



SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

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

Rebecca Hermosillo, First District
David Rabbitt, Second District
Chris Coursey, Third District
James Gore, Fourth District
Lynda Hopkins, Fifth District

M. Christina Rivera, County Executive Officer
Robert Pittman, County Counsel

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

9:00 AM

**Board of Supervisors Chambers
575 Administration Drive 102A**

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

9:04 A.M. The Board Meeting was called to order.

I. ROLL CALL / BOARD MEMBER TELECONFERENCE DISCLOSURE OR VOTE, IF APPLICABLE

9:04 A.M.

Present: Rebecca Hermosillo, David Rabbitt, Chris Coursey, James Gore, and Lynda Hopkins

Staff Present: M. Christina Rivera, County Executive Officer, and Robert Pittman, County Counsel

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

9:05 A.M. Public Comment on Closed Session Opened

Speakers:

Duane DeWitt

Ethan

9:11 A.M. Public Comment on Closed Session Closed

9:11 A.M. The Board Moved to Closed Session

III. CLOSED SESSION CALENDAR

1. The Board of Supervisors will consider the following in closed session: Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). 1 Case. [2025-1362](#)

No reportable action was taken - the Board gave direction to Legal Counsel and Staff.

2. The Board of Supervisors will consider the following in closed session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation - County Executive Officer (Government Code Section §54957(b)(1)). [2026-0037](#)

No reportable action was taken - the Board gave direction to Legal Counsel and Staff.

3. The Board of Supervisors will consider the following in closed session: Conference with Legal Counsel - Potential Initiation of Litigation Government Code section 54956.9(d) (4): one case. [2026-0054](#)

No reportable action was taken - the Board gave direction to Legal Counsel and Staff.

IV. 10:00 A.M. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

10:03 A.M. The Board Reconvened from Closed Session

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Items may be added or withdrawn from the agenda consistent with State law)

10:05 A.M.

Item 12A Added to Consent Calendar by Addendum

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Hermosillo, Seconded by Supervisor Coursey; Approved as recommended.

Aye: Hermosillo, Rabbitt, Coursey, Gore, and Hopkins

VI. 10:00 A.M. CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Disbursement of Fiscal Year 25-26 First District Community Investment Fund Grant Awards [2025-1342](#)

- A) Approve Community Investment Fund grant awards and authorize the County Executive, or designee, to execute an agreement with the following entities: Food for All (North Bay Organizing Project), \$5,000; Sonoma Valley Education Foundation, \$2,500; Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance, \$2,500; School Garden Network Foundation, \$1,000; Sonoma Arts Live, \$2,000; Transcendence Theatre Company, \$1,000; Sonoma Valley Film Society, \$1,000; Sonoma Valley Choral, \$1,000; Santa Rosa Symphony Association, \$1,000; YWCA Sonoma County, \$1,000; A Theater for Children (Inquiring Systems, Inc.), \$500; 10,000 Degrees, \$1,000; Career Technical Education Foundation Sonoma County, \$1,000; Northern California Center for Well-Being, \$1,000; Farm Bureau Foundation of Sonoma County, \$1,000; Sonoma County Farm Trails, \$1,000; Charlie's Acres Farm Animal Sanctuary, \$500; Our Village Closet, \$500; Food for Thought, \$500; Sonoma County Women in Law, \$500; Mayacamas Volunteer Fire Department, \$1,000; The Zones (The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Santa Rosa), \$2,000; Sonoma County Pride, \$1,000; Infinite Learning and Resource Center, \$500; The LIME Foundation, \$1,000; EFZM Engage, \$500; and
- B) Authorize the County Executive, or designee, to amend these agreements to lengthen the time schedules and make minor modifications to the allowed uses that do not increase the amount awarded under the agreements. (First District)

Department or Agency Name(s): Board of Supervisors

Attachments: [Summary Report](#)

[Sample Local Events Organizations District Priorities Grant Agreement](#)

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Rabbitt, Seconded by Supervisor Gore; Approved as recommended.

