

Ad Hoc Committees Consolidated Update – Third Quarter 2025

This is a consolidated report to provide updates from Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc committees, including meetings held and staff activities conducted in the third quarter of 2025 from July through September.

Board Ad Hoc committee assignments are as follows:

Ad Hoc Committee	Supervisors	Staff Lead
1. Agricultural	Supervisor Gore Supervisor Hopkins	Sue Ostrom, Agriculture Weights & Measures
2. Cities and County Critical Areas Coordination Ad Hoc*	Supervisor Hermosillo Supervisor Hopkins	M. Christina Rivera, County Executive
3. Code Enforcement	Supervisor Rabbitt Supervisor Hopkins	Scott Orr, Permit Sonoma
4. Measure O	Supervisor Coursey Supervisor Gore	Alea Tantarelli, Department of Health Services
5. Potter Valley	Supervisor Rabbitt Supervisor Gore	Grant Davis, Sonoma Water
6. South Santa Rosa Annexation	Supervisor Hermosillo Supervisor Coursey	Christel Querijero, CEO Maggie Luce, CEO
7. Supporting Immigrant Communities	Supervisor Hermosillo Supervisor Hopkins	Jennifer Solito, CEO Melissa Valle, Office of Equity
8. Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Policy Review	Supervisor Rabbitt Supervisor Gore	Andrew Sturmfels, CEO McCall Miller, CEO
9. Unincorporated Governance	Supervisor Hermosillo Supervisor Hopkins	Christel Querijero, CEO Maggie Luce, CEO

*Additional lead contact: Lauren Berges, Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association.

1. Agricultural Ad Hoc Committee

Purpose and Scope
Work with the Department of Agriculture Weights & Measures and staff to assess the status of agriculture in the county and make policy recommendations to strengthen the Agricultural Industries in Sonoma County.
Attendees
Ad Hoc Members: ▪ District 4: James Gore ▪ District 5: Lynda Hopkins Assigned Staff: ▪ Sue Ostrom, Agriculture Weights & Measures ▪ Andrew Smith, Agriculture Weights & Measures ▪ Jennifer Klein, County Counsel ▪ Andrew Sturmfels, CAO
Meetings Held
Date: July 29, 2025

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▪ Agenda Items: Discuss Scope of Ad Hoc Committee ▪ <i>Direction to Staff:</i> Draft Ad Hoc Charter Date: September 22, 2025 ▪ Agenda Items: Draft Ad Hoc Charter and Timeline for Board Item ▪ <i>Direction to Staff:</i> Bring Ad Hoc Charter to Board
Upcoming Meetings: November 17, 2025

2. Cities and County Critical Areas Coordination Ad Hoc Committee

Purpose and Scope
The Ad Hoc Committee will bring together County and city leaders to work on three shared priorities – mental health and homelessness services, emergency preparedness, and shared facilities. The goal is to improve communication, find practical solutions, and strengthen cooperation across local governments.
Attendees
Ad Hoc Members: ▪ Supervisor Hermosillo – District 1 ▪ Supervisor Hopkins – District 5 Assigned Staff: ▪ M. Christina Rivera – County Executive Additional lead contact: ▪ Lauren Berges – Sonoma County Mayors’ and Councilmembers’ Association
Meetings Held
Date: August 20 and September 17, 2025 Agenda Items for the two meetings: ▪ Department of Health Services (DHS) Director presented overview of known homeless programs funding and uses ▪ Draft Ad Hoc Charter Directions to Staff: ▪ Finalize Ad Hoc Charter
Upcoming Meetings: 10/15/25

3. Code Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee

Purpose and Scope
Review code enforcement practices and suggest policies to facilitate solutions to common problems.
Attendees
Ad Hoc Members: ▪ Supervisor David Rabbitt – District 2 ▪ Supervisor Lynda Hopkins – District 5 Assigned Staff: ▪ Scott Orr – Permit Sonoma ▪ Christina Rivera, County Executive Office ▪ Andrew Sturfels – County Executive Office

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▪ McCall Miller – County Executive Office ▪ Jennifer Klein – County Counsel
Meetings Held
Date: 7/28/25 ▪ Agenda Items: Data and fee discussions, overview of ordinance updates in process, review new dashboard. <i>Direction to Staff:</i> Bring back existing Policies & Procedures to discuss.
Date: 8/18/25 ▪ Agenda items: Discuss Policies & Procedures <i>Direction to Staff:</i> Review other jurisdictions practices for consolidating materials in a public facing desk manual, bring back information on amnesty programs.
Date: 9/22/25 ▪ Agenda Items: Amnesty programs, budget structure, final report out schedule ▪ <i>Direction to Staff:</i> Bring back summary of Ad Hoc discussions for reporting out to the board at year end.
Upcoming Meeting: 10/27/2025

