

Introduction

On June 26, 2025, the Chair proposed establishing an ad hoc committee to foster strategic collaboration on shared countywide priorities with the Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association (SCMCA). The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors formally approved the initiative at its July 22, 2025, meeting, officially naming it the Cities and County Critical Areas Coordination Ad Hoc Committee.

Structure

The ad hoc committee is composed of two members: the Chair and Vice Chair of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. The committee is designed to facilitate strategic collaboration, with participants serving as liaisons to their respective bodies and guiding the identification and advancement of shared countywide priorities.

Purpose

The Cities and County Critical Areas Coordination Ad Hoc Committee convenes county and city leaders to address three shared priorities through strategic dialogue and joint planning

This committee exists to strengthen intergovernmental relationships associated with the priorities listed above to ensure that collaborative efforts translate into meaningful improvements for residents across Sonoma County regardless of jurisdiction. Its goals are:

1. Develop scalable, cross-jurisdictional solutions that improve service delivery in the identified priority areas.
2. Increase transparency and public understanding of emergency protocols and available community resources.
3. Identify and advance opportunities for shared facilities that promote equitable access and efficient use of public assets

Meeting Schedule

Every third Wednesday of the month at 11 AM; all virtual meetings.

Duration

The Board of Supervisors Rule 43. Ad-Hoc Committees prescribe that the ad hoc shall address a limited or single issue, for a limited time, and be dissolved once the specific task assigned is completed. Although Board Ad-Hoc Committees are encouraged to conclude their business at the end of each calendar year, this Ad Hoc may be renewed if there is a need to continue it for an established and identified limited time. If it is determined that

there is a need for a long-term committee to meet, this ad hoc must be transformed to a Standing Committee subject to the Brown Act. See Board Rule 42.

<https://sonomacounty.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/board-of-supervisors/about-the-board/board-rules-of-procedures/ix-committees>

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The County Board Clerk will maintain a current index of Ad-Hoc Committees and their purpose. See <https://sonomacounty.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/board-of-supervisors/assignments/ad-hoc-committees>

The County Executive Officer's team shall make quarterly reports about Ad Hoc Committee activities in a written consent item to update the full Board.