Aye: Hermosillo, Rabbitt, Coursey, Gore, and Hopkins

5. Disbursement of Fiscal Year 25-26 Fourth District Community Investment Fund Grant Awards [2025-1313](#)
- A) Approve Community Investment Fund grant awards and authorize the County Executive, or designee, to execute grant agreements with the following entities: Free to Be, \$1,500; Friends of the Healdsburg Farmers Market, \$500; Infinite Learning and Resource Center, \$500; Lomi School Foundation/Lomi Psychotherapy Clinic, \$500; Luther Burbank Center for the Arts, \$1,500; Micah's Hugs, \$750; People4Parks (Windsor Parks and Recreation Foundation), \$1,000; Petaluma Blacks for Community Development, \$500; Redwood Empire Chinese Association, \$1,000; Rohnert Park Babe Ruth Baseball League (Rohnert Park Cal Ripken), \$200; Santa Rosa Symphony Association, \$1,000; Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership (City of Santa Rosa), \$1,500; School Garden Network Foundation, \$750; and Windsor Chamber of Commerce, \$1,000.
 - B) Authorize the County Executive, or designee, to amend these agreements to lengthen the time schedules and make minor modifications to the allowed uses that do not increase the amount awarded under the agreements. (Fourth District)

Department or Agency Name(s): Board of Supervisors

Attachments: [Summary Report](#)

[Sample Local Events Organizations District Priorities Sample Grant Agreement](#)

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Rabbitt, Seconded by Supervisor Gore; Approved as recommended.

Aye: Hermosillo, Rabbitt, Coursey, Gore, and Hopkins

6. Fee Waiver - Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival [2025-1323](#)

Approve a fee waiver in the amount of \$5,180 for permit and health fees for the annual Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival, to be held on May 2-3, 2026. (Fifth District)

Department or Agency Name(s): Board of Supervisors

Attachments: [Summary Report](#)

[01-06-26 Fee Waiver Bodega Bay Fisermans Fest app.pdf](#)

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Rabbitt, Seconded by Supervisor Gore; Approved as recommended.

Aye: Hermosillo, Rabbitt, Coursey, Gore, and Hopkins

7. Various Community Development Requests: Funding, Policies and Plan Actions

[2025-1330](#)

Board of Supervisors:

- A) Approve Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Low-and Moderate-Income Housing Asset Fund (LMIHAF)-Homeless Services Funding Policies for affordable housing, non-housing capital projects, fair housing programs, homeless prevention, homeless services, emergency shelter, and rapid rehousing programs;
- B) Approve a Substantial Amendment to the 2025 Citizen Participation Plan;
- C) Approve Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Funding Recommendations for two affordable housing projects in the aggregate amount of \$686,075.40 and
- D) Authorize the Executive Director of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission (CDC), or designee, to execute loan agreements with housing developers on behalf of the County in accordance with the funding programs and to execute amendments, subordinations, and modifications to said agreements consistent with the terms set forth in CDC Funding Policies, Loan Policies, and/or other Board-adopted policies;
- E) Determine the proposed funding approvals are actions that are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA guideline 15061(b)(3), that the PLHA Funding Recommendation for the Gravenstein Commons Project is exempt pursuant to Section 15332, Class 32 and that the PLHA Funding Recommendation for the Heritage Park Apartments Project has adequately analyzed the potential environmental effects and that none of the criteria in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 requiring additional review have been triggered and that no further environmental review by the CDC is required; and
- F) Adopt a Resolution directing staff to apply for the Prohousing Incentive Program, Round 4 offered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Board of Commissioners:

- G) Authorize submittal of a \$500,000 CDBG fund request by the CDC for the Housing Rehabilitation Loan and Earthquake Resistance Bracing System programs, and a \$500,000 HOME Investment Partnerships fund request by the Sonoma County Housing Authority for the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program, for consideration during the FY 2026-27 Annual Action Plan funding cycle.

Department or Agency Name(s): Community Development Commission

Attachments: [Summary Report.pdf](#)

[Attachment 1 2026-27 Funding Policies.pdf](#)

[Attachment 2 Citizen Participation Plan.pdf](#)

[Attachment 3 PIP Round 4 Resolution.pdf](#)

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Rabbitt, Seconded by Supervisor Gore; Approved as recommended by Resolution 26-0001.

Aye: Hermosillo, Rabbitt, Coursey, Gore, and Hopkins

8. Extension and Continuation of Proclamation of Local Emergency Due to November 2024 Atmospheric River Storm Event [2025-1345](#)

Review and make findings continuing the need for the proclamation of a local emergency in the Sonoma County Operational area due to the November 2024 Atmospheric River Storm Event.

Department or Agency Name(s): Emergency Management

Attachments: [Summary Report](#)

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Rabbitt, Seconded by Supervisor Gore; Approved as recommended.

Aye: Hermosillo, Rabbitt, Coursey, Gore, and Hopkins

9. Extension and Continuation of Proclamation of Local Emergency Due to February 2025 Atmospheric River Storm Event [2025-1346](#)

Review and approve the continuation of the proclamation of a local emergency in the Sonoma County Operational area due to the February 2025 Atmospheric River Storm Event.