4. Measure O Ad Hoc Committee

Purpose and Scope
In May 2025, the Board of Supervisors created a Measure O Ad Hoc Committee and appointed Supervisor Gore and Supervisor Coursey to the Ad Hoc. The Measure O Ad Hoc Committee was formed to address the Department of Health Services’ ongoing implementation of Measure O, review future fund distribution recommendations, and assist with future planning. The Measure O Sales Tax Ordinance, passed in 2020, identified five categories of services to be funded with the revenue: (1) Behavioral Health Facilities, (2) Emergency Psychiatric and Crisis Services, (3) Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Outpatient Services, (4) Behavioral Health Homeless / Care Coordination, and (5) Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing. The Expenditure Plan designates a set percentage of funding for each of the categories. The Ad Hoc reviews recommendations for programs funded within these categories for full Board consideration. The purpose of the Ad Hoc is to inform the Board of how Measure O funding will support Behavioral Health and Homelessness in both existing and new programming for the remainder of the tax measure and how the County collaborates with City and local non-profit partners in similar service areas. The Ad Hoc committee meets monthly and is supported by staff from the Department of Health Services (DHS), the County Executive’s Office (CEO) and County Counsel. Potential Future Areas of Work: ▪ Develop recommendations for new and ongoing program funding, including allocations made with one-time or time-limited funding ▪ Determine long-term strategy for making funds publicly available (NOFA cadence, criteria, etc.)

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Plan for Measure O beyond 2030 (potential ballot measure to extend, winding programs down, sustainability after Measure O expires, etc.)
Attendees
Ad Hoc Members: - Supervisor Coursey – District 3 - Supervisor Gore – District 4 Assigned Staff: - Nolan Sullivan, Director, Department of Health Services - Nora Mallonee-Brand, HPPE Manager, Department of Health Services - Alea Tantarelli, HPM, Department of Health Services - Jennifer Solito, Assistant CAO, County Executive’s Office - Katie Kavanaugh, Administrative Analyst III, County Executive’s Office
Meetings Held
Date: July 7, 2025 – First Measure O Ad Hoc Meeting Agenda Items: 1. Introductions 2. Review and Approve the Measure O Ad Hoc Committee Charter 3. Fiscal Update for Measure O 4. Measure O NOFA Update 5. Measure O Renewal 6. 6. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Ad Hoc Committee <i>Direction to Staff:</i> - Schedule monthly meetings through June 2026 - Provide Measure O fiscal tracking documents to the Supervisors to review - Focus on Measure O renewal: - Research funding needs - Research ballot measure renewal process - Conduct analysis of Measure O spending by jurisdiction - Initiate communication strategy Date: August 18, 2025 Agenda Items: 1. Welcome & Agenda Review 2. Measure O Fiscal Update 3. Proposed Measure O Fiscal Management Strategy 4. Measure O Funding Decisions Approach 5. Communications with Cities 6. Measure O Renewal 7. General Measure O Updates 8. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Ad Hoc Committee <i>Direction to Staff:</i> - Provide updates on the Measure O Citizens’ Oversight Committee - Ensure external Measure O requests go through a NOFA process - Provide high level information on Measure O that can be shared with constituents - Develop materials that can be presented to each jurisdiction about Measure O funds

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Date: September 15, 2025

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome & Agenda Review
2. Measure O Fiscal Update
3. Communications with Cities
4. Measure O Renewal
5. General Measure O Updates
6. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Ad Hoc Committee

Direction to Staff:

- Provide talking points to Supervisors on Measure O status
- Continue to refine and develop communication strategies
- Provide ongoing fiscal updates with agreed upon template
- Research funding sources to pay for the Measure O feasibility consultant

Upcoming Meetings

Date: October 20, 2025

Meeting Series: 3rd Monday of the month from 1:00-2:00pm

5. Potter Valley Project Ad Hoc Committee

Purpose and Scope

Work with Sonoma Water staff to explore options related to the future of the Potter Valley Project and Russian River water supply reliability and resiliency. Potential continuation will be reviewed during the Board discussion of ad hocs and assignments at the beginning of each year as needed.

Attendees

Hoc Members:

- Supervisor Rabbitt – District 2
- Supervisor Gore – District 4

Assigned Staff:

- Grant Davis – Sonoma Water
- Don Seymour - Sonoma Water
- Cory O'Donnell – County Counsel
- Adam Brand – County Counsel

Meetings Held

The Ad Hoc met on July 21, 2025 in preparation for the Eel-Russian Project Authority meeting later that day, and for the July 22, 2025 Board of Supervisors/Sonoma Water Board of Directors meeting. At the July 22 meeting, an update was presented to the full Board on the overall Potter Valley Project: <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7491655&GUID=9845D10F-704D-406D-A4BA-193CB8212470&Options=&Search=>

Upcoming Meetings:

It is anticipated that the Ad Hoc will meet prior to the next Eel-Russian Project Authority meeting which will likely be held before the end of 2025.

