures that would make incremental progress toward increased energy efficiency, implementation of renewable portfolio standards and other items. Staff and Board members have monitored and participated in Climate Communities efforts to establish revenue streams to support local government addressing climate change.

Climate protection and energy efficiency program legislation offers an opportunity to advance local efforts by providing federal funding and policy support. Authorization language would help establish long-term program with federal cost-share.

Action:

- Support SCWA efforts to seek the introduction of legislation that authorizes a competitive grant program that addresses energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation programs;
- Support implementation language of renewable portfolio standards and revenue streams to support local government who are addressing climate change.

E-6. San Pablo Bay Ecosystem Restoration

Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2007 authorized \$40 million for restoration projects in the San Pablo Bay watershed; no appropriations have been allocated. There is a need for funding allocation in appropriations bill. Existing authorization and future funding could possibly be utilized to offset costs for storage and wetland restoration for water reuse projects in the San Pablo Bay watershed.

Action: Support SCWA efforts to attain funding in federal appropriations bill for the San Pablo Bay Ecosystem Restoration effort.

E-7. Quagga/Zebra Mussel Statewide Fee and Inspection Program



The quagga and zebra mussels (collectively referred to as Dreissenids) are among the most devastating invasive species to invade North America fresh waters. The mussels create severe ecological and economic impacts because, once established, they can clog water intake and delivery pipes, infest hydropower equipment, adhere to boats and pilings, foul recreational beaches, and damage fisheries. Invasive Quagga mussels are present in several California lakes and represent a threat to water supply and fish hatchery operations at Lakes Sonoma and Mendocino; both lakes are susceptible to a mussel invasion because of the high amount of year round watercraft recreation traffic and the lack of mandatory inspection.

There is no effective eradication method and the cost to remove the mussels from water intake screens and pipes could have substantial costs. Prevention of contamination and spreading of mussels is an effective way to preserve an invasive-free waterway. Proper and thorough inspection is a necessary component in the ongoing effort to eliminate the spread of mussels. Dedicated permanent funding to support permanent staff and programs is necessary to effectively prevent infestation in local water supply facilities. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operates and manages the recreational functions of both lakes and their support and cooperation is essential for implementation of programs to prevent mussel infestation. To date, the Corps is not operating any mandatory inspection programs at either Lake. The Corps has posted public outreach signs and is relying on voluntary, self-imposed inspections of watercrafts entering the reservoirs.

Action:

- Support Water Agency requests for increased Operations & Maintenance funding for the Corps to develop and implement a mandatory Boat Inspections Program at Lakes Sonoma and Mendocino for Invasive Species Eradication/Control.
- Support Water Agency request for specific Energy and Water appropriations bill report language directing the Corps to implement boat inspection programs to prevent mussel infestation in Lake Sonoma and Lake Mendocino.

E-8. NOAA's Hydrometeorology Testbed Project Implementation



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) studies demonstrated the potential value of new hydrometeorology technology for improving water resource management in California. The program introduces advanced forecasting methods developed in the US mid-continent region for severe weather studies to the western US in an effort to provide more accurate and longer range precipitation forecasts. Water managers in California manage reservoirs in the winter season for flood prevention purposes. Water is released from storage as storms approach in order to increase capacity to capture runoff behind dams and reduce downstream flooding. Availability of more accurate and longer range precipitation forecasts could enable water managers to retain more water in storage and provide a larger water supply for the summer dry season. Improved precipitation forecasting also has critical importance for flood prediction and emergency response in Sonoma County. The Russian River Watershed is one of the most flood prone regions in the nation and Sonoma County receives more Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance than any other county in California. Implementation of the hydrometeorology program known as the Hydrometeorology Testbed (HMT) would be performed by the NOAA Physical Sciences Division and would require \$7.6 million in funding in the federal FY 12 budget.

Action: Though the technology is known and proven, federal funding is necessary to implement these systems in the Western US. NOAA is requesting \$7.6 million in the administration budget for 2013 for programs that are a part of the HMT-West initiative.

- Support Water Agency request for federal appropriations for the NOAA Hydrometeorology Testbed program.
- Support Water Agency request for NOAA's senior management to direct any available discretionary funding for HMT programs.

- Support development of a coalition of local and regional agencies to participate in the HMT program and support additional federal funding.

E-9. San Francisco Bay Restoration

San Francisco Estuary Project is part of National Estuaries Program but receives considerably less funds than other regions. Increased funding would benefit reuse and wetland restoration projects and monitoring and research needs in the San Francisco Bay Watershed. Legislation was introduced in the 111th Congress in both the House (Congresswoman Speier) and Senate (Senator Feinstein) and is currently pending action by Congress.

Promote reintroduction of legislation in 112th Congress if not approved by the 111th Congress.

Action: Support SCWA efforts to secure funding for the San Francisco Bay Estuary Project.

E-10. Youth Ecology Corps

Water Agency seeks to support federal and private foundation funding for the Sonoma Youth Ecology Corps program to offset local costs and/or expand employment program. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Labor, private foundations and other entities may have opportunities for such grant or other funding programs. Outside funding, such as that received via America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds in the past, could help to ensure ongoing operation of this very successful program that provides numerous benefits to disadvantaged and other youth in the community and assists the Water Agency in its maintenance programs.

Action: Support Water Agency pursuit of federal and foundation funding to sustain and potentially grow the youth employment program.

E-11. Supporting technical collaboration with United States Geologic Services and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The Water Agency has an ongoing need for better information regarding stream flows, water quality and quantity in both ground and surface waters, and near and long-term weather predictions. This information will help with all aspects of the Water Agency's responsibilities to provide water, reduce flooding, and provide sanitation services. The United States Geological Survey and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are two federal agencies that provide technical services to analyze, monitor, and model these areas of Water Agency interest. Any opportunity to work with such agencies, support funding for such programs, and assist in development of programs that would provide more detailed and accurate information to the Water Agency should be supported.

Action: Monitor and support federal appropriations for research, modeling, and data collection in the areas of water quality, ground and surface water supplies, streamflows, and weather and climate predictability for related programs with USGS and NOAA. Support Agency staff collaboration with USGS and NOAA to develop and implement such programs.

E-12. Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (Food, Conservation and Energy Act - 2008 Farm Bill)

The Northern California Wine Country Agricultural Water Conservation and Water Quality Improvement Program is funded out of this federal funding source and focuses on construction of off-stream ponds and other water conserving infrastructure to reduce direct diversions. This particular program was approved for

\$5.7 million in July 2009, and includes the Russian River and Sonoma Creek watersheds along with the Navarro and Napa Rivers.

Action: Support SCWA efforts to acquire ongoing funding of this program to assist agricultural interests in implementing projects that benefit fisheries, water conservation, and other watershed improvements in the Russian River Watershed and in the SCWA's service area.



E-13. Santa Rosa Creek Ecosystem Restoration and Flood Damage Reduction Feasibility Study (United States Army Corps of Engineers, City of Santa Rosa, and Water Agency)

The study's purpose is to examine restoration of riparian habitat in Santa Rosa Creek and in 2004 was expanded to include an assessment of flood damage and compatible restoration and flood damage reduction options in the Santa Rosa Creek watershed. The local cost share is ahead of federal spending. Corps of Engineers is modeling 100-year water surface elevations in S.R. Creek and creating floodplain maps per FEMA guidelines.

There is a need for federal funding to continue and complete study. SCWA will need funding for several years and will request funds to US Army Corps of Engineers capability level.

Action: Support SCWA efforts to secure funding for Santa Rosa Creek Restoration.



E-14. Laguna De Santa Rosa Ecosystem Restoration

There has been no federal funding for study in last four budget cycles. Therefore, the study hasn't is stalled pending federal funding. There is an ongoing need funding from the federal budget to continue and complete the study.

Action: Support SCWA efforts to attain federal appropriations for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Ecosystem Restoration.

Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

E-15. Sonoma Mountain Habitat Preservation Project -- \$1,000,000
Interior Appropriations - Forest Service State and Private Forestry

The District has invested \$37 million to permanently protect 4,100 acres on Sonoma Mountain through conservation easement and fee purchases to preserve important scenic, agricultural, and natural resources. These funds would support protection through purchase of conservation easement over a 1,112-acre property that includes significant habitat types and forms the complete headwaters to Carriger Creek, a priority riparian corridor that contains Endangered Species Act listed steelhead. This easement acquisition will complete the protection of a critical legacy piece of Sonoma Mountain, and connect this key habitat and recreation area to Jack London State Historic Park.

Action: Support Sonoma County Agricultural and Open Space District efforts to attain federal appropriation for Sonoma Mountain Habitat Preservation Project.

E-16. Mark West Creek Agricultural Diversity and Habitat Protection -- \$1,000,000
Agriculture Appropriations – National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Operations

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (SCAOSD) is working in partnership with Sonoma County Regional Parks to protect the remaining piece of a 1,076-acre natural area, which will

promote agricultural diversity in Sonoma County as well as provide habitat preservation and restoration opportunities and important ecosystem services (climate mitigation and adaptation, water quality, water supply reliability, flood & storm water management and biodiversity protection). These funds would protect key riparian habitat and enable restoration of ESA-listed Coho habitat in Mark West Creek Watershed (priority area for National Marine Fisheries and California Department of Fish and Game) in the context of viable agriculture. Funds would also allow for several demonstration projects to evaluate ecosystem services and opportunities for reducing water withdrawals from the Mark West Creek Watershed.

Action: Support Sonoma County Agricultural and Open Space District efforts to attain federal appropriation for Mark West Creek Agricultural Diversity and Habitat Protection Project.

E-17. Sonoma County Stream Channels Project – Connecting Urban Communities, Riparian Corridors, and Watershed Lands \$750,000

Transportation Appropriations – Transportation, Community and System Preservation

Over 80,000 acres of land in the county are protected by the Sonoma County Agriculture Preservation and Open Space District (SCAOSD) through fee and easement. These funds will support development of a plan that – when implemented – will connect urban streams and flood control channels to upslope watershed lands, increase the number and quality of recreational trail options, and increase the number of people using alternative transportation. Additionally, implementation of the plan will support climate change mitigation and adaptation. Plan implementation will also support enhancement of wildlife corridors, habitat for aquatic ecosystems, and ESA listed salmonids and other aquatic species. The plan will be developed in collaboration among the SCAPOSD, Regional Parks, Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Campaign, cities, non-Government Organizations, and other community groups.

Action: Support Sonoma County Agricultural and Open Space District efforts to attain federal appropriations for the Sonoma County Streams Channels Project.

E-18. Integrated Watershed Restoration, Stewardship and Climate Adaptation Program -- \$500,000

Agriculture Appropriations – NRCS Conservation Operations

The Mark West and Maacama watersheds are two Russian River tributaries with high levels of biological diversity and a large percentage of working agricultural landscapes. These funds will support the development and implementation of a comprehensive acquisition and stewardship plan for these watersheds, which will build upon existing efforts and utilize the best available data from the scientific and agency community. A foundational element of this planning process is a fine scale habitat map which will enable targeting of acquisition and habitat restoration projects, resulting in more efficient utilization and higher return on investment of acquisition, restoration and public access funds in the future.

A second key element of the plan will include the identification and evaluation of new tools and strategies to reduce conflicts among agricultural operations and ecosystem protection, such as new legal and policy tools to retain in-stream flows, expand riparian corridors and incentivize best management practices. It is expected that this plan will be exportable to other watersheds and provide technology transfer to other groups. Implementation of this plan will support the protection, restoration and enhancement of biological diversity and open-space resources of regional importance; preservation of working landscapes; improvements in water quality, habitat, and other coastal resources, and natural resource based climate mitigation and adaptation. Key partners in this effort would include the Sotoyome Resource Conservation District (RCD), agricultural landowners, Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and watershed groups.

Action: Support Sonoma County Agricultural and Open Space District efforts to attain federal appropriations for the Integrated Watershed restoration, Stewardship and Climate Adaptation Program.

Sonoma County Transportation Authority

E-19. Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) Projects

As a quorum of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors helps constitute the Sonoma County Transportation Authority and that regional transportation priorities reflect County residents needs, this Program also recommends working, where feasible, in collaboration with SCTA staff and advocates to seek transportation funding from the federal government on the following focus areas.

1. Monitor the federal process related to new federal transportation legislation – development of the successor to MAP-21 or any changes, extensions or clean up to MAP-21.
2. Monitor any efforts at the federal level to implement funding or financing mechanisms that could impact transportation.
3. Engage in administrative deliberations on project delivery and implementation at the federal and State level. Advocate for efficiencies in project delivery and cost cutting measures that enable more projects to be built.
4. Advocate for legislative or administrative proposals to increase overall funding levels for transportation infrastructure, operations and maintenance in Sonoma County. Options may include:
 - Cap and trade revenue
 - Statewide bond
 - Vehicle miles traveled tax
 - Fuel tax
 - Carbon tax
 - Vehicle registration fee
 - Vehicle license fee
5. Advocate for reduction of the voter threshold for special sales tax measures.
6. Oppose efforts to reduce or divert funding from transportation projects and support efforts to protect and preserve transportation funding.

Action: Support Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) efforts for inclusion in the next federal transportation re-authorization bill and support, where feasible, SCTA 2013 Legislative Platform Adopted by SCTA Board on December 10, 2012.

Sonoma County Legislative State Delegations

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1. Community Climate Action Plan and Climate Protection Action Plan: Sponsor legislation and budget actions that support the Sonoma County Climate Protection Action Plan and Community Climate Action Plan.

2. Pension Reform: Support Legislation that reinforces the County’s efforts at pension reform as guided by the Board adopted Goals of November 2011.

3. Dissolution of Redevelopment Agencies: Comprehensively continue to advocate for post redevelopment funding polices which support the Counties investment in communities.

4. Jail Alternative Model Recognition: Seek funding made available through SB 1022 to fund the Sonoma County Community Corrections Center Model.

5. County Correctional Facilities and Funding / Overcrowding: Support legislation that would:

- Enhance diversion strategies, to prevent offenders from further involvement in the criminal justice system, e.g. mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, vocational training, and adult probation supervision;
- Support proposals to provide state funding to maintain and expand County correctional facilities to house increasing inmate populations, and to fund viable jail alternatives.

6. Prop. 83 Responsibilities and Funding: Support efforts to change the residency requirements through the court or legislative process; Support legislation that will clarify the proposition and assure state funding of sex-offender assessment, supervision, and monitoring; Seek clarification to identify the state as the entity financially responsibility once an offender is off parole, but still required to comply with lifetime GPS monitoring.

7. Reimbursement for Court Security Costs: Support Legislation to allow counties to be reimbursed for all costs for court security.

8. Conversion of Mobile Home Parks to Resident Ownership: Support legislation that helps maintain mobile home parks as a viable and essential source of affordable housing. This could be accomplished by: 1) differentiating between owner-initiated and resident-initiated conversions; 2) requiring that owner-initiated conversions are bona fide conversions to resident ownership and have the support of park residents; and/or 3) ensuring that mobile home space rent control provisions can remain in place where needed.

9. Vote-By-Mail: Sponsor Legislation to allow counties the option of converting elections to 100% Vote by Mail if the percentage of registered voters participating in the Permanent Vote by Mail program exceeds a specific percentage, and require a number of Vote by Mail drop off locations in proportion to the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction to be established (in lieu of the requirement that return postage is paid for voted ballots).

10. State Gas Tax Allocation: Support legislation and budget action which reviews the current HUTA distribution formula and establishes a HUTA allocation formula which weights road miles more heavily. Seek to reverse the budget action approved in 2012-13 which made the HUTA borrowing by the State permanent.

11. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Funding

Attachment B – Top State Legislative Priorities

Issue: Proposition 84 allocates \$37 million to the North Coast and \$138 million to the Bay Area for implementation of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans. These funds should be appropriated by the Legislature over the coming years. SB 2X 1 (Perata, 2008), which was signed by the Governor on September 20, 2008, appropriates over \$181 million statewide for integrated plan programs. Funds are disbursed through grant programs administered by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). In addition to benefitting County departments such as Regional Parks and Public Works, special districts including Agricultural Preservation and Open Space, the Water Agency, and cities within the county are eligible.

Action: Advocate for grant criteria as DWR develops them so that Sonoma County and regional agencies have maximum opportunity to draw down grant funding for local projects. Support or sponsor legislation that would appropriate substantial funding amounts for integrated water management plans and coastal salmon restoration under future water bonds or water infrastructure funding initiatives.

12. Funding for Sanitation Facility Upgrades: Advocate for state funds for the Small Community Grant Program offered through the State Water Resources Control Board; Support implementation of integrated regional water management grant programs through Prop. 50 and Prop. 84 to support these projects; Advocate for grant criteria to be developed for the new bond, if it is approved by the voters, which will benefit Sonoma County's upgrade projects.

13. Sweetened Beverage Tax to Support Anti-obesity Efforts: Support legislative efforts to pass a sweetened beverage tax to fund anti-obesity efforts at the local level.

14. In Home Supportive Services (IHSS): Support legislative efforts to reduce county's obligation to fund IHSS such as a Maintenance of Effort.

15. Community Choice Aggregation: Monitor future community choice legislation and oppose bills that have negative impacts on Sonoma Clean Power. Support legislation that reduces cost or removed barriers to implementation. Submit filings and testimony before the California Public Utilities Commission regarding utility cost allocation, energy efficiency programs and other issues impacting Sonoma Clean Power.

Priority Listing of Federal Requests			
A. Top Federal Advocacy Priorities – Primary focus of Advocacy efforts			
Rank	ISSUE/DEPARTMENT	2012 NO.	NOTES
A-1	Geothermal Royalties - CAO	A-1	\$2,100,000
A-2	Family Justice Center – DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE	A-2	\$800,000
A-3	Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital (SRMH) Emergency Department and Trauma Center Expansion– DHS	A-3	\$8,000,000
A-4	Perinatal Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program – DHS	A-4	\$1,000,000
A-5	Youth Employment Program	A-5	\$0
A-6	Dental Program for Foster Youth \$120,000 - Seek federal appropriations for the Valley of the Moon Children's Center Dental Program. HSD	A-6	\$120,000
A-8	Healdsburg Dam Renovations \$2,100,000 – REG. PARKS	A-9	\$2,100,000
A-9	Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Development - REG. PARKS.	A-10	\$5,000,000 - \$8,000,000
A-10	Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail REG. PARKS	A-11	\$5,000,000
A-11	Integrated Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Information and Communication System – FIRE & EMERGENCY SRVS.	A-12	\$500,000
A-12	Sudden Oak Death Outreach and Control Program – FIRE & EMERGENCY SRVS/REG. PARKS	A-13	\$1,000,000
A-13	US 101/Airport Interchange – TPW	A-14	\$50,000,000
A-14	Sonoma County Transit – 8 Buses purchase –TPW	A-15	\$4,000,000
A-15	US 101/River Road Interchange improvements – TPW	A-16	\$10,000,000
A-16	Forestville Bypass – TPW	A-16	\$16,000,000
A-17	ICE Detainers – Local Flexibility	New	\$0
B. Second Tier - Support			
Rank	ISSUE/DEPARTMENT	2012 NO.	NOTES
B-1	Public, Education, and Government (PEG) - Support HR 1746 to remove language distinguishing between “capital” and “operating” expenses in PEG	B-1	
B-2	Behavioral Health Services In Community Clinics - DHS	B-2	\$800,000
B-3	Subsidized Employment Program - Seek federal appropriation to support. HSD	B-3	\$1,500,000- \$2,500,000
B-4	CalFresh Outreach \$600,000 - Seek federal appropriations to support CalFresh outreach efforts. HSD	B-4	\$600,000
B-5	Senior Transportation - Support federal funding to improve senior transportation services. HSD	B-5	
B-6	Spud Point Marina Ice Plant Refurbishment – REG. PARKS	B-6	\$68,000
B-7	Spud Point Marina Vessel Lift Refurbishment - REG. PARKS	B-7	\$50,000
B-8	McCullough/Mark West Creek Acquisition - REG. PARKS	B-8	\$8,000,000
B-9	Tolay Lake Regional Park Master Plan and Development - REG. PARKS	B-9	\$10-12,000,000
B-10	Monte Rio Bridge replacement – TPW	B-11	\$30,000,000
B-11	Brickway Extension – TPW	B-12	\$5,000,000
B-12	Laughlin Road Widening and Intersection Improvements at River Road – TPW	B-13	\$5,000,000
B-13	Healthcare Workforce Development – Support federal funding through existing Department of Labor programs to strengthen local training programs for Home Care Aides, Paramedics, and Nurses.	New	
C. Third Tier – Partner (None for 2013)			

D. Monitor for County Action			
Rank	ISSUE/DEPARTMENT	2012 NO.	NOTES
D-1	Tribal Issues – CAO/BOS/CC	D-1	Monitor
D-2	Temporary Aid for Needy families (TANF) Reauthorization HSD	D-2	Monitor
D-3	Support Reauthorization of Workforce Investment Act HSD	D-3	Monitor
D-4	Elder Justice Act - Support federal budget appropriations for Elder Justice Act. HSD	D-4	Monitor
D-5	Older Americans Act - Support increased federal funding for the Older Americans Act. HSD	D-5	Monitor
D-6	Local Foods – Support funding in Farm bill to enhance economic development of local farms and ranches and increases access to local foods. AG COMM/DEPT. HEALTH SERVICES.	D-7	Monitor
E. County Supported items with Other lead Agencies			
Sonoma County Water Agency Federal issues			
Rank	ISSUE/DEPARTMENT	2012 NO.	NOTES
E-1	Russian River Biological Opinion funding (#1 SCWA Rank)	E-1	
E-2	Support full funding for O&M at Warm Springs, Coyote Valley, and related fish facilities (#2 SCWA Rank)	E-2	
E-3	North Bay Water Re-Use program (#3 SCWA Rank)	E-3	
E-4	Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (#4 SCWA Rank)	E-4	
E-5	Climate protection and Energy Efficiency (#6 SCWA Rank)	E-6	
E-6	San Pablo Bay Ecosystem Restoration (#7 SCWA Rank)	E-7	
E-7	Quagga/Zebra Mussel Statewide Fee and Inspection Program (#8 SCWA Rank)	E-8	
E-8	NOAA's Hydrometeorology Testbed Project Implementation (#9 SCWA Rank)	E-9	
E-9	San Francisco Bay Restoration (#10 SCWA Rank)	E-10	
E-10	Youth Ecology Corps Employment program	New	
E-11	Technical Collaboration with US Geological Service and NOAA	New	
E-12	Agricultural Water Enhancement program – Support (#11 SCWA Rank)	E-11	
E-13	Santa Rosa Creek Ecosystem Restoration (#12 SCWA Rank)	E-12	
E-14	Laguna de Santa Rosa Ecosystem restoration (#13 SCWA Rank)	E-13	
Sonoma County Agriculture Preservation and Open Space District			
Rank	ISSUE/DEPARTMENT	2012 NO.	NOTES
E-15	Sonoma Mountain Habitat Preservation Project	E-14	\$1,000,000
E-16	Mark West Creek Agricultural Diversity and Habitat Protection	E-15	\$1,000,000
E-17	Sonoma County Stream Channels Project – Connecting Urban Communities, Riparian Corridors, and Watershed Lands	E-16	\$750,000
E-18	Integrated Watershed Restoration, Stewardship and Climate Adaptation Program	E-17	\$500,000

Attachment C – 2013 Federal Legislative Priorities

Sonoma County Transportation Authority			
Rank	ISSUE/DEPARTMENT	2012 NO.	NOTES
E-19	Sonoma County Transportation Authority Projects – Support SCTA endorsed projects	E-18	
Total of all Federal Requests			\$168, 388,000 TO \$175,388,000



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Agenda Item Number: 25
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

To: Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): County Administrator's Office / General Services Department

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Supervisorial District(s):

Mark Hummel, x3425

County wide

Title: Comprehensive County Facilities Plan (C.C.F.P.) update

Recommended Actions:

1. Accept the Comprehensive County Facility Plan – C.C.F.P.
2. Endorse the development of the County Administration Center to house county staff within county-owned facilities.
3. Direct staff to research and report back to your Board with a County Government Center development program for a centralized county campus, including a recommended funding plan.
4. Direct staff to develop policies and practices identified in the C.C.F.P. that optimize the effective use of work space and equipment.

Executive Summary:

The County is a uniquely positioned landowner. The County owns a large inventory of general government facilities, including over 90 county-owned buildings with 1.6 million square feet of space on almost 500 acres of real estate, and another 400,000 square feet of leased space used by County Departments. Almost 75% of the owned square footage at the County Center exceeds 40 years in age. The age and relative condition of many county facilities calls for a common understanding around remaining useful life expectancy, ongoing operational costs, and mitigation of risk. At the same time, County real estate assets are valuable because of their size and location. The County owns three major campuses in the Santa Rosa area: County Administration Center, Chanate Medical Complex, and Los Guilicos.

The Comprehensive County Facilities Plan is the result of evaluation of county service delivery, real estate assets and financial planning undertaken over the last several years to provide a long range, strategic approach in planning, providing and managing county owned facilities. As strategic assets, county facilities and real estate represent both challenges and opportunities, and due to the cost to manage these assets, a long term strategic view towards planning and managing these assets is highly desirable.

The Comprehensive County Facilities Plan (C.C.F.P. or “Plan”) was initiated in response to the County’s first strategic plan and it provides a road map for planning, procuring, operating, maintaining and managing Sonoma County’s facilities and real estate assets at their highest and best use such that they provide the best value to the County. The Plan aligns with the 2010 County Strategic Plan Focus area “Invest in the Future”.

The C.C.F.P. concerns General Government Department facilities largely funded by the General Fund. It does not address special or enterprise fund supported facilities overseen by the Water Agency, Transportation and Public Works (TPW) roads and bridges, TPW airport, County Fairgrounds, or Regional Parks or Open Space. County detention programs and facilities studied under separate strategic projects have been taken into consideration by the Plan.

The C.C.F.P. contains a high-level analysis of County services, a corresponding comparison against County real estate and facility assets, strategies for better utilization of the assets, and a high level examination of funding options. Its approval will provide high-level direction guiding service delivery and the use of facilities and real estate, as described in the more detailed attached Staff Report.

Plan Development Process

The CCFP followed a structured process managed by General Services Department assisted by a Coordinating Committee of Division Head-level members, overseen by a Steering Committee of Department Heads. A Finance Committee, with representation from the County Administrator’s Office and the Auditor Controller Treasurer Tax Collector’s Office provided input on costing and funding approaches. Twenty- four departments participated in the development of the proposed Service Delivery Vision, providing extensive information on departmental operations and on how well current facilities serve them. The C.C.F.P. quantified office space supply, use, and future space demands, and makes recommendations for better use of county facility and real estate resources going forward.

Components of the Plan

The Plan contains three key elements:

- (1) A Service Delivery Vision which is a written document that includes research, analysis and recommendations relative to how and where all County Services will be delivered.
- (2) A Real Estate Vision which is a written document that includes research and analysis of county-owned real estate assets and leased facilities, and recommendations for how they will be developed and used to meet the goals established in the Service Delivery Plan.
- (3) A Financial Vision that provides (a) options, analysis and preliminary recommendations for funding the capital improvements and related costs associated with the Real Estate Plan, (b) analysis of potential surplus real estate which could be leased, sold or developed in partnership with another entity to help offset costs and (c) project development and delivery strategies for implementing recommendations in the Real Estate Plan.

Service Delivery Vision

Because facilities and real estate are resources that support the delivery of county services, the nature of the services should determine the nature and location of the facilities. The Service Delivery Vision examined county services in order to understand how real estate and facilities promote more effective and efficient delivery of those services. Individual department services and interactions were examined in the context of overarching principles of effective service delivery and a service delivery vision was formulated. This has concrete implications for county facilities and real estate. The recommendations in the C.C.F.P. include: Deliver customer services based on clear guiding principles where customer-centric services are timely, accessible, transparent and engaging for the customer, and adaptable, cost efficient, accountable and environmentally stable for county service providers; More effectively co-locate County departments to maximize customer convenience through bundled services and alternative delivery channels; Use more efficient office space standards including support for mobile work; Better leverage public transit; Centralize the majority of County office space balanced by strategic decentralized service delivery in outlying communities.

Real Estate Vision

The Real Estate Vision of the CCFP recommends that land at the County Administration Center be more effectively used to optimize customer and department interactions, reducing the county's footprint and also reducing long-term facility operating costs. This would be achieved with new, phased redevelopment of the county center into a new County Government Center that requires less land for more building square footage and frees approximately 12 acres for private sector or public/private sector development.

The Real Estate Vision proposes that the majority of County office space consolidate into four multi-story buildings on a portion of the existing County Administration Center. This is balanced by service "outreach" locations in outlying communities. At the main campus, modern, efficient buildings and outdoor civic space will allow enhanced public access to the majority of the County's services at a common central location. A single campus for centralized services including Administration and Fiscal Services, Health and Human Services, and Development Services is recommended.

Operations that are less appropriate (e.g., automotive repair, construction materials testing and stockpiling, construction equipment parking) would relocate off campus. Existing County and potential partner-organization facilities in outlying communities will be further evaluated for use as "outreach" county service locations. Developable surplus county properties were also identified, along with possible uses.

Finance Vision

The Finance Vision included cost analysis to redevelop the county center as envisioned in the Real Estate Vision, and provided a high level examination of several strategies and options, including use of lease savings, lowered operating costs and conversion of surplus land to revenue. Initial estimates to redevelop the county center range from approximately \$218 Million to \$250 million. The Finance Vision identifies that annual facility-

related operational savings of approximately \$10 million are possible. Additional options for funding improvements need further evaluation, with more detailed recommendations to follow, guided by the desire to avoid or minimize additional debt.

Next steps

Approval of the CCFP will provide high level direction guiding service delivery and the use of facilities and real estate. A more detailed Staff report is attached.

Subsequent to acceptance of the CCFP by your Board, staff will research and report back in more detail on options for the redevelopment of the County Administration Center with project delivery strategies, expected costs, timelines and funding strategies that may include potential public-private partnerships, “pay as you go” and other funding options. Staff will immediately develop and /or update and implement policies that improve space management, common resource sharing, and result in reductions in the County’s overall facility and real estate footprint, and support Mobile Work.

Alternatives if the CCFP is not approved

Outcomes of implementing the CCFP include an enhanced customer environment, improved access to services, lower future facilities operating costs, a reduced overall County building “footprint”, improved facility operational and energy performance, the leveraging of surplus lands, and overall better value for the County over the long term.

Future decisions will need to be made in response to opportunities and challenges such as Sutter Health’s move from the Chanate Campus, the eventual construction of the new State Courthouse within the County Government Center complex, and in light of State criminal justice realignment, health care reform and future regulatory requirements for air quality and energy conservation. A long term strategy such as that represented by the Comprehensive County Facilities Plan offers an excellent framework for making facilities decisions, but if the C.C.F.P. concepts and recommendations are not pursued, the County will continue to make the best possible facility and real estate decisions addressing the most urgent needs for repair and replacement.

Prior Board Actions:

02/26/08 – Authorized consulting, Strategic Plan Implementation; 07/08/08 – Approved Implementation Plan, Sonoma County Strategic Plan; 04/07/09 – Presentation of County Administration Center Site Analysis; 11/03/09 - Authorized staff to prepare the Comprehensive County Facilities Plan (Strategic Project #28); budgetary adjustments, consultant contract.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 3: Invest in the Future

C.C.F.P. recommendations also support the additional three strategic focus areas.