Department or Agency Name(s): Emergency Management

Attachments: [Summary Report](#)

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Rabbitt, Seconded by Supervisor Gore; Approved as recommended.

Aye: Hermosillo, Rabbitt, Coursey, Gore, and Hopkins

10. Naviant, LLC. Electronic Document Management System Contract Renewal [2025-1296](#)

Authorize the Director of the Information Systems Department to execute an agreement with Naviant, LLC for the continued installation, software, maintenance and support of the electronic document system for an amount not to exceed \$3,409,465 for a five-year term from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030.

Department or Agency Name(s): Information Systems

Attachments: [Summary-Report.pdf](#)

[Naviant PSA Renewal 010126-123130.pdf](#)

[Exhibit A Scope of Work.pdf](#)

[Exhibit B Cost Summary Final.pdf](#)

[Exhibit C Naviant SLA Provisions 3.pdf](#)

[Exhibit D Insurance Requirements.pdf](#)

[Exhibit-E-Hyland-EULA-Amendment-EU-2337-HYL044877.pdf](#)

[SSWaiver-ISD-Naviant-PA Signed.pdf](#)

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Rabbitt, Seconded by Supervisor Gore; Approved as recommended.

Aye: Hermosillo, Rabbitt, Coursey, Gore, and Hopkins

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11. Annual Countywide Landscape Management Report Fiscal Year 24/25 [2025-1279](#)

Accept the Countywide Annual Landscape Management Report Fiscal Year 24/25

Department or Agency Name(s): Permit and Resource Management

Attachments: [Summary Report.pdf](#)

[2024-2025 Sonoma County Landscape Management Report .pdf](#)

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Rabbitt, Seconded by Supervisor Gore; Approved as recommended.

Aye: Hermosillo, Rabbitt, Coursey, Gore, and Hopkins

12. Mark West Creek and Wetland Restoration Implementation Wildlife Conservation Board Grant Application [2025-1291](#)

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director and/or designee to apply for a Wildlife Conservation Board restoration grant in the amount of \$1,505,000 to implement habitat restoration at Mark West Creek Regional Park and Open Space Preserve; to execute all documents necessary to carry out and administer the grant; and to make a determination that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Public Resources Code section 21080.56.

Department or Agency Name(s): Regional Parks

Attachments: [Summary Report](#)

[Resolution](#)

[California Department of Fish and Wildlife Concurrence Letter](#)

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Rabbitt, Seconded by Supervisor Gore; Approved as recommended by Resolution 26-0002.

Aye: Hermosillo, Rabbitt, Coursey, Gore, and Hopkins

ITEM #12A ADDED BY ADDENDUM

- 12A. Resolution Making Findings of an Emergency Need to Perform Work to Stabilize Hazardous Conditions Resulting from Pipeline Break within the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's Reclamation System. [2026-0081](#)

Board of Directors Adopt a Resolution:

- A) Making findings that there is an emergency need to stabilize hazardous conditions resulting from a pipeline break in the reclamation distribution system and suspending the requirements for competitive bidding (4/5th Vote Required); and
- B) Authorizing the General Manager of Sonoma County Water Agency acting on behalf of the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District to execute contracts, not to exceed \$750,000 per contract, necessary to stabilize the hazardous conditions resulting from a pipeline break; and
- C) Ratifying any emergency contracts entered into by the General Manager of the Sonoma County Water Agency acting on behalf of the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District relating to these issues.

Department or Agency Name(s): Sonoma County Water Agency

Attachments: [Summary Report](#)
[Resolution](#)

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Rabbitt, Seconded by Supervisor Gore; Approved as recommended by Resolution 26-0008.

Aye: Hermosillo, Rabbitt, Coursey, Gore, and Hopkins

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

13. Approve the Reappointment of Justin Lindenberg to the Parks Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee for a three-year term beginning December 6, 2025, and ending December 6 2028. (Fifth District) [2025-1348](#)

Department or Agency Name(s): Board of Supervisors

Attachments: [Summary Report](#)

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Rabbitt, Seconded by Supervisor Gore; Approved as recommended.

Aye: Hermosillo, Rabbitt, Coursey, Gore, and Hopkins

PRESENTATIONS/GOLD RESOLUTIONS

PRESENTATIONS AT THE BOARD MEETING

(Gold resolutions are presented in the morning session at 10:10 A.M.)