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6. South Santa Rosa Annexation Ad Hoc Committee

Purpose and Scope
Work with staff to develop the scope and budget of a potential Moorland Annexation project to bring back to the Board of Supervisors and provide direction to staff in relation to working with the City of Santa Rosa and County departments on this project.
Attendees
Ad Hoc Members: ▪ Supervisor Rebecca Hermosillo – District 1 ▪ Supervisor Chris Coursey – District 3 Assigned Staff: ▪ Christina Rivera – County Executive’s Office ▪ Christel Querijero – County Executive’s Office ▪ Maggie Luce – County Executive’s Office ▪ Scott Orr – Permit Sonoma ▪ Robert Pittman – County Counsel
Meetings Held: none
Upcoming Meetings No future meetings are scheduled yet. The Ad Hoc Committee plans to meet again when there is an update on the City of Santa Rosa’s South Santa Rosa Specific Area Planning effort.

7. Supporting Immigrant Communities Ad Hoc Committee

Purpose and Scope
The Board established the Supporting Immigrant Communities Ad Hoc committee on August 12, 2025, to actively engage with community stakeholders to discuss and develop measures to be considered by the full Board in support of immigrant communities, in response to heightened enforcement activities conducted by the federal Department of Homeland Security, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
Attendees
Ad Hoc Members: ▪ Supervisor Hermosillo – District 1 ▪ Supervisor Hopkins – District 5 Assigned Staff: ▪ Christina Rivera, County Executive’s Office ▪ Jennifer Solito, County Executive’s Office ▪ Melissa Valle, Office of Equity ▪ Josh Myers, County Counsel
Meetings Held
Date: August 18, August 29, and September 17, 2025 Agenda Items: ▪ Language Access and Accessibility: to ensure the needs of the participating community members are met. ▪ Participation and Representation: to ensure all impacted communities and interests are represented.

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- County Employee ICE Protocols: were reviewed, updated, and distributed to all County staff, following input from community partners.
- Training for County staff on ICE Protocols: development in process.
- Charter: developed and approved by the Board on September 23, 2025.
- Reviewed proposal for a local Law Enforcement Masking Urgency Ordinance, which was reviewed by the Board on September 23, 2025.
- Reviewed Non-Collaboration Ordinance proposal submitted by the Sanctuary Coalition.

Direction to Staff:

- County employee ICE protocols were updated and distributed
- direction was given to the staff develop a Countywide employee training on the ICE protocols
- direction was given to finalize the draft charter.

Upcoming Meetings: October 9 and October 29, 2025

8. Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Policy Review Ad Hoc Committee

Purpose and Scope
The TOT Policy Ad Hoc will evaluate and recommend funding policies for TOT revenue. In conjunction with the Ad Hoc, staff will develop a matrix of options to be considered, pros and cons of the options, and bring forward a final recommendation for Board consideration.
Attendees
Ad Hoc Members: ▪ Supervisor David Rabbitt – District 2 ▪ Supervisor James Gore – District 4 Assigned Staff: ▪ Andrew Sturmfels – County Executive’s Office ▪ Peter Bruland – County Executive’s Office ▪ McCall Miller – County Executive’s Office ▪ Kristin Horrell – County Counsel
Meetings Held
The TOT Policy Ad Hoc met on August 14 and August 21, 2025. Recommendations and Community Investment Fund Policy updates were presented to the full Board on September 16, 2025 (SONOMA COUNTY - File #: 2025-0935). The revised Policy was adopted, thus concluding the work of the TOT Policy Ad Hoc Committee.
Upcoming Meetings: N/A

9. Unincorporated Governance Ad Hoc Committee

Purpose and Scope
Provide input to staff to explore options to improve the delivery of governance services that are either lacking or insufficient in the unincorporated areas.
Attendees
Ad Hoc Members: ▪ Supervisor Rebecca Hermosillo – District 1 ▪ Supervisor Lynda Hopkins – District 5

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Assigned Staff:

- Christina Rivera – County Executive’s Office
- Christel Querijero – County Executive’s Office
- Maggie Luce – County Executive’s Office
- Robert Pittman – County Counsel

Meetings Held

Date: 8/13/25 Agenda items:

- Revisit Ad Hoc Committee Charter
- Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) convening follow up
- Update on District Formation Advisory Services consultant work
- Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) Update
- MAC resources
- Maintenance of small community parks
- Satellite office update

Direction to Staff:

- Update the Ad Hoc Charter to reflect current members and dates
- Host another all-MAC convening in 2026 (using budget balance from previous convening)
- Participate in meeting with Ad Hoc Committee and Regional Parks and Sonoma County Public Infrastructure (SPI) to discuss the Ad Hoc’s interests in smaller community parks
- Bring status of current potential community park projects to next Ad Hoc meeting

Date: 8/20/25 - *meeting with Ad Hoc Committee and Bert Whitaker (Regional Parks) and Johannes Hoevertsz (SPI).* Agenda items:

- Identify current challenges and opportunities for options for new small parks on County owned property in unincorporated areas

Direction to Staff:

- Provide options to move forward with small parks recommendations

Upcoming Meetings:

- 10/29/25
- 12/17/25