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 188,563	County General Fund	\$ 188,563
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$ 0	State/Federal	\$ 0
	\$	Fees/Other	\$ 0
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$ 0
	\$	Contingencies	\$ 0
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$ 188,563	Total Sources	\$ 188,563

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

Initial funding of \$1,208,745 includes consultant fees of \$805,859; staff-time through F.Y. 11-12 was \$214,232. F.Y. 12-13 balance of \$188,563 supports current follow-on work efforts. Redevelopment per the C.C.F.P. will have significant future cost impacts. Staff will research additional funding alternatives, to be brought back to your Board.

Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)
N/A			

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

C.C.F.P. Staff Report

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

C.C.F.P. Service Delivery, Real Estate and Finance Vision reports.



Comprehensive County Facilities Plan

Project Update

Staff Report

January 15, 2013

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Purpose of this Report

This report summarizes the Comprehensive County Facilities Plan (C.C.F.P., or Plan), its background, the process by which it was developed, the Plan's Service Delivery, Real Estate and Finance Visions, findings, and strategies to better utilize real estate and facility assets for more effective County service delivery.

Background

The Strategic Plan

Sonoma County has long understood that a pro-active approach to managing its real estate and facilities is critical to the County's financial and operational success.

The County's 2007 Strategic Plan concluded that the County must adopt a strategic approach in planning, providing and managing facilities. In response, the Comprehensive County Facilities Plan is a strategic implementation project that helps the County to:

- ***“Plan, procure, operate, maintain and manage Sonoma County's facilities and real estate assets at their highest and best use, such that they provide the best value to the County.”***

The path to achieving this goal has been the development of a comprehensive real estate and facilities plan, the Comprehensive County Facilities Plan (“C.C.F.P.”) covering a substantial portion of the County's owned and leased facilities where it is practical and reasonable to pro-actively evaluate and intervene.

The C.C.F.P. aligns with the County's current Strategic Plan Goal:

- ***“Invest in the Future” (Invest in infrastructure, systems, etc. to save money in the long term)***, while additionally supporting the other three main Strategic Plan Goals.

The Comprehensive County Facilities Plan

The County understands that real estate and facilities are critical resources that facilitate the delivery of quality services to the public and efficient operations among its departments. The C.C.F.P. contains a high-level review and analysis of County service delivery needs. It then evaluates County real estate and facility assets and proposes ways to better align real estate and facility assets with effective County service delivery and improved asset utilization. The overarching goal of the C.C.F.P. has been to create a practical “roadmap” that integrates efficient real estate utilization, financial needs, and service delivery.

The Plan quantifies current space supply, utilization, and future demand, and recommends how to improve departmental adjacencies and locations. The C.C.F.P. recommends approaches for using County facility and real estate assets at best value to the County, allowing your Board to make better-informed budget and capital investment decisions going forward.

Scope

The C.C.F.P. focuses on General Government departments whose capital needs are funded largely by the General Fund. It therefore does not address special fund or enterprise fund-supported facilities such as those overseen by the Water Agency, Transportation and Public Works (T.P.W.) roads or bridges, T.P.W. airport, County Fair, or Parks and Open Space. Criminal Justice detention programs and facilities are studied under separate strategic projects, which are taken into consideration by the Plan. While the operation of Veterans Halls is not evaluated, their potential for additional County service delivery is nevertheless recognized.

The C.C.F.P. evaluated use of 28 County-owned facilities (497,500 square feet; 1,734 seats), plus 27 leased facilities (342,000 sq. ft.; 1,093 seats), for a total of 55 facilities (839,500 total sq. ft.; 2,827 total available seats). Owned lands evaluated include approximately 18 acres adjacent to the County Airport, 82 acres at the County Administration Center, 81 acres at the Chanate campus, and the 240 acres at Los Guilicos.

Process

The C.C.F.P. followed a structured planning process, assisted by a Coordinating Committee comprised of Division level members charged with coordinating the more tactical planning activities, and overseen by a Steering Committee comprised of Department Heads for broader coordination and oversight of the project. A special Finance Committee with County Administration Office and Auditor Controller Treasurer Tax Collector representation offered input on budget and finance aspects of the Plan. The overall process was managed by General Services Department, and included extensive input from all participating departments.

Opportunities and Challenges

The County recognizes it has the opportunity to more effectively and efficiently serve county residents and staff by better aligning real estate and facility resources with service delivery needs, thereby making best use of available resources.

Fragmentation – C.C.F.P. recommendations can help the County to overcome the physical “fragmentation” of its facility and real estate portfolio, providing more efficient, effective:

- Public service delivery,
- Internal operations,
- Utilization of facility and real estate resources,
- Leveraging of public transit,
- Management of energy use,
- Standardization of facility system components.

Facility age – As of 20102, the age of almost three-quarters of the owned square footage (617,644 square feet) at the County Administration Center (C.A.C.) exceeded 40 years in age. The age and relative condition of many County facilities calls for a common understanding around remaining useful life expectancy, additional capital investment in

the existing building stock, ongoing operational costs, mitigation of risk, and when, how, and to what degree capital renewal or redevelopment will occur.

Best value – Longer term, best value “wins” offered by the C.C.F.P. include:

- Improved customer service environment and experience,
- Increased operational efficiencies,
- Lower overall County space needs and corresponding cost over time,
- Leverage developable lands for County and community benefit,
- Conversion of lease costs to owned asset value,
- Redevelopment at lower construction cost,
- Local employment and economic stimulation,
- Cost/risk avoidance with respect to obsolete facilities and infrastructure,
- Updated, long-range County facility and real estate plans.

Major Elements of the Plan

Service Delivery Vision

The first major element of the overall C.C.F.P. is the Service Delivery Vision. It contains research, analysis, and recommendations on how to more effectively deliver County services. The Service Delivery Vision identifies guiding principles and performance expectations of effective service delivery, and indicates which, where and how services need to be delivered.

Recommended groupings – Research from the Service Delivery Vision strongly suggests that physically grouping county departments based on common affinities across type and method of service delivery, shared interactions, and customers will promote greater effectiveness and efficiency.

Interactions – Department profile sheets and an interaction diagrams for each department show which departments should be in contact with which customers, and in what manner. These diagrams indicate that to maximize the overall improvement of service delivery, a majority of County operations should be co-located centrally, with smaller clusters of services being co-located de-centrally across the County. Doing so allows achieving up to 100% of service delivery adjacencies considered critical or important, whereas current the configuration of County facilities achieves up to 33% of these adjacencies.

Commonalities – The Service Delivery Vision identified commonalities across departments and divisions with respect to:

- Client/Customer orientation: Internal or external,
- Service Types: Advocacy, Consultation, Custodial, Education & Training, Infrastructure, Investigation, Inspection & Research, Policy & Practice, Support, Transaction,
- Delivery Methods: In-person, Phone, Virtual, Mail.

This additional information will be used to fine-tune department layouts within individual facility designs or modifications going forward.

The Consultant and C.C.F.P. Committees worked to develop a Service Delivery Vision that addresses the broad question, “*What is effective service delivery?*” This is done by means of Guiding Principles and a series of more detailed Goals and Strategies with implication for facilities and real estate. Ten Principles, along with eight recommended Goals and accompanying Strategies are summarized from the primary research with the County, and secondary research around trends in major organizations. See Staff Report Attachments A and B at the end of this document for a summary of these Principles, Goals and Strategies.

Real Estate Vision

The Real Estate Vision includes findings from research and analysis of County owned real estate assets and leased facilities and recommends redeveloping facilities to better utilize resources and meet the goals of the Service Delivery Vision. Key recommendations include (re)development of a centralized County government campus balanced by decentralized services delivered in the outlying communities, and the leveraging of developable County properties. Approximately 75% of the County’s 2010-11 budgeted workforce work environment was evaluated in developing the Real Estate Vision. The resulting 2010 snapshot of county facilities included several findings:

Projected staff growth – In total, departments predicted an average of 5% growth from 2010 to 2020. Seat count projections incorporated trends in overall county population growth, County employment, and self-reported headcount growth by each County department.

Space use – Actual space utilization in terms of headcounts and square footage showed a county-wide average utilization of 302 Rentable Square Feet (R.S.F.) per person, whereas recommended utilization goals range from 175 to 245 R.S.F. per person.

Space savings – With more efficient space utilization (more standardized space allocations and furniture layouts, and promotion of Mobile Work), Sonoma County requires between 24% and 38% less office space than it has now to accommodate 5% more staff.

Recommended groupings – The Real Estate Vision uses the recommended groupings from the Service Delivery Vision to propose a single campus for centralized services, thereby helping maximize optimal department adjacencies for Administration and Fiscal Services, Health and Human Services, Development Services. See Staff Report Attachments C and D for recommended groupings for both centralized and de-centralized services.

Recommendations align with Service Delivery Objectives:

Centralized vs. Localized Service Delivery – A key objective of both the Service Delivery and Real Estate Visions is to achieve a balance between the efficiency of centralized County operations on the one hand, and the need to make certain services readily available within County communities on the other hand. The ideal solution is an ordered, service delivery-driven model that achieves this balance.

Strategically decentralized services can be delivered at appropriate community-based locations including County-owned facilities (e.g. modified portions of County-owned Veterans Halls), leased space, drop-in sites, or in conjunction with mobile County staff and/or in collaboration with non-profit community service providers. Before proceeding with any use of Veterans Halls, General Services will consult with corresponding veteran's organizations. Any County use of buildings will be consistent with the County's obligations with respect to veteran's use of the buildings.

Redevelopment at County Administration Center – The Real Estate Vision recommends that land at the County Administration Center be more effectively used to optimize customer and department interactions, reducing the County's footprint and also reducing long-term facility operating costs. This is achieved with new, phased redevelopment that requires less land for more building square footage, and frees 12.4 acres at the C.A.C. for private sector or public/private development. C.A.C. lands are owned outright by the County, contain significant prior infrastructure investments, are served by a cost-effective fuel cell power source, are adjacent to existing and future State and County Criminal Justice facilities, are centrally situated within the County of Sonoma, and well-served by public transportation.

Modern, efficient four-to-five story buildings on a smaller amount of land at the existing County Administration Center replace obsolete existing facilities and “reset” the condition of County's facilities. The size of the multi-phased County facility development would range from 393,000 R.S.F. to 478,000 R.S.F. depending on e.g. the level of staff mobile work that is implemented. Operations that are less appropriate (e.g. automotive repair, road materials testing and construction materials stockpiling, equipment parking) relocate off-campus to more suitable locations. The overall redevelopment concept allows for mixed use or other development on surplus land along north Mendocino Avenue, future structured parking, and enhanced outdoor civic space for the use and enjoyment of the residents and staff of the County.

One of the primary goals is also to keep development costs as low as possible. The proposed new buildings are situated to allow phased construction, demolition, with minimal disruption of ongoing operations to the greatest extent possible. The phasing of the development minimizes double moves and leasing of temporary swing space.

- Phase 1a: Administration and Fiscal Services departments and the Board of Supervisors move into a common new building. This allows demolition of the current Administration building, clearing land for Phase 1b.
- Phase 1b: The majority of Health and Human Services divisions consolidate into two new buildings.
- Phase 2: Development Services departments move into the fourth new building.
- Phase 3: Structured parking is constructed, as needed, to accommodate development of surplus lands along Mendocino Avenue. La Plaza lands are vacated.

See Staff Report Attachment D for an illustration of the site concept and phasing

Surplus lands – Analysis and recommendations for private sector development opportunities on county-owned properties that are either currently available or will be once the C.C.F.P. is implemented. Potential surplus land uses and values are included in the Finance Vision with a view towards maximizing value, and towards County funding contributions for facility redevelopment.

C.A.C. lands – 12.4 acres available for private sector or public/private development. Potential uses include housing (should be dense by Santa Rosa standards - housing in the 30-40 medium-high density units per acre range should be acceptable), with mixed commercial and retail. The current overall developable C.A.C. site would benefit greatly from an efficient master plan. A large-scale commercial focus is not recommended for surplus acreage at the C.A.C. Neighborhood services and retail compatible with housing should however be acceptable.

Chanate lands – Up to 48 acres are potentially developable. The size, location, existing on-site attributes and the surrounding neighborhood make the Chanate property particularly valuable, for potentially different purposes. The lands could be viewed as an opportunity to create community gardens and active open space. The site is also an opportunity for low to medium density infill housing in an existing well-established neighborhood. The Chanate frontage may be considered a suitable location for limited retail and services for the immediate neighborhood.

Los Guilicos – This property is best suited for one or a combination of non-profit organizations, limited hospitality, and the expansion of the adjacent regional park by making this property a more visible “gateway”. Consideration is given to conveying the Hood mansion to a well-funded nonprofit organization or foundation to rehabilitate and use for a comprehensive nonprofit center. Related to this idea is creation of a funding mechanism to renovate the historic facilities and market the grounds for special events and conferences. The most historically significant of the facilities should be retained, renovated and reused.

Airport-adjacent lands – Approximately 18 acres are currently in use, and are potentially developable longer term if, i.e., North County Detention Facility operations were ever to consolidate to the main County Government Center campus. Potential uses include airport operations-related, storage, and light industrial. However, it is assumed that the time frame for any change in use of these airport-adjacent lands likely extends beyond that proposed for redevelopment at the C.A.C.

Finance Vision

The Finance Vision includes redevelopment cost analysis, and a high-level examination of options and recommendations for funding the capital improvements and related costs associated with the Real Estate Plan. Cost analysis indicates that the longer term costs of keeping facilities and real estate as-is (i.e. Business as Usual/Status Quo) runs higher in terms of operational costs versus going forward with the redevelopment proposed in the C.C.F.P.

Cost of Ownership – Data provided by the County indicates that under the current Status Quo model:

- Total projected net occupancy costs for the forty year period from 2010-2050 are estimated at \$598 million, while reimbursements plus income are estimated at \$336 million, for a total of \$934 Million.
- Over the same term, leased space operating plus lease costs are estimated at \$579 million, while owned operating costs plus reserves and debt service are estimated at \$355 million.

Leasing is currently the single largest category of County real estate costs (62% combined). 36% of total operating costs are offset by reimbursements and other income.

Redevelopment cost estimates – New County Government Center redevelopment (2010 construction cost estimates based on current dollars) range from \$218 to \$253 million, total project cost, depending on the size of the overall project (i.e.: with 15% mobile work implemented versus 100% traditional workstation configurations).

Savings – Implementation of the new County Government Center development would result in savings in ongoing operating costs once the new buildings come on-line and older buildings are decommissioned. The average annual savings are calculated at between \$9.3 million and \$10.2 million per year depending on the degree to Mobile Work is successfully implemented.

Reimbursements – Federal Office and Management and Budget (O.M.B.) Regulation 87 establishes rules for determining the allowable costs incurred by government entities. For owned properties, operating expenses, including limited use or depreciation allowances, may also largely be reimbursed. The only costs that would not be reimbursed would be the principle portion of the debt service, i.e. the county's equity build-up. In Sonoma County's case, where achieving the Service Delivery Vision means centralizing the majority of social service programs in new government center buildings, choices will be thoroughly explored to determine what financial structure makes the most sense in terms of costs and benefits over the long term.

Impact of financing costs – If the County were to raise all development capital by issuing some form of financing instrument, the total average annual occupancy costs would increase from \$14.6 million per year now to \$20.9 under Standard implementation and \$18.9 million per year with the Mobility option. These numbers assume a debt service interest rate of 5.5%. The net result is that there would be additional cost beyond the

current Status Quo occupancy costs, over the presumed 30-year financing term, to realize proposed redevelopment of new facilities with a 50-plus-year useful life span.

Project delivery – Methods that can be used in conjunction with the various financing options range from a “do it yourself” approach in which the County develops the property on its own, to a sale-leaseback in which the land is sold to a developer who then builds the project per County quality standards and leases the project back to the County on previously negotiated terms, i.e. with an option to purchase.

