



**SONOMA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

575 ADMINISTRATION
DRIVE, ROOM 102A
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

Susan Gorin, First District
David Rabbitt, Second District
Chris Coursey, Third District
James Gore, Fourth District
Lynda Hopkins, Fifth District

Sheryl Bratton, County Administrator
Robert Pittman, County Counsel

Monday, May 17, 2021

8:00 AM

Virtual

In accordance with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 the May 17, 2021 Board of Supervisors Special Closed Session will be held virtually.

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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 Sonoma County Public Finance Authority, and as the governing board of all special districts having business on the agenda to be heard this date. The five District Supervisors also serve as the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, the Sonoma County Public Finance Authority, and as the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission. 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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8:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

8:03 A.M. The Board meeting was called to order.

Supervisors Present: David Rabbitt, Chris Coursey, Lynda Hopkins

Supervisors Absent: Susan Gorin, James Gore

Staff Present: Sheryl Bratton, County Administrator and Robert Pittman, County Counsel

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Items may be added or withdrawn from the agenda consistent with State law)

8:04 A.M.

Approved as recommended.

AYES: Rabbitt, Coursey, Hopkins

ABSENT: Gorin, Gore

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

8:04 A.M. Public Comment Opened.

8:05 A.M. Supervisor Gore entered the meeting.

Speakers:

Dwayne DeWitt

8:08 A.M. Public Comment Opened.

III. CLOSED SESSION CALENDAR

8:36 A.M., May 18, 2021, County Counsel Robert Pittman reported on Closed Session Item 1.

1. The Board of Supervisors will consider the following in closed session: Conference with **2021-0556**
Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). 1 Case. Proposed Commercial Cannabis
Cultivation in Agricultural and Resource Areas Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Code
Amendments; General Plan Amendment.

The Board of Supervisors rejected the Planning Commission's recommendation due to the substantial risk of litigation because the legal standard to require an environmental impact report (EIR) has been met, and instead direct staff to schedule a future public workshop to discuss revisions to the nature and scope of the cannabis ordinance update project that will be studied under an EIR. The Board expects an environmental impact report (EIR) will be prepared as part of that effort on a revised project.

IV. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING

8:36 A.M., May 18, 2021, County Counsel Robert Pittman reported on Closed Session Item 1.

V. ADJOURNMENT

8:08 A.M. The Board adjourned to the Regular Meeting on May 12, 2021, at 8:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted, Marcie Woychik, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held on May 18, 2021.