



# COUNTY OF SONOMA

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

## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 3/24/2026

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**To:** Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** County Executive's Office

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Christina Rivera, Christel Querijero, Todd Hunsdorfer 565-2431

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Countywide

**Title:**

Russian River Ad Hoc Committee Charter

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the Russian River Ad Hoc Committee Charter

**Executive Summary:**

The Board of Supervisors established the Russian River Ad Hoc committee on January 13, 2026 as an opportunity for Ad Hoc members Supervisor Gore and Supervisor Hopkins to explore ways to improve collaboration across County entities working on infrastructure and ecosystem enhancements in the Russian River. The Ad Hoc committee met with County staff on February 13, 2026, to discuss the charter and focus for the Ad Hoc.

This item seeks