In any redevelopment financing scenario, a key objective is to minimize cost to the General Fund. Additional options are available and will be further evaluated in conjunction with project delivery options (e.g. Public contract or alternative private sector delivery), and County’s preferred funding approach.

Redevelopment funding – Sources for redevelopment identified include the conversion of lease costs to capital debt service (converting expense to asset value), ongoing savings from reduced cost of ownership (including reduced energy costs), capital and remedial facility improvement cost avoidance for major repairs, replacements, ADA improvements and seismic upgrades, and revenue from the disposal of developable surplus lands. Additional gap funding/financing approaches available to the County include development impact fees, pay-as-you-go, certificates of participation, and other options. Staff will further research and identify appropriate options as redevelopment implementation strategies are refined going forward.

Additional options for financing need to be evaluated, with more detailed recommendations to follow that are guided by the desire to minimize if not avoid additional debt.

The following table provides a summary of several potential funding options examined thus far.

Redevelopment Funding Options Overview:

Type	What it is	Benefits	Drawbacks
Development Impact Fees	Earmarked fees from private sector developers to off-set public costs of new development.	Additional source of funds from developers who, over the years, have come to accept these fees in California.	Amounts raised are small relative to total need; nexus laws are stringent; fees may discourage private projects.
Pay As You Go	The County contributes to a building fund for all or most of the pre-construction expenses.	Eliminates capitalizing debt service on front-end costs; more equity in project; reduced risk of default.	Project may take longer, Inflation risk; pre-development expenses may be lost if project does not go ahead.
Certificates of Participation, (C.O.P.)	Not technically bonds; primary traditional tax-exempt financing for office buildings.	Interest portion tax-exempt to, may result in lower cost; County maintains long-term control of real estate asset.	May have greater cost of borrowing versus typical General Obligation bond financing.
Credit Tenant Lease	Traditional lease; County leases building space constructed by private sector developer.	Lower debt financing; no upfront capital; could obtain rights to purchase; property taxes received from private ownership.	County would not obtain ownership for a nominal amount, would not control the asset; likely higher cost than C.O.P.
General Obligation Bonds	Direct indebtedness from issuance of municipal bonds.	The interest portion of bond repayment is tax-exempt; likely lowest cost of any financing option.	May need to raise the tax rate if revenues fall short of debt service; usually need to approve by a 2/3 majority.

What we are doing now – Near Term Wins

General Services Staff continue to promote space-saving guidelines, cost-reducing furniture management and other practices consistent with C.C.F.P. recommendations and industry best practices, including:

- More efficient operations through continued co-location of related departments/divisions and services as opportunities arise (e.g. divisions of Clerk-Recorder, General Services, Fire and Emergency Services, Regional Parks) as opportunities arise,
- Design strategies for increasing the flexibility of existing County office space (e.g., minimizing hard-walled offices, standardizing workstation layouts, using fewer and more mutually compatible furniture system components, promoting laptop use for mobility and ease of staff office moves),
- Collaborating with stakeholders for a broader Mobile Work program to help increase productivity and responsiveness, while reducing office space needs,
- Increasing the utilization, and reduction in total number, of common facility resources (i.e. conference rooms, training rooms, lobbies, break rooms, kitchenettes),
- Reducing furniture systems cost through consolidated management of existing stock (yielding hundreds of thousands of dollars in cost avoidance for staff moved over the past two years alone).

What we can do in the future – Longer Term Vision

Longer term, the County will benefit from a strategic roadmap to guide the future development and management of its facility and real estate resources. The C.C.F.P. provides this roadmap. At the heart of the plan is the recognition that the County must work to update its facilities and better manage the use of valuable real estate assets. Beyond the obvious facility condition and the service delivery improvements to be gained, “wins” include local employment and economic stimulation, redevelopment at potentially lower current construction cost and financing costs, “Greener” County facilities and land use over the long term, and improved employee workplace morale.

Options for Implementation

Recommended implementation – Staff recommends that centralized redevelopment at the current County Administration Center be implemented sooner rather than later. In this approach, preferred project delivery and funding approaches are quickly identified to support sustained, continuous redevelopment through all phases of construction to centralize the majority of county offices space on a central campus.

Alternative approaches – One alternative approach is an incremental implementation of redevelopment, with selected C.C.F.P. phases constructed over time, but not necessarily continuously. The use of existing buildings would be extended in the interim, with a corresponding proposed duration for additional use, and commensurate upgrades.

Yet another alternative approach would be to continue “Business as Usual” (i.e. the Status Quo approach) indefinitely. The County would continue to reinvest in the current

facility portfolio, and postpone larger scale asset retirements or disposals. Facilities would continue to be improved incrementally, in sync with the normative 5-Year Capital Project Plan. No replacement buildings would be envisioned. Existing building use would extend indefinitely, the cost of which would depend on the proposed overall duration of additional use, and commensurate upgrades required for any given facility.

An interim leasing strategy would likely also be needed for departments such as Health and Human Services, which continue to expand programs and/or relocate away from existing locations and campuses (e.g.: Chanate campus).

While the County could delay the additional costs of constructing new facilities under the alternative scenarios, customer service delivery improvements would be completed more slowly, revenue generation from currently under-utilized County lands would remain unrealized, potential operational efficiencies would not fully captured, and capital investment in facilities that are increasingly obsolete would continue in the meantime

Looking Forward

The County will benefit from a longer-term facility vision and a more comprehensive framework around planning and managing its real estate and facility assets. The C.C.F.P. provides such a framework, pointing the way to better operations, outcomes and value.

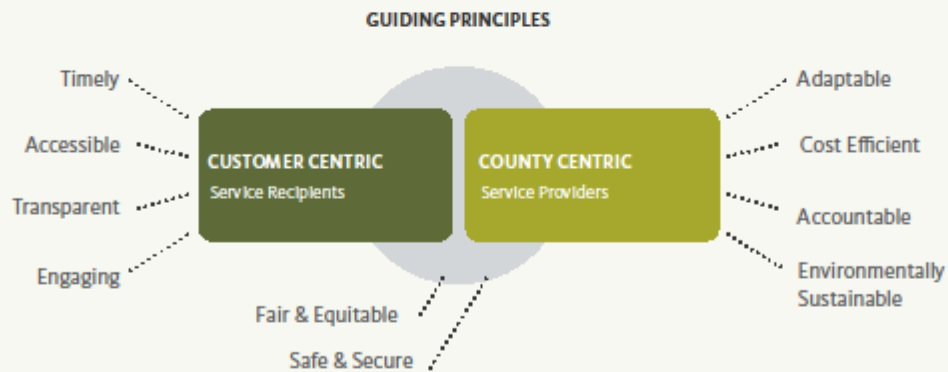
In the nearer term, efforts related to the optimization of department adjacencies, space utilization, energy and resource conservation, and service delivery will be facilitated by your Board's endorsement and direction to pursue development and implementation of updated space, furniture and operational policies and standards in all efforts to develop or procure space to be occupied by county staff.

Staff Report Attachment A: C.C.F.P. Service Delivery Vision – Guiding Principles

Service Delivery Vision Overview

The *Guiding Principles* offer the essential aspirations and imperatives for service delivery in the County. The Goals and Strategies offer a means to fulfill the mission of the Guiding Principles.

The idea of recognizing the perspectives between service recipients and service providers is critical to understanding the specific components of the CCFP.



Service Delivery Vision: Goals and Strategies

1. Clearly communicate the County's mission through people, space, and technology

- Community place-making
- Environmental design and campus wayfinding
- Information design standards

5. Support 'Mobile' staff at a County-wide level

- Connectivity in the field
- Drop-in offices

2. Streamline and integrate operations, administration, and planning

- Centralized administration
- Internal support 'service centers'
- Electronic records and case management
- On-going comprehensive planning

6. Leverage resources (equipment, technology, and space) for County-wide benefit

- Centralized meeting and training center(s)
- Leveraged mail processing and courier services
- Shared warehousing
- Centralized food services/kitchens

3. Create a welcoming, enriching experience for all customers without compromising safety and security

- 'Level-of-risk' design standards
- Encourage and reward professionalism
- Transit-oriented service delivery
- Bilingual resource teams

7. Reduce the environmental impact of service delivery and celebrate the savings

- 'Green' data management and wireless technology
- Building performance auditing & reporting
- Transportation metrics monitoring
- Sustainable operations performance guidelines
- Sustainable purchasing guidelines

4. Maximize customer convenience through services bundling and virtual delivery channels

- Bundled services
- Virtual status checks
- Alternative delivery channels
- Localized service delivery

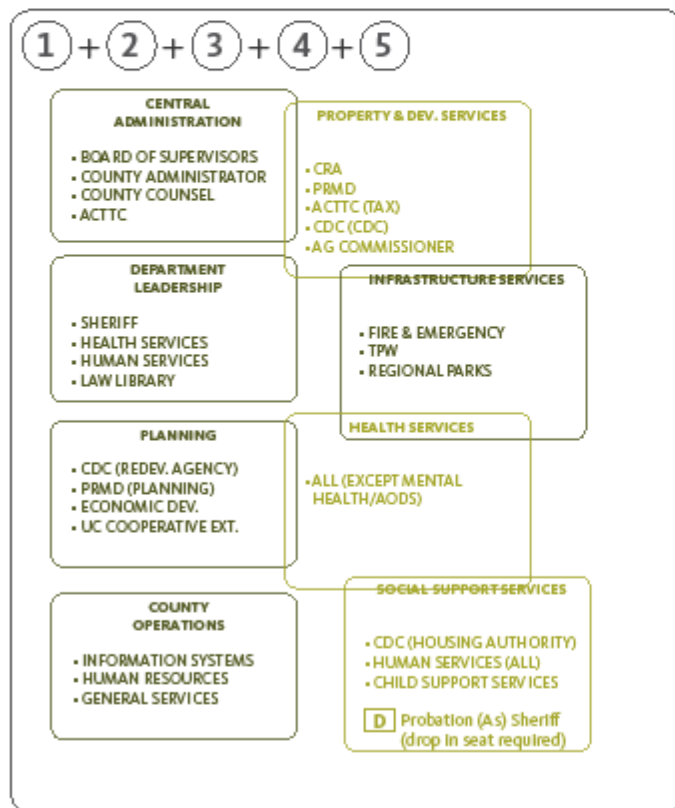
8. Seek revenue-generating/cost-reducing opportunities and partnerships to enhance core service delivery

- Upstream investment
- Broadened fee-based services
- Regional, fee-based training centers
- Mixed-use development

Staff Report Attachment C: C.C.F.P. Real Estate Vision – Centralized Campus groupings

06 CRITICAL ADJACENCIES

Model D: 1 Campus



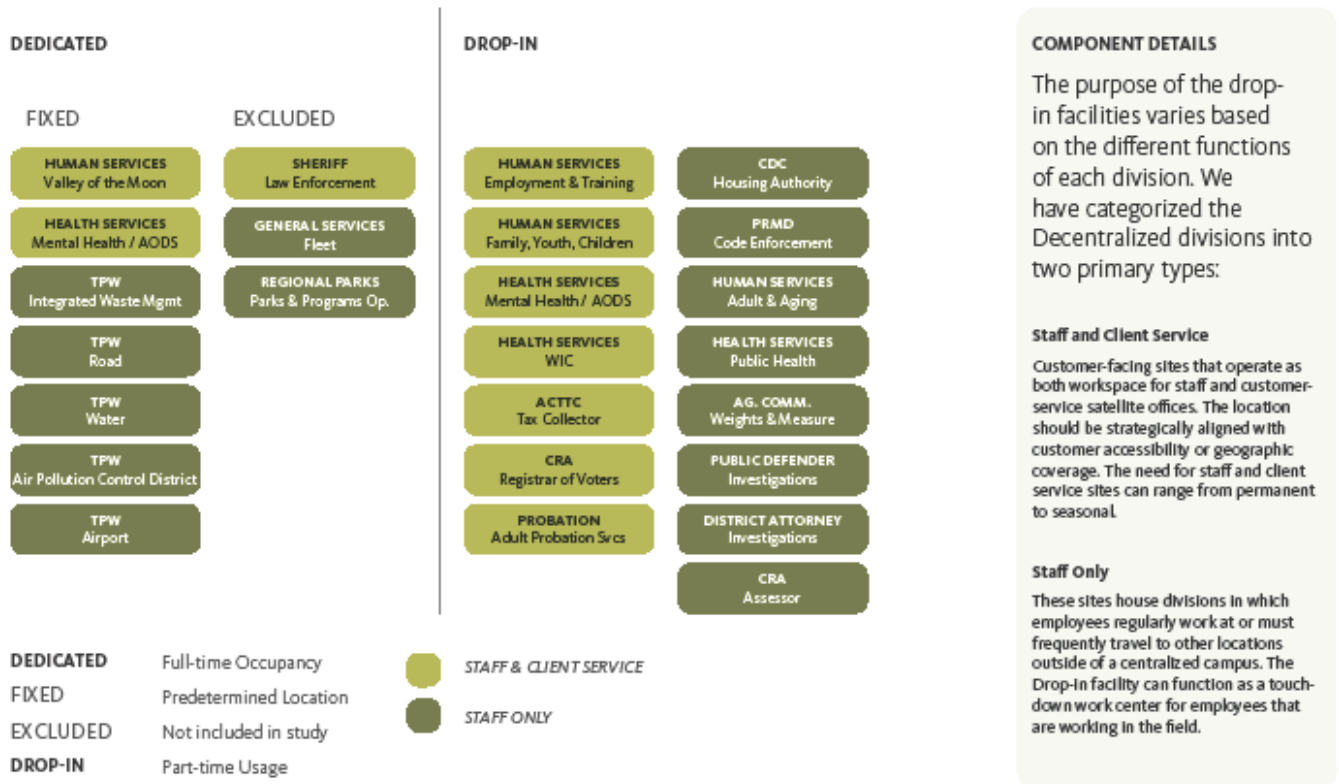
DETAILS

- Model D consolidates all clusters into one main County site.
- Model D may still include separate, identifiable clusters or buildings within the single site.
- 100% of critical adjacencies achieved.
- DA and Public Defender are assumed to stay in the Hall of Justice with contingency space for Probation the General Government building.

Staff Report Attachment D: C.C.F.P. Real Estate Vision – De-centralized services groupings

Decentralized Divisions

Several divisions align themselves with either the “Dedicated” or “Drop-in” models.



Comprehensive County Facilities Plan



Presentation to the Sonoma County Board
of Supervisors January 15, 2013

General Services Department



CCFP – Background

The Opportunity

- 1.6 million square feet of owned building space,
- Almost 500 acres of real estate,
- 400,000 square feet of leased space.

County Strategic Planning

- The County recognizes it must adopt a strategic approach in planning, providing and managing its facilities.

CCFP – Background

Comprehensive County Facilities Plan

- In response, your Board authorized the Comprehensive County Facilities Plan, a strategic implementation project initiated in 2009 that will help the County meet strategic goals.
- The Comprehensive County Facilities Plan aligns with 2010 Strategic Plan goal “Invest in the Future”.