14. Adopt a Gold Resolution proclaiming January 2026 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Sonoma County. [2025-1302](#)

Department or Agency Name(s): District Attorney, Human Resources, Health Services, Human Services, Probation and Sheriff's Office

Attachments: [Summary Report](#)
[Gold Resolution](#)

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Rabbitt, Seconded by Supervisor Gore; Approved as recommended by Resolution 26-0003.

Aye: Hermosillo, Rabbitt, Coursey, Gore, and Hopkins

10:05 A.M. Public Comment on Consent Calendar Opened

Speakers:

Duane DeWitt

10:07 A.M. Public Comment on Consent Calendar Closed

VII. 10:05 A.M. - PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA BUT WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD AND ON BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

(Comments are restricted to matters within the Board's jurisdiction. The Board will hear public comments at this time for up to thirty minutes. Each person is usually granted time to speak at the discretion of the Chair. Any additional public comments will be heard at the conclusion of the meeting. While members of the public are welcome to address the Board, under the Brown Act, Board members may not deliberate or take action on items not on the agenda.)

10:10 A.M. Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda Opened

Speakers:

Duane DeWitt

10:13 A.M. Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda Closed

VIII. 10:10 A.M. - PRESENTATIONS/GOLD RESOLUTIONS

10:13 A.M.

Chair Hopkins presented to D.A. Rodriguez, Director, District Attorney's Office, a Gold Resolution proclaiming January 2026 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Sonoma County.

IX. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS ON ASSIGNED BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS OR OTHER ATTENDED MEETINGS

10:28 A.M. The Board reported on assigned Boards, Councils, Commissions and other attended meetings.

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

10:30 A.M. Report out on the Tuesday, January 6, 2026, Closed Session to be held at the next meeting on January 9, 2026.

XI. REGULAR CALENDAR**XII. REMARKS OF THE OUTGOING CHAIR**

10:30 A.M. Chair Hopkins outgoing remarks.

XIII.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE BOARD CHAIR

15. Selection of Officers 2026

2026-0039

- A) Adopt a Resolution appointing the Chair, Vice-Chair and Chair Pro-Tem for the year 2026 for the Board of Supervisors, Directors and Commissioners;
- B) Adopt a Resolution naming the officers of the County of Sonoma Public Financing Corporation;
- C) Adopt a Resolution naming the officers of the County of Sonoma Public Financing Authority; and
- D) Adopt a Resolution naming the officers of the Sonoma County Water and Wastewater Financing Authority.

Department or Agency Name(s): Board of Supervisors, Agricultural Preservation And Open Space District, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority, Occidental County Sanitation District, Russian River County Sanitation District, Sonoma County Public Financing Authority, Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County Water and Wastewater Financing Authority, South Park County Sanitation District , Community Development Commission , Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (Directors: Hermosillo, Hopkins and Ferrar-Rivas)

Attachments: [Summary Report](#)

[2026 BOS Selection of Officers Resolution Att A](#)

[2026 BOS Selection of Officers Resolution Att B](#)

[2026 BOS Selection of Officers Resolution Att C](#)

[2026 BOS Selection of Officers Resolution Att D](#)

10:32 A.M.

Presenters:

Lynda Hopkins, District 5 Supervisor, Chair

10:32 A.M. Public Comment Opened

Speakers:

Duane DeWitt

10:33 A.M. Public Comment Closed

Chair: Rebecca Hermosillo

Vice Chair: Chris Coursey

Pro Tem: David Rabbitt

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Gore, Seconded by Supervisor Hopkins; Approved as recommended by Resolution 26-0004.

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Gore, Seconded by Supervisor Coursey; Approved as recommended by Resolution 26-0005.

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Gore, Seconded by Supervisor Coursey; Approved as recommended by Resolution 26-0006.

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Gore, Seconded by Supervisor Rabbitt; Approved as recommended by Resolution 26-0007.

Aye: Hermosillo, Rabbitt, Coursey, Gore, and Hopkins

Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District

Board Action: Moved by Supervisor Hermosillo, Seconded by Chair Hopkins; Approved as recommended.

Ayes: Hermosillo, Hopkins

Absent: Mayor Wellander

XIV.

REMARKS OF THE INCOMING CHAIR

10:38 A.M. Chair Hermosillo incoming remarks.

XV.

RECESS TO RECEPTION

10:46 A.M. The Board Recessed to reception.

XVI.

ADJOURNMENT

10:46 A.M. The Board adjourned the meeting in memory of Paul Heavenridge.

The meeting was adjourned to January 9, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

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