



COUNTY OF SONOMA

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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 6/3/2025

To: Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma

Department or Agency Name(s): Emergency Management; Permit Sonoma; Sonoma Water; Agriculture/Weights & Measures; Sheriff's Office; Office of Equity

Staff Name and Phone Number: Jeffrey DuVall / 707-565-1152; Grant Davis / 707-526-5370; Tennis Wick / 707-565-1900; Andrew Smith / 707-565-2371; Sheriff Eddie Engram / 707-565-2650; Melissa Valle / 707-565-8980

Vote Requirement: Informational Only

Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

Annual Wildfire Preparedness Update

Recommended Action:

Informational only.

Executive Summary:

The wildfire preparedness update will be an information-sharing session where staff will provide preparedness information on: the upcoming fire season projections, Fire Operational Area readiness, volunteer fire companies staffing, county Emergency Management's (DEM) preparedness efforts, regional collaboration efforts underway with local city governments, special districts, Tribal nations, neighboring counties, and state agencies such as the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). In addition, the Agricultural Commissioner and Sheriff's Office will provide a refresher of the County's agriculture pass program and participation to date.

Discussion:

In the last six years, Sonoma County has experienced 14 locally proclaimed disasters, including wildfires, floods, drought, and power shut-off events. As Sonoma County enters the summer, and soon the fall season, the potential for large wildfires, power shut-off events, and extreme temperature events return to the surface.

Since 2019, the Department of Emergency Management has worked to build a robust Alert and Warning program and develop a comprehensive inventory of emergency supporting annexes (earthquake, care and shelter, alert and warning) to the County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). We continue to support and foster community preparedness efforts with all Operational Area partners and the community.

For today's presentation, CAL FIRE's Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit will provide an overview of the potential fire season and CAL FIRE's efforts underway. Tennis Wick, Director for Permit Sonoma, will give an update on the county's vegetation management program, and Brad Sherwood, Assistant General Manager for Sonoma Water, will provide an update on water infrastructure in Sonoma County.

Jorge Rodriguez, Community Alert & Warning Division Manager, will provide an overview of efforts underway for countywide preparedness, Disaster Service Worker training, pre-season coordination with other counties, a

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review of our alert and warning platforms, and an overview of the Department of Emergency Management's response role in a wildfire event.

The Director of Emergency Management will provide an update on the County's program that supports agriculture passes (ag pass), along with applications submitted, and overall participation.

Strategic Plan:

N/A.

Racial Equity:

Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?

No

Prior Board Actions:

06/10/2024: Wildfire Preparedness Update

06/06/2023: Wildfire Preparedness Update

08/30/2022: Resolution establishing a County Agricultural Access Verification Card Program

07/09/2019: Wildfire Hazard Overview Disaster Preparedness Workshop

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY24-25 Adopted	FY25-26 Projected	FY26-27 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

None.

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None.

Attachments:

1. PowerPoint presentation

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

None.