Invest in the Future

- ✓ Invest upstream in health, education & human services (prevention) to decrease need for and costs of enforcement & incarceration (treatment and punishment)
- ✓ Invest in Infrastructure, systems, etc. to save money in the long-term
- ✓ Adopt a balanced budget & maintain appropriate reserves

Facility Challenges

- Need Service Delivery filter
 - Locations and leases not guided by organization-wide objectives
- Fragmentation
 - Customer experience
 - Interactions
 - Transit
 - Multiple buildings, systems, common areas
 - Leasing – locations driven by cost
- Age
 - Deteriorating buildings
 - Obsolete systems
 - Ineffective investments

Strategic Objectives

- More efficient service delivery
- Improved customer experience
- More effective utilization of County assets

Service Delivery Vision

- County services more effectively delivered in accordance with Guiding Principles

Real Estate Vision

- County real estate and facility assets arranged efficiently in support of the Service Delivery Vision

Financial Vision

- County financial planning that makes best use of resources to achieve the Real Estate Vision

Service Delivery – Process

Guiding Principles, Strategies

CCFP SUMMARY | SERVICE DELIVERY PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGIES

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

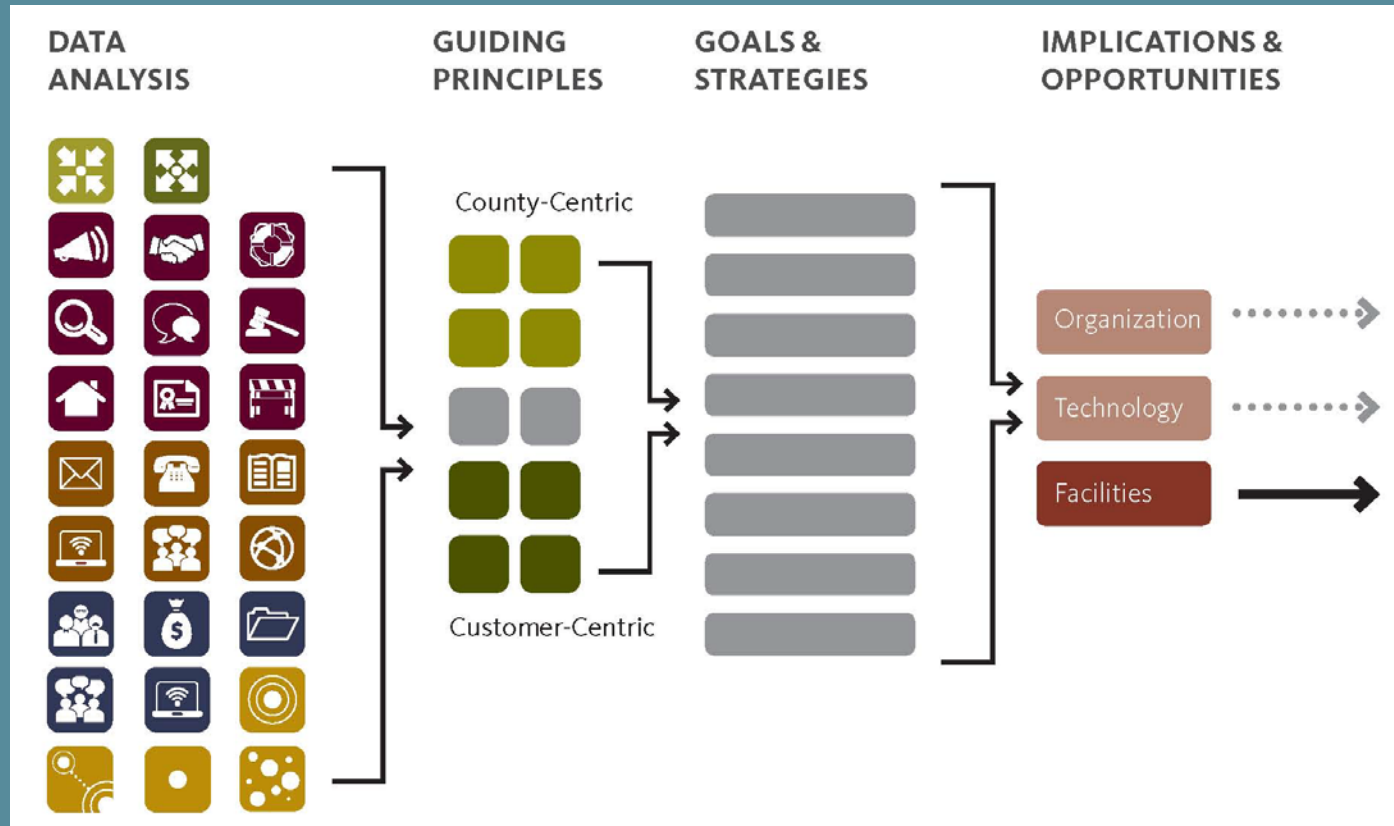


SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGIES

- 1 Clearly Communicate the County's Mission through People, Space, and Technology.
- 2 Streamline and Integrate Operations, Administration, and Planning.
- 3 Create a Welcoming, Enriching, Experience for all Customers without Compromising Safety and Security.
- 4 Maximize Customer Convenience through Services Bundling and Virtual Delivery Channels.
- 5 Support 'Mobile' Staff at a County-wide Level.
- 6 Leverage Resources—Equipment, Technology, and Space—for County-wide Benefit.
- 7 Reduce the Environmental Impact of Service Delivery and Celebrate the Savings.
- 8 Seek Revenue-Generating/Cost-Reducing Opportunities and Partnerships to Enhance Core Service Delivery.

Service Delivery – Process

Approach



Real Estate – Current

Owned vs. Leased

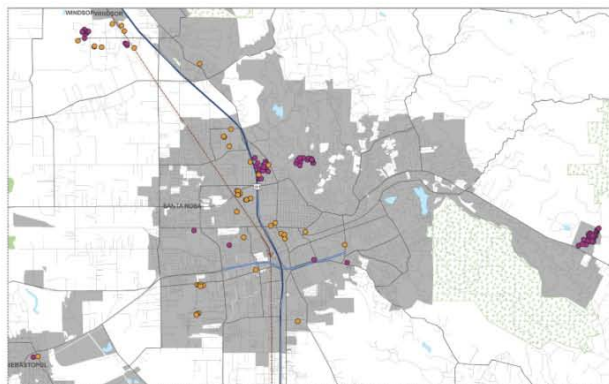
CCFP SUMMARY | COUNTY REAL ESTATE EXISTING CONDITIONS

GENERAL OFFICE & SERVICE FACILITIES

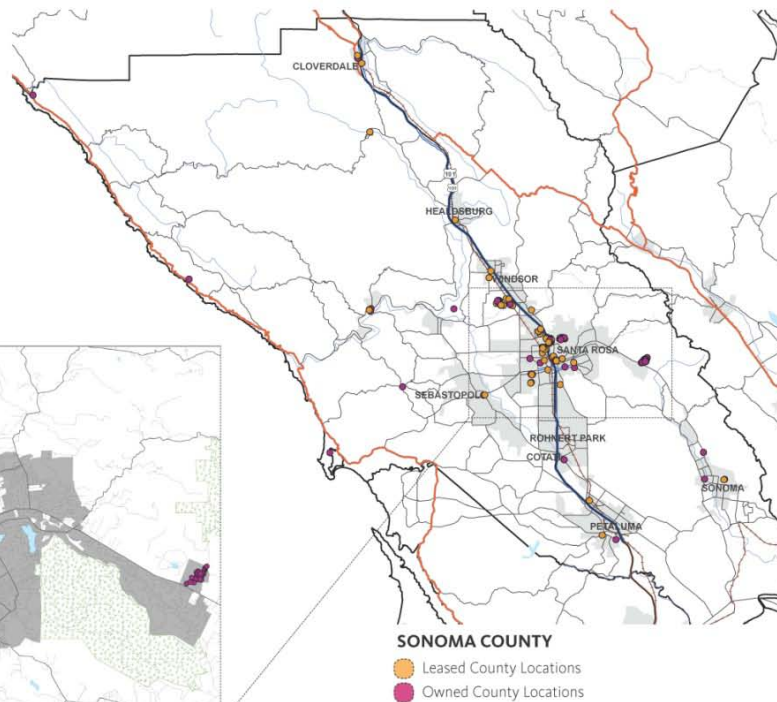
57% OWNED SF

43% LEASED SF

- > **21 Owned Facilities** (of 58)
406,000 rentable sq. ft.
1500 seat demand
- > **30 Leased Spaces** (of 42)
301,000 rentable sq. ft.
1100 seat demand



GREATER SANTA ROSA



SONOMA COUNTY

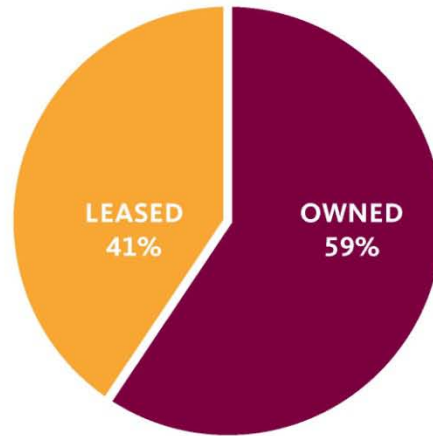
- Leased County Locations
- Owned County Locations

Owned vs. Leased

CURRENT COUNTY REAL ESTATE | SNAPSHOT

GENERAL OFFICE & SERVICE FACILITIES

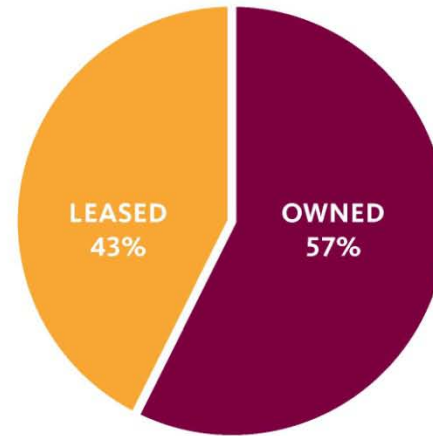
SQUARE FOOTAGE



342,000 rentable sq. ft.

497,500 rentable sq. ft.

AVERAGE ANNUAL NET OCCUPANCY COSTS



\$4,600,000/year

\$6,200,000/year

Fragmentation

CURRENT COUNTY REAL ESTATE | SNAPSHOT

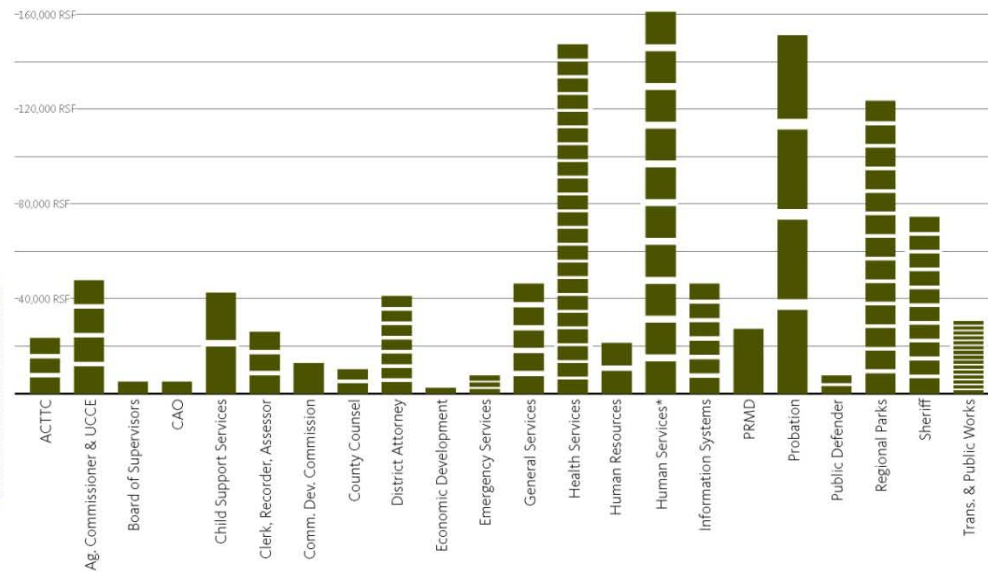
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ALL FACILITIES

- › County Departments are fragmented among multiple locations.
- › Some locations house multiple departments; each unit does not represent a unique County address.
- › Fragmentation is likely due to desire to respond to customer service and market opportunities, but can inhibit operational efficiencies.

90 unique
ADDRESSES IN USE WITHIN
THE CCFP

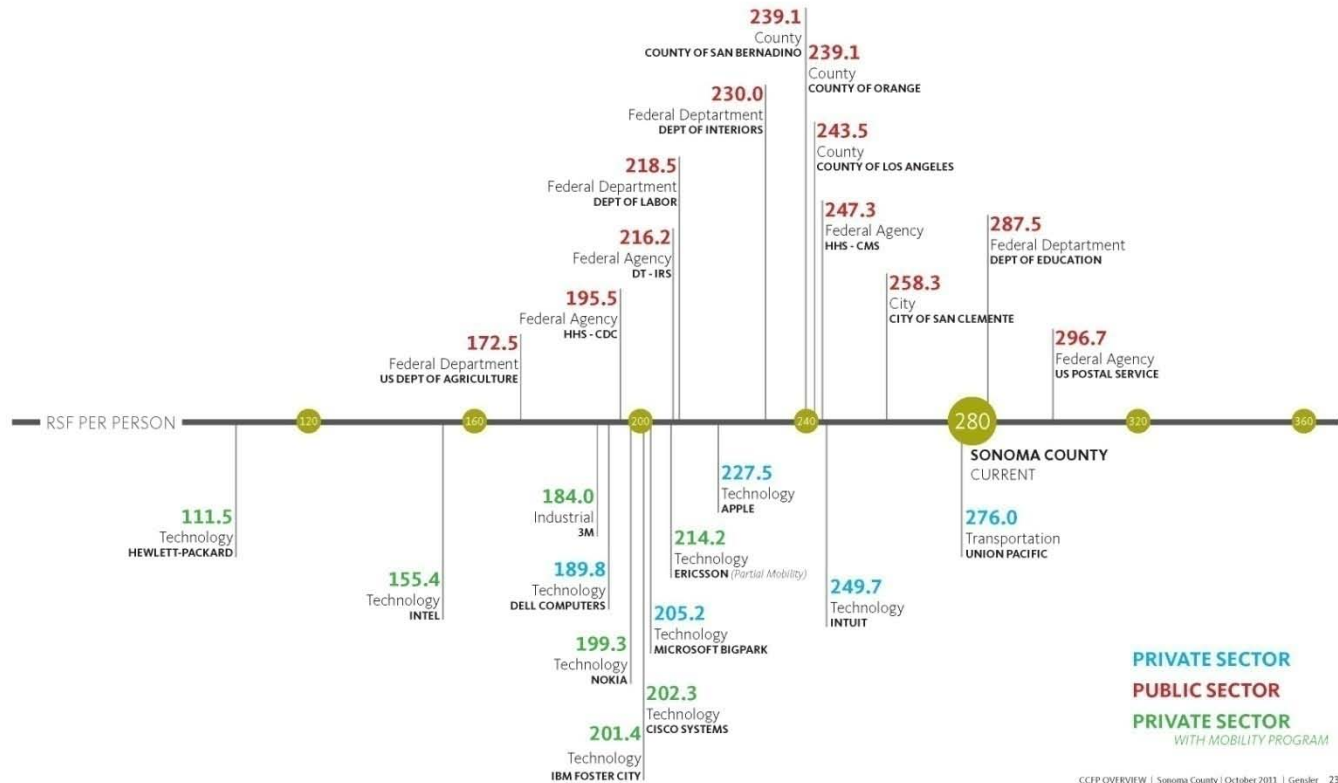
WITH CAMPUSES, THE TOTAL
LOCATIONS IS LESS THAN 90.



*Real Estate and Facilities data as of November 5, 2010. Human Services TBD
REAL ESTATE VISION | Sonoma County | Comprehensive County Facilities Plan | November 2010 | Geosker 12

Space - Utilization

CCFP SUMMARY | COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER VISION

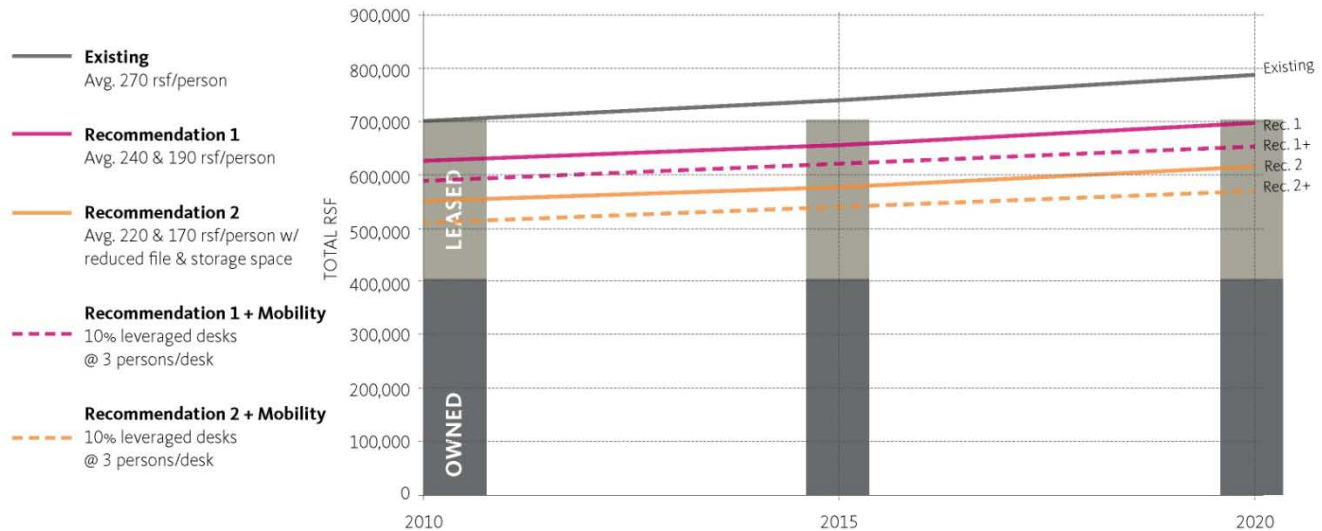


Space Needs - Projections

DEMAND PROJECTIONS | SUPPLY & DEMAND COMPARISON

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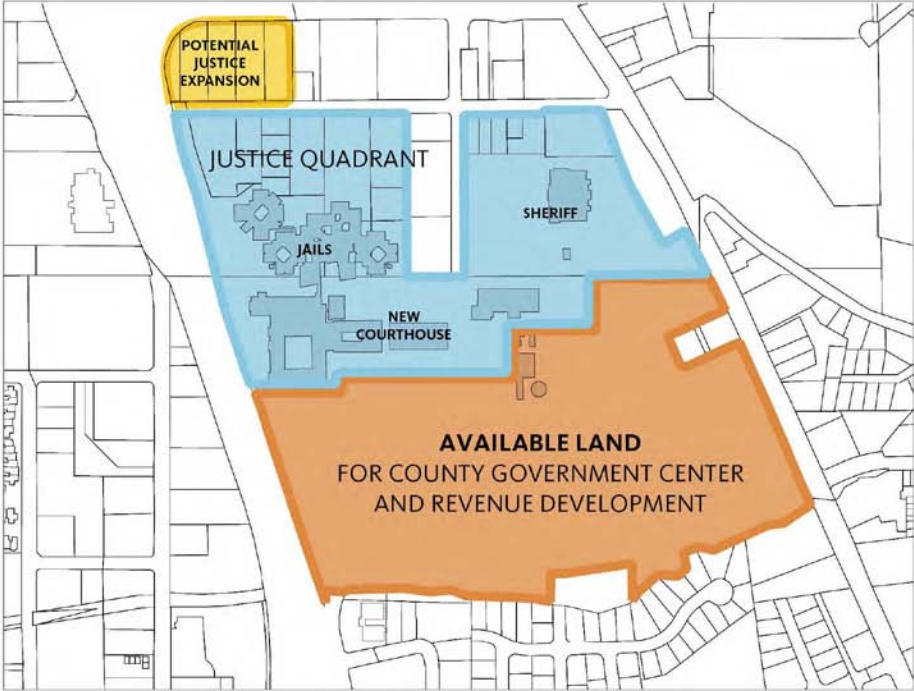
SUPPLY VS. DEMAND RECOMMENDATION 1 & 2 with 10% MOBILITY



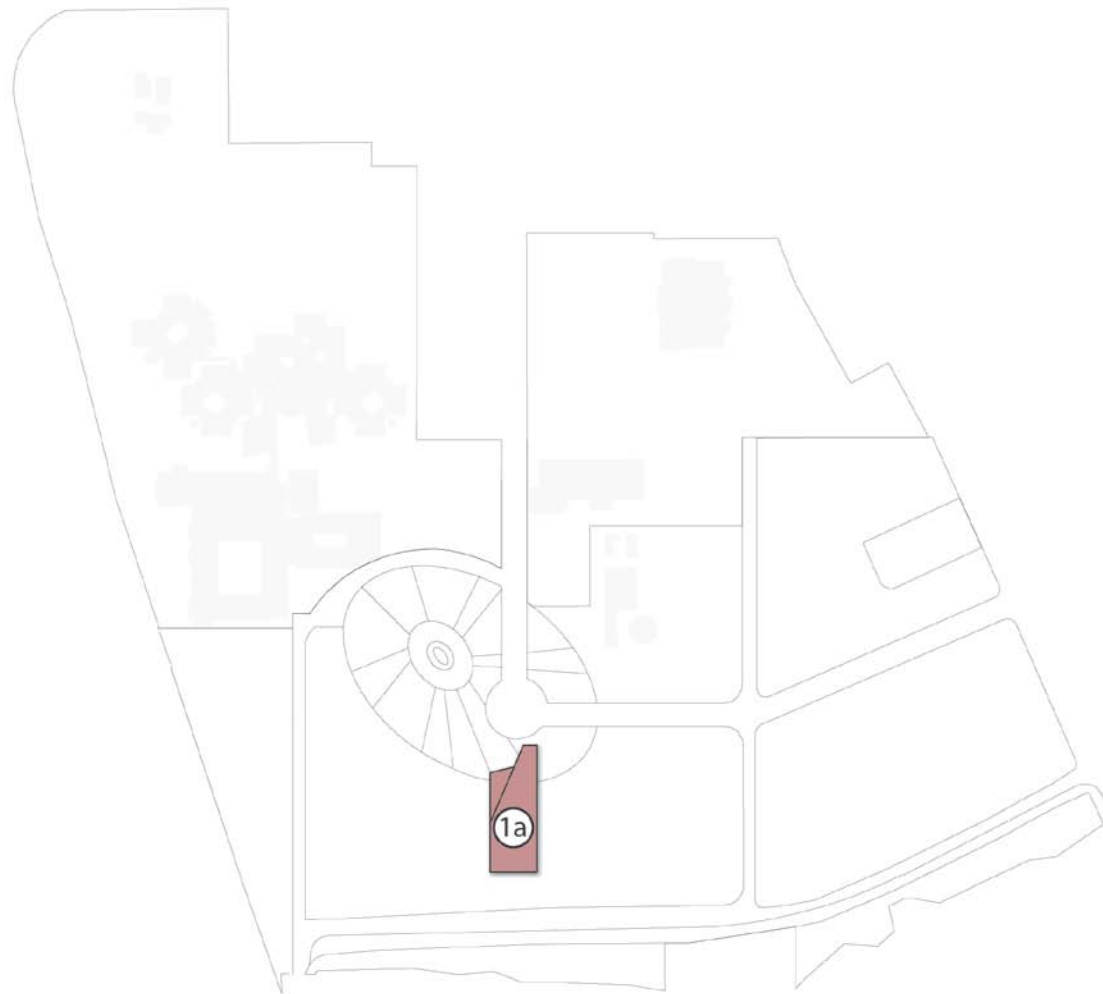
Balanced Portfolio – Centralized Campus

REAL ESTATE VISION | CENTRALIZED CAMPUS

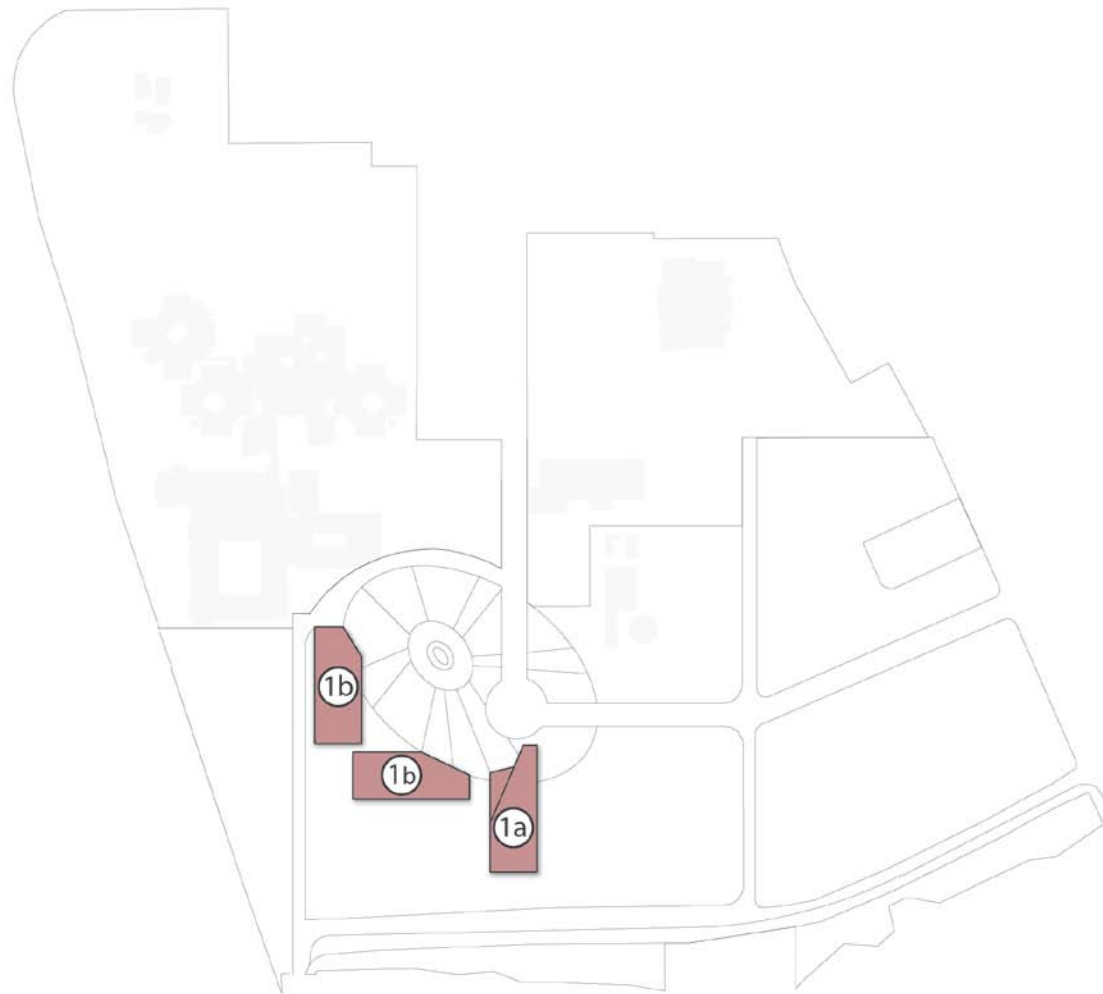
SINGLE CAMPUS



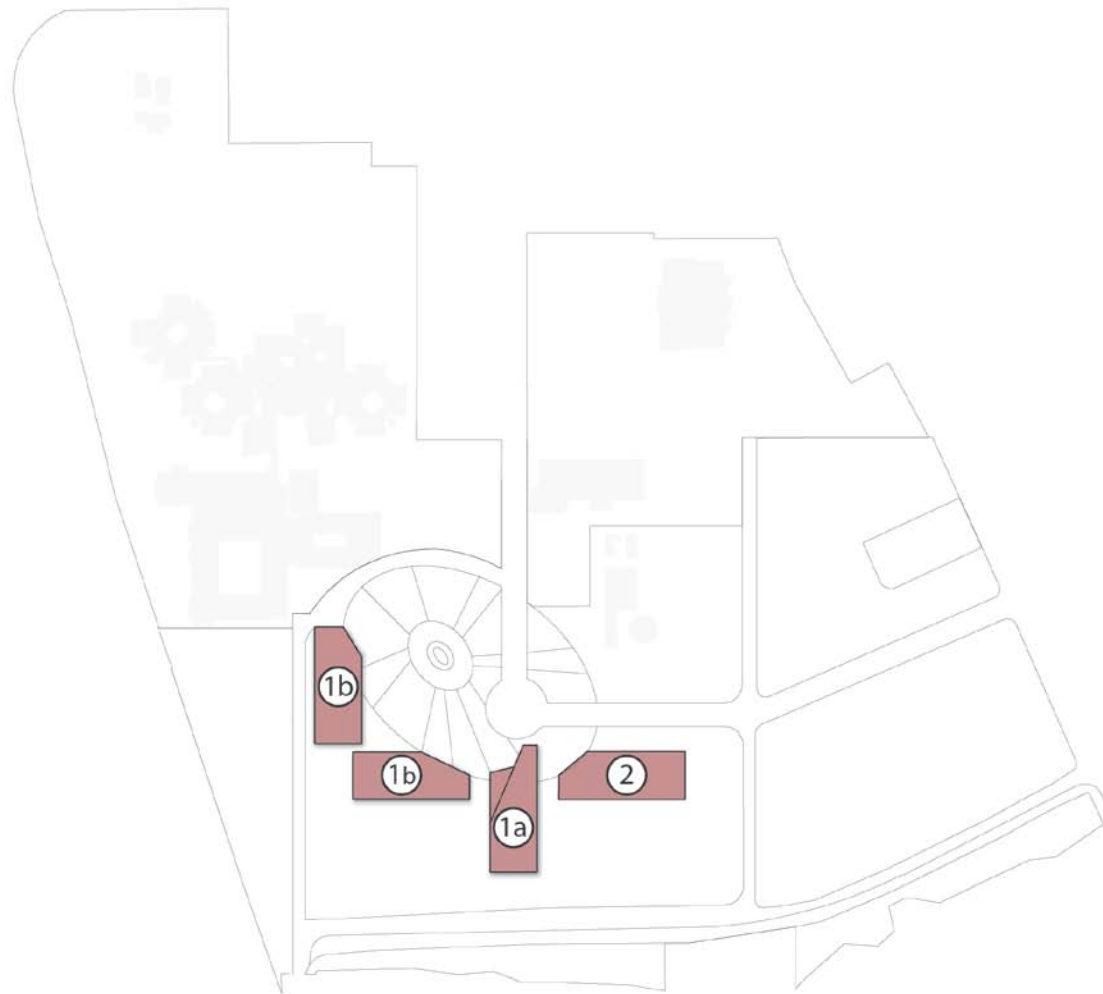
CCFP – Vision



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What it could be...



Centralized Campus

- Primary County location
- Pedestrian-, bicycle-, transit- friendly
- Smaller land area used by County
- Relocate operational activities
- Plan for parking structures
- Put surplus land to beneficial use

Balanced Portfolio – Outreach Locations

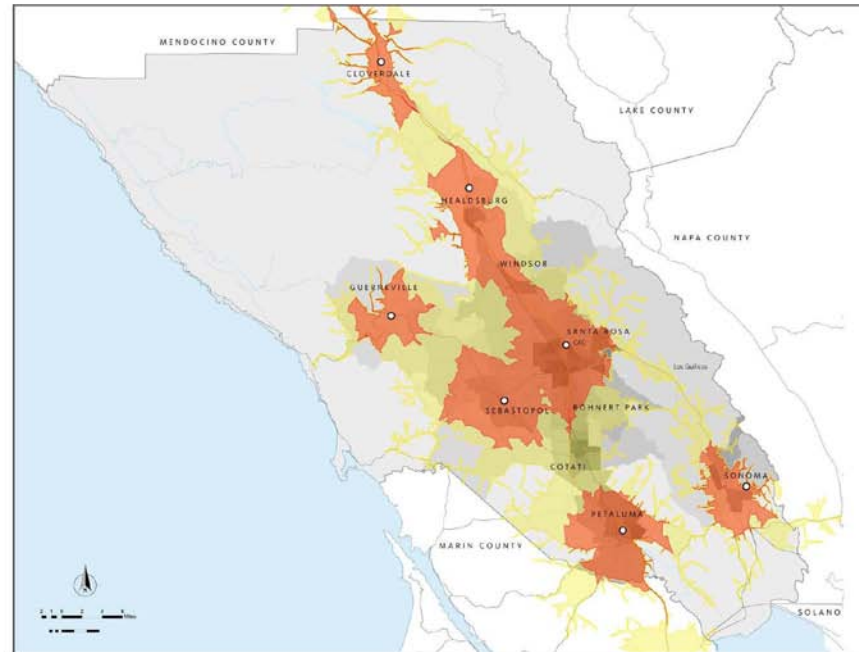
REAL ESTATE VISION | OUTREACH LOCATIONS

- > Locations to support mobile and field work
- > Leveraging existing County building stock

0 EXISTING CAMPUS
County Administration Center

1 PRIORITY SITES
Petaluma (Staff & Client)
Guerneville (Staff & Client)
Sonoma (Staff & Client)

2 SECONDARY SITES
Healdsburg (Partner Site)
Sebastopol (Staff Only)
Cloverdale (Staff & Client)



Balanced Portfolio – Outreach Locations

08 REAL ESTATE SCENARIOS

Veterans Hall Drop-In Prototype

Veterans Halls provide a great opportunity to leverage under-utilized County facilities that already exist in several Sonoma County communities without compromising their use for on-going veteran's needs.

Vacant or under-utilized space at Veterans Halls can be easily re-purposed and outfitted to serve as decentralized County sites. The prototype example below illustrates how a meeting room within the Petaluma Veterans Memorial Hall can function as a drop-in facility. The site can accommodate computer and touch-down stations, open collaboration tables, a small pantry, personal storage lockers, a small vestibule for visitors and customers, and a private interview room for county staff.

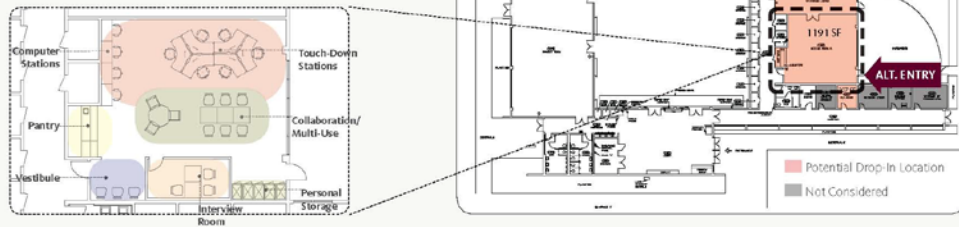
PETALUMA VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL 1094 Petaluma Boulevard South, Petaluma

Potential Area:

Meeting Room A (1,191 sq ft)

Current Decentralized Locations in Petaluma:

- Human Services - Mental Health/AODS
- Health Services - Public Health
- Agriculture Commissioner - Weights & Measures



Outreach Locations

- Direct services, common location
- County-owned facilities, or partner
- Leverage technology
- Mobile staff drop-in
- Neighborhood - friendly

How we pay for it

- Lease savings
- Excess land revenue
- Financing alternatives
 - Pay-as-you go
 - Development impact fees
 - Credit Tenant Leasing
 - COP
 - GOB
- Added benefit: Operational savings

How we pay for it

- County Government Center development: \$218 to \$253 million for proposed phases.
- Additional average annual funding needed: \$5.0 to \$7.2 million.

Ongoing Benefits

- Co-location of related departments and divisions
- More flexible office space
- Support mobile work
- Management of staff moves, space allocation, furniture systems
- Increased utilization of common facility resources

Recommended Approach

- Continuous Improvement
 - Balance portfolio,
 - Develop new County Government Center,
 - Higher owned value,
 - Convert properties to beneficial use and revenue,
 - Minimize impact on General Fund.
- Direct staff to conduct research
- Report back with recommendations

Alternative Approaches

- Incremental Improvements
 - Pro: Phase costs over time
 - Con: Facility deficits accumulate; risk increases; costs rise
- Business as Usual
 - Pro: Defer costs to better economic times
 - Con: Facility deficits accumulate; risk increases; costs rise

CCFP – Conclusion

Requested Board Actions

- Accept the Comprehensive County Facilities Plan.
- Endorse the development of the County Administration Center to house county staff within county-owned facilities.
- Direct staff to research and report back to your Board with a County Government Center development program for a centralized county campus, including a recommended funding plan.
- Direct staff to develop policies and practices identified in the C.C.F.P. that optimize the effective use of work space and equipment.

Comprehensive County Facilities Plan



General Services Department



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda Item Number: 26
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

To: Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: No Vote Required

Department or Agency Name(s):

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Jim Leddy, 565-2190

Supervisorial District(s):

All

Title: Legislative Report from Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada

Recommended Actions:

Accept Legislative report from Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada

Executive Summary:

In an effort to provide additional information about ongoing legislative actions, starting in 2011 all of the County's legislators were invited to come and provide an update to the Board. In late 2011, Senator Mark Leno, Senator Lois Wolk, Assemble Members Wesley Chesbro and Jared Huffman made presentations before the Board. Senator Evan's presentation continues this effort. On January 8, 2013, Senator Evans visited the Board.

With the 2010 Redistricting, Sonoma County has a new member of the Assembly. Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada whose District includes Yolo, parts of Solano and Napa County also has a portion of Sonoma County. The 4th District has Rohnert Park and portions of the Sonoma Valley.

Assemblywoman Yamada is the Chair, Aging and Long-Term Care whose primary jurisdiction includes Area Agencies on Aging, California Department of Aging, Long-term care services, Older Americans Act, Older Californians Act, senior citizens advocacy activities, Senior Legislature, services for seniors in residential and day settings and State Commission on Aging. Further she serves on the Agriculture Committee, Labor and Employment Committee, Veterans Affairs Committee and the Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

Assemblywoman Yamada also serves on the following Select Committees:

- Sustainable and Organic Agriculture, Chair
- Select Committee on Homelessness, Member
- Select Committee on State Hospital Safety, Member
- Select Committee on State School Financial Takeovers, Member
- Select Committee on Workforce Development within the Developmentally Disabled Community, Member
- Regional Approaches to Addressing the State's Water Crisis, Member.

Prior Board Actions:			
There is no prior action on this matter.			
Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 4: Civic Services and Engagement			
The Board and County have made state and federal involvement a key part of the Strategic Plan Goal 4, Civic Services and Community Engagement. Given the tremendous impact state policy makers have on county services, building meaningful working relationships with Legislators are critical to protecting and enhancing the resources for the County.			
Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13			
Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 0	Select an item.	\$ 0
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$ 0	Total Sources	\$ 0
Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):			
There is no cost associated with this item.			
Staffing Impacts			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)
Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):			
Attachments:			
(A) List of Assemblywoman Yamada’s 2012 Legislative bill package.			
Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:			

Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada 2011-2012 Legislation

- **AB 40-Criminal Physical Abuse of an Elder or Dependent Adult** -Resolves a long-standing conflict between state and federal laws related to elder abuse reports. When elder (or dependent adult) abuse occurs in a nursing home, the staff are required by law to file a report to either the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, or to law enforcement. A conflict arises when reports are made to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman because strict federal confidentiality guidelines prevent the Ombudsman from sending the report to law enforcement for a criminal investigation, and ultimately, justice. AB 40 solves this dilemma by requiring in-person reporting to law enforcement via telephone, and follow-up written reports to the Ombudsman and law enforcement within 48 hours in instances of criminal physical abuse such as: assault, battery, or rape.
- **AB 51-Payroll Cards** - Authorizes the use of payroll cards as a form of wage payment in California and establishes the protections needed to ensure that employees receive their full wages. A growing number of California employers are choosing payroll cards as a payroll option similar to direct deposit, without specific legal guidelines for their proper use. In the absence of clear regulations, some employees have lost their rightly earned wages and class action lawsuits have been brought against some employers who use the cards without legal authorization as a method of wage payment. AB 51 eliminates this confusion, provides employers with certainty and workers with needed protections.
- **AB 413- Yolo County All-Mail Ballot Election Pilot Program** - Creates an all-mail ballot pilot program in Yolo County to study how all-mail voting would affect voter turnout in small local elections. This bill will allow Yolo County to conduct up to 3 local elections as vote-by-mail, under certain conditions. At the conclusion of the elections, a study will be submitted to the legislature detailing the impact of these all vote-by-mail elections, including a cost comparison to a traditional election; data on the impact on turnout for various types of voters of varying demographics; and the reasons for returned mail ballots that were not counted.
- **AB 511-Meteorological Evaluation Tower: Markings for Pilot Safety** - Establishes a statewide standard for the marking of low-level Meteorological Evaluation Towers (METs) that measure wind currents to site wind farms. The Federal Aviation Administration does not regulate the erection of towers under 200 feet and local ordinances vary. This loophole has allowed developers of wind farms to erect towers without aviation safety markings and without notifying pilots, which has proved deadly for low-flying agricultural aviators who cannot see them.
- **AB 533—Pass-through of Federal Funds** - Calls for the continuous appropriation of the federal portion of Older American Act s and Rehabilitation Act funding without regard to the passage of a state budget by July 1 each year. In doing so, AB 533 would establish a pass-through that allows the federal funds to flow to the important programs they are intended to support even when the state has not established a budget.
- **AB 594—Community Care Modernization Act of 2011** - Establishes the California Department of Adult and Aging Services in the California Health and Human Services Agency, to maintain older adults and people with disabilities in their own homes, or in the least restrictive homelike environment for as long as possible. This bill would require the department to convene a stakeholder committee to assist the department with coordinating with other state agencies to transfer programs to the department. This bill would require the agency, in consultation with other state entities, to develop a plan to transition home- and community-based programs to the department and submit the transition plan to the Legislature by January 1, 2013. The integration of services within a single agency will improve and simplify access to services, reduce duplicative administrative activities, and reduce the cost of delivering services to older adults and persons with disabilities.
- **AB 748—Funding of Veteran Adult Day Health Care Centers** - Ensures the long-term solvency of CCRCs and protects the investments of vulnerable seniors by transferring oversight from DSS to the Dept. of Insurance. This bill would allow the Department of Insurance to provide better prospective financial oversight, by relying on the actuarial experts at the Department.
- **AB 784-ADHC to CBAS Transition** - In March of 2011, Governor Brown eliminated Adult Day Healthcare Centers (ADHCs) as a Medi-Cal optional benefit. After many delays and discussions, the state and the advocacy community have come together to transition at-risk adults into the new Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) program. This program is set to be implemented on April 1, 2012. Many issues still remain in the transition that this bill will seek to address.

- **AB 804—Extension of the Paid Family Leave Act** - Expands the scope of the Paid Family Leave Act (PFL) to include siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, and parents-in-law and allow a qualified employee to receive partial wage replacement while caring for these seriously ill family members.
- **AB 866—Property Tax Relief for Yolo County** - Provides Yolo County relief from the obligation under the ERAF statutes to shift property tax funds that are not in the County's possession. When the City of West Sacramento incorporated in 1987, Yolo County transferred a significant portion of its property tax revenues to the new city. Shortly afterwards, West Sacramento formed a large redevelopment project area that diverted even more property tax revenues from the County. Subsequently, the State reclaimed the AB 8 bailout funds with ERAF shifts; however, did not reclaim such funds from incorporated cities. As a result, Yolo County, which has the lowest rate of property tax retention in the State, seeks to adjust the State's ERAF shift from the County for only the AB 8 bailout amounts transferred to West Sacramento after its incorporation.
- **AB 899—The Home Care Services Act of 2011** - Enacts the Home Care Services Act of 2011 for the state Department of Social Services to license and regulate private home care agencies that hire and match home care aides with clients that need nonmedical assistance to live at home independently. Many elderly and persons with disabilities or their families, choose private home care agencies to secure the services of a comprehensively screened professional caregiver and avoid the liabilities and tax consequences of being an employer of an independent caregiver. However, at this time, the only requirement to establish this type of agency is a business license. This Act responds to an industry call for regulation.
- **AB 999-Long-term Care Insurance: Rate Increase Controls** - Protects consumers from excessive rate volatility for long-term care insurance by modifying the long-term care insurance ratemaking process. Despite rate-stabilization efforts enacted in 2000, insurers have continued to underestimate the real cost of long-term care insurance, and consumers have faced unexpected large rate increases.
- **AB 1147—Teen Parent in Foster Care: Reporting** - Requires a social worker to include information about the age and developmentally appropriate services provided to teen parents in foster care as part of regular court reports. Strengthens the Teen Parents in Foster Care Act by ensuring that babies born to teen parents in foster care have the opportunity to be raised by their birth parent, avoiding dual placements and strengthening families.
- **AB 1623-Weights and Measures: Consumer Protections** - Updates registration fees for commercial weighing and measuring devices to accurately reflect the cost of testing and registration of these devices by Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers. Currently, many Agriculture Commissioners and Sealers are unable to test and certify the accuracy of all commercial measuring devices like scales at supermarkets, apartment complex electric meters, and odometers on taxis due to an outdated funding mechanism. This leaves consumers vulnerable to paying more for products and services due to faulty devices remaining in use. AB 1623 updates this registration process and will help protect consumers from losing money to the continued use of defective equipment.
- **AB 1626-Elections Official: Writ of Mandate** - Creates an equal standard to contest ballot arguments at all levels of elections. Allows a County Clerk to ask for a writ of mandate against arguments that are false and misleading on a ballot for school board. Currently this is only allowed in county elections.
- **AB 1710-The Nursing Home Administrator "Right Sizing" Act of 2012** - Makes the Nursing home Administer Program self-sustaining. Nursing Home Administrators (NHAs) serve as the chief of operations within nursing homes. They have comprehensive authority and responsibility over all aspects of nursing homes, including quality of care, recruiting and training staff, procuring equipment and supplies, and overseeing the day-to-day activities. NHAs are licensed and monitored by the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Nursing Home Administrator Program (NHAP). AB 1710, The Nursing Home Administrator "Right Sizing" Act of 2012, makes the NHAP self-sustaining by requiring licensing fees to be adjusted annually to support the program's workload.
- **AB 1752-The Nursing Home Bed-Hold Act of 2012** - Would prevent unscrupulous nursing homes from dumping lower-rate or problem residents at hospitals to replace them with a higher-rate private pay or Medicare residents or Medi-Cal residents that require less complex care by making resident readmission after hospitalization rights as strict and enforceable as resident eviction rights.

