



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: July 8, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Authorizing the Permit Sonoma Director to Finalize and Execute an Amended Contract with
the State of California Department of General Services and to Receive \$270,820.00 for a Total
Contract Amount of \$3,258,520.00 in Funds to Prepare a Specific Plan and Environmental
Impact Report for the Redevelopment of the Sonoma Developmental Center**

Whereas, on April 5, 2019, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors voted to authorize preparation of a Specific Plan for the Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) contingent on financial support from the State; and

Whereas, the State of California approved Government Code Section 14670.10.5 in the FY2019/2020 budget to authorize the State Department of General Services to enter into an agreement with the County of Sonoma for the county to develop a specific plan for the SDC property in an amount not to exceed \$3.5 million.

Whereas, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors held a duly noticed public hearing on December 17, 2019 to consider and entered into an Agreement with the California Department of General Services, consistent with Government Code Section 14670.10.5, authorizing the transfer of \$3.5 million from the Department of General Services to Permit Sonoma for the County to prepare a Specific Plan and associated Environmental Impact Report for the Sonoma Developmental Center; and

Whereas, on December 27, 2019, the Director of Permit Sonoma executed Agreement 19-30324 with the California Department of General Services for land use planning services necessary for the development of a Specific Plan for the property as specified in Government Code section 14670.10.5; and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors held a duly noticed public hearing on December 16, 2022 to consider and adopted the Sonoma Developmental Center Specific Plan and Environmental Impact Report; and

Whereas, on June 26, 2024, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, at the request of the State, authorized a portion of the funds totaling \$512,100 for the site be returned to DGS leaving \$685,582 in funds remaining in a trust account held by Sonoma County; and

Whereas, on December 3rd, 2024, hearing, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors voided certification of the Sonoma Developmental Center Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report and set aside all related SDC Specific Plan approvals as directed by the Writ of Mandamus issued by the California Superior Court on October 22, 2024, and directed Permit Sonoma to revise the EIR and Specific Plan in compliance with the Writ and Judgement; and

Whereas, In August 2023, Eldridge Renewal submitted a development pre-application vesting their rights under Gov. Code § 65589.5(d)(5) provision known as the “Builder’s Remedy.” The application was deemed complete on March 6, 2025, wherein Permit Sonoma determined the information received was sufficient to begin environmental review under CEQA and process the application in the same project as the Specific Plan in program and EIR; and

Whereas, in January 2025, the Permit Sonoma Director approved an amendment to the agreement with DGS extending the term through December 2025, but leaving all other provisions unchanged; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Permit Sonoma Director to accept funds of \$270,820.00 for a contract total of \$3,258,520.00 from the State of California Department of General Services and to finalize and execute an amended contract with that agency for the preparation of a specific plan and environmental impact report for the specific plan and development application for the redevelopment of the Sonoma Developmental Center.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors designates the Clerk of the Board as the custodian of the documents and other materials 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; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board this 8th day of July, 2025:

Supervisors:

Hermosillo: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.