- **AB 1793-Emergency Preparedness: Nursing Homes** - Improves how local governments can use federal dollars to respond to the needs of at-risk populations during emergency medical situations – such as an epidemic or flood – where the demand for acute hospital care may surge beyond hospital capacity or people may not be able to get to an acute care hospital. The bill addresses inconsistencies in law and explicitly allows local emergency planners to include nursing homes in their planning and response efforts.
- **AB 1823-Veterans Homes: Notice of Financial Obligation** - Requires that routine quarterly financial statements provided to residents of California's six veteran's homes also include clearly written information about any prospective health related charges that would be due at the time of the veteran's death. The bill would ensure that the heirs of a deceased veteran would have regular notice of the possible financial obligation due to the State for their cost of care, reducing anxiety and increasing transparency
- **AB 1964-Workplace religious freedom** - Strengthens protections for employees against religious discrimination by more concretely defining "undue hardship" in statute. Under a U.S. Supreme Court decision, employers can deny religious accommodations by claiming that the cost of making such accommodations would be prohibitively high, even if the true cost is minimal. AB 1964 would put an end to this and better protect religious liberty in the workplace.
- **HR 13 Recognizes May as Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month** - Recognizes the month of May as Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month in California. Each year, the National Center on Elder Abuse reports that as many as 475,000 older or vulnerable Americans are victims of abuse. In addition, for every incident reported, it is likely that as many as 14 more instances of abuse go unreported. H.R. 13 is an important step in shining a spotlight on this serious issue.
- **HR 21 Commemorates the Tenth Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001** - HR 21 will commemorate the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 to honor the heroes and the casualties and recognize September 11 of each year as a Day of Remembrance and Service.
- **HR 24 Recognizes March as Social Work Month** - Establishes March as Social Work Month in California. This resolution recognizes the contribution social workers provide in diverse settings for individuals, families, and communities, regardless of age and socioeconomic status.
Media/Press Releases



County of Sonoma
Agenda Item
Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda Item Number: 27
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

To:

Board Agenda Date: January 15, 2013

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Board of Supervisors

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Supervisorial District(s):

Shirlee Zane, 565-2241

Third

Title: Board Sponsorship

Recommended Actions:

Approve Board Sponsorship in the amount of \$470 to cover the cost of renting space at the Santa Rosa Veteran's Building for the annual County-wide Season of Non-violence community event, scheduled for January 31, 2013. 150+ citizens are expected to participate.
(Third District)

Executive Summary:

Program objectives are in alignment with County of Sonoma's Nonviolence Programs and Policies.

Prior Board Actions:

Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 1: Safe, Healthy, and Caring Community

Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 470.00	County General Fund	\$ 470.00
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
Total Expenditure	\$ 470.00	Total Sources	\$ 470.00

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

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Staffing Impacts

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

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Attachments:

1. Board Sponsorship application
2. Event Flier
3. Sonoma County Season for Non-violence Programs and Policies documents
4. Nonprofit event budget

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

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TO:
 of Supervisors
 Administration Dr. 100A
 Sonoma, CA 95403

COUNTY OF SONOMA *Attachment A*

Fee Waiver Request Form

For Board of Supervisors Use Only

Contact information for individual requesting fee waiver:

Name: Kendra A. Mon
First Middle Last

Mailing Address: 300 Stony Point Rd. spc. 436, Petaluma, CA 94952
Number Street City State/ZIP

Phone: 707-992-0367 Email: kendramon@comcast.net
Area Code/Number

Name of organization or entity for which fee waiver is requested:

Name: Sonoma County Season for Nonviolence
c/o Kendra Mon

Mailing Address: 300 Stony Point Rd. spc 436, Petaluma, CA 94952
Number Street City State/ZIP

Phone: 707-992-0367 Email: kendramon@comcast.net

Please indicate by check mark the supervisory district in which the organization or entity submitting this request is located, where the project/activity/event will be held, and the district office to whom you would like to submit your request:

Board Member and District	Valerie Brown District 1	David Rabbitt District 2	Shirlee Zane District 3	Mike McGuire District 4	Efren Carrillo District 5
Entity or organization location (select all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project/activity/event location (select all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
District office to receive request (select only one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Type of organization or entity for which the fee waiver is requested:

- City Special District Other Local Government
 School Non-profit or CBO Individual

Other Fees (please specify): _____

Please provide a description of the project/activity/event for which a fee waiver is being requested on a separate sheet of paper. Please include the type of project/activity/event, the number of individuals who will participate to be served, etc. Total participants expected: 150
Event flyer attached

Please indicate if this is a one-time or annual event: One Time Annual

type and amount of fee waiver(s) requested. Please list all County fees you are requesting be waived in conjunction with this project/activity/event:

Santa Rosa Veterans Hall

Department Assessing Fee	Type of Fee	Amount of Fee
United Camps, Conferences etc	North Room 1 hr. rental	\$ 40
"	Dining Room 4 hr. rental	220
"	Chair Set-up fee	150
"	Rental of wireless + corded mikes	60

\$470

Has your entity or organization has received a fee waiver(s) for a similar project/activity/event in the past, please list fee waivers below: None

Date of Fee Waiver	Department Assessing Fee	Type of Fee	Amount of Fee

Does the organization or entity for which the fee waiver is requested receive funding from any of the following sources? If so, please specify: None

- Property Tax Sales Tax Special Assessment
 User Fees

Other Fees (please specify): _____

If the organization or entity receives tax funding or has the ability to assess fees, please provide an explanation and supporting documentation regarding the complete inability of the organization or entity to pay the fees which you are requesting be waived. Please attach information/documentation to this form and submit with your request for a fee waiver. N/A

Will the organization or entity be charging an entry fee or be requesting a donation for the project/activity/event or which you are requesting a fee waiver? If so, please provide an explanation and supporting documentation detailing why the fees to be waived cannot be recovered through the entry fee. Please attach information/documentation to this form and submit with your request for a fee waiver. See attachment.

Kendra Mon
Authorized Signature

Coordinator
Sanoma Co. Season for Nonviolence
Title

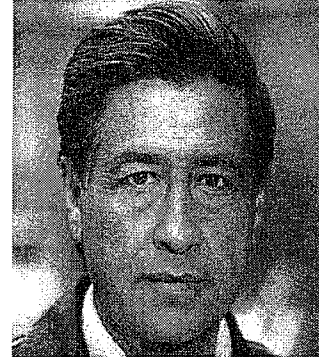
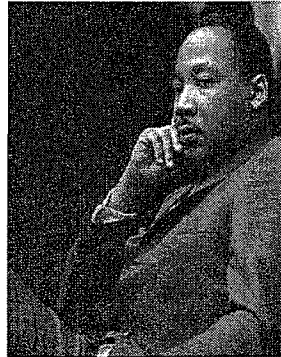
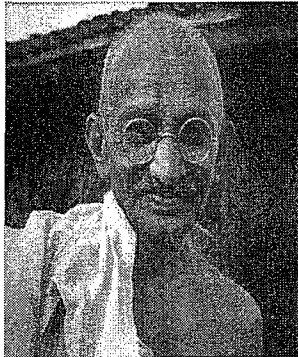
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Introducing The 16th Annual
Seasons for Nonviolence



carry the vision

“A World of Enlightened Action”



Inspired by the work and memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Cesar Chavez
and

Sonoma County Season for Nonviolence

Jan. 30th- Apr. 4th dedicated to promoting peace and nonviolence

2013 FREE kick-off event:

**WALKING THE TALK: a forum on
Effective Solutions for Violence Prevention in Sonoma County**

Thurs. Jan. 31st - Santa Rosa Veterans Bldg. East Dining Room

* 1 hour workshop on Nonviolence prior to main event with Metta Center
for Nonviolence Director Stephanie Van Hook, from 6 -7 pm

* Supervisor Mike McGuire will moderate a panel of Community Peace
Builders consisting of public officials, local Non-Profits and Schools. They will be
discussing proactive initiatives in Sonoma County, from 7-9 pm.

Free Refreshments * Raffle * Tabling * Donations Welcome!

Free Entertainment by Jim Corbett's Love Choir

Sponsored by: The Sonoma County Season For Nonviolence Coalition * Leadership Institute for Ecology & Economy
* Criminal Baking Company * Peace & Justice Center

64 Day Calendar of Events www.mettacenter.org * Info at Tele #707. 992. 0367 * “Like Us” on FaceBook
Worldwide event convened by the Association for Global New Thought

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The 15th Annual Gandhi-King-Chavez Season for Nonviolence

Jan.30 - Apr.4 Sonoma County Celebration Events

promoting peace and nonviolence for 64 days in more than 900 cities and 67 countries A Season for Nonviolence was co-founded by Dr. Arun Gandhi and The Assoc. for Global New Thought.

Additional information about the global grassroots celebration at www.agnt.org/season-for-nonviolence

Fridays 2-4 pm - Nonviolence for Daily Living Discussion Group with Nicholas Sismil

Join a discussion on developing the inner peace and using nonviolence as a tool to reach that peace in our daily lives. Dive into both theory and personal stories to support one another. The Arlene Francis Center at 99 W. 6th Street, Santa Rosa. Info: nicholas@mettacenter.org

Periodic Sat. trainings: Introduction to Circles and Circle Keeping by Restorative Resources

An immersive training that allows participants to learn the fundamentals of circles and circle keeping as a means of building positive connections. 7 hours; \$45-\$70, self-determined sliding fee; at 3440 Airway Drive, Santa Rosa. Find out more at 707-542-4244, or info@restorativeveresources.org.

1st Sundays monthly, 1-3 pm: Introduction to Nonviolent Communication/NVC for those who want less stress and more peace. Learn to get along with family, co-workers and difficult people. Video/discussion featuring Marshall Rosenberg, NVC founder, in a live training session followed by one hour Q&A. No pre-requisite. Learn & apply the basics of the NVC model. Donations accepted. Center for Spiritual Living, 2075 Occidental Rd., Santa Rosa. Info: Carol Chase, 707-542-6188 or revdupcc@juno.com.

Thurs., Feb. 9, 7:30-9:30 pm: Power of Gratitude and Effective Communication is the topic of award-winning author and educator Angeles Arrien. Her books include *The Four Fold Way*, *Signs of Life*, *The Second Half of Life*, and recently *Living in Gratitude*. Experience cross-cultural tools and practices that enable effective and creative problem solving. \$20 tickets at praxispeace.org, Readers Books in Sonoma, or at the door. High school and full-time students free. Sonoma Community Center, 276 E. Napa St., Sonoma.

Thurs., Feb. 9, 7-9 pm: Around the Fire program with slide show by Linda Sartor about her 2011 trip to Afghanistan with Voices for Creative Nonviolence (formerly Voices in the Wilderness). The slide show brings Linda's experiences to life so that viewers get a sense of the complexities of life in Afghanistan through the eyes of ordinary people. Free program begins with 10 minute silent contemplation at the Peace & Justice Center, 467 Sebastopol Ave., Santa Rosa (off Santa Rosa Ave.).

Sun., Feb. 12, 4-6 pm: The Power of Forgiveness film and discussion hosted by The Peace Alliance. The film includes true stories of forgiveness along with interviews of people from many faith traditions. Author and speaker Marianne Williamson said, "The practice of forgiveness is our most important contribution to the healing of the world." Free program at Leisure Lake mobile home park clubhouse, 300 Stony Point Rd., Petaluma. Contact: Kendra at 707-992-0367 or kendramon@comcast.net.

Sun., Feb. 12, 4 pm: Book talk by Rev. John Dear S.J., Jesuit Priest, Peace Activist, and author/editor of 28 books on peace and nonviolence. His new book, "Lazarus Come Forth!" is an invitation to carry on Jesus' liberating work by obeying his commandments--to take away the stone that keeps us trapped in our violent culture of war and to set each other free to live in peace and nonviolence. Sponsored by Peace and Justice Center and the Emmaus community at St. Patrick's Episcopal hall, 9000 Sonoma Hwy. in Kenwood.

Mon., Feb. 13, 7-9 pm & the 2nd Mon. monthly - Heart of Resilience Gathering

Jerry Allen and Suzie Gruber help participants cultivate inner strength and purpose using tools designed to foster the ability to respond rather than react and learn to stay present in the face of difficulty at St. Stephens Church, 500 Robinson Way, Sebastopol. Fee \$10. (707) 888-9646 or suzie@suziegruber.com.

Sat., Mar. 3, 9:30 am- 12:30 pm: Jesus & Nonviolence - Following Jesus Today and the Service of Peace. Half-day seminar exploring critical insights on Jesus' nonviolence with special attention to His practical relevance today. Co-sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church and the Metta Center for Nonviolence at St. John's, 40 Fifth St, Petaluma.

Donation: \$10-\$20. No one turned away for lack of funds. 707-774-6299 or stephanie@mettacenter.org

"Nonviolence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man." - Gandhi

SONOMA COUNTY NONVIOLENCE PROGRAMS & POLICIES

The Sonoma County Season for Nonviolence joins with the grass roots campaign in over 900 cities and 67 countries around the world to celebrate and promote nonviolence as a practical and effective tool to achieve justice and peace. The 64 days from January 30 - April 4 each year memorializes the memorial dates of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mahatma Gandhi. Their legacies along with that of Cesar Chavez provide the inspiration and focus for events hosted by local groups to create an awareness of nonviolent principles and practices that can heal, transform, and empower our lives and communities.

In accordance with the Gold Resolution awarded to Sonoma County Season for Nonviolence a year ago, stating that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the declaration of A Season For Nonviolence for the period from January 30 through April 4, 2012, and supports the programs and projects conducted in the spirit of nonviolence during this time, honors the organizers of these activities on their commitment to peace and harmony in our county and beyond, and encourages others to continue to support this work in the coming years by being involved in its programs, and encouraging our local institutions and businesses to do the same.

The evening of Thursday, January 31st, will be our third Season for Nonviolence kick-off event at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building. As the centerpiece of the evening Supervisor Mike McGuire will moderate a panel of public officials, and representatives from local schools and nonprofits. They will be discussing proactive initiatives to promote peace and restorative justice in Sonoma County. Prior to the main event, a free one hour workshop on the principles of nonviolence will be offered by the Metta Center for Nonviolence Director Stephanie Van Hook.

This program and other events around the county will all focus on developing understanding and skills to help promote peaceful citizens, families, and community. This focus ties into these key Sonoma County policies:

- * As articulated in the Upstream Initiative mission that all residents of Sonoma County will benefit from prevention-focused policies and interventions that increase equality and reduce monetary and societal costs
- * As stated in the Sonoma County Public Safety Realignment Interim Plan to include in in-custody and out-of-custody programs cognitive- behavioral skills, nonviolent communication, parenting, anger management, and domestic violence treatment.
- * The vision of the Family Justice Center as creating a future where our community has ended the cycle of family violence, our homes are places of safety, and children, families, and elders live free from the fear and presence of abuse in our rural, suburban, and urban neighborhoods.
- * The state Education Code 32261 (2011) statement that every pupil enrolled in the state has the inalienable right" to attend safe, secure, and peaceful classes on school campuses along with the resources of an interagency coordination system to resolve school and community problems of violence, including truancy, crime, vandalism, drug and alcohol abuse, gang membership, gang violence, and hate crimes. It encourages schools to implement strategies, in-service training programs, and activities that will improve school attendance and reduce school crime and violence, including vandalism, drug and alcohol abuse, gang membership, gang violence, hate crimes and bullying spectrum issues.

Season for Nonviolence in Sonoma County 2012 and 2013 BUDGETS

2012 income came from in-kind donations for expenses plus cash and raffle donations at the kick-off event. We want all our events to be open to all, regardless of income and prefer offering opportunities to donate without putting anyone on the spot.

2012 In-kind Donations approximations:

- Printing of 1,000 - 2 sided black and white 8 1/2" x 11" flyers (\$170), 100- single side 9" x 12" glossy color posters, and 500 "64 - Days - Ways of Peace" 24 page booklets was valued at approximately \$460.
- Hall Rental, including tables, chairs, kitchen, sound equipment Santa Rosa Center for Spiritual Living- about \$550
- Food, beverages, paper serving goods donated by members of the organizing coalition of local non-profit peace-building groups ~ approx \$150

2012 Cash door and raffle donations: \$102.05 (still on hand)

BUDGET for 2013

2013 Projected Cash Income: (plus in-kind donations of about \$400 for food, printing)

Raffle and door donations = \$200

Co-sponsor donations = \$350

Total projected income = \$550

2013 Projected Cash Expenses

- Hall rental with chairs, sound equipment at Santa Rosa Veterans Hall = \$470
- Additional printing & promotion expenses = \$350
- Liability insurance = \$50

Total projected cash expenses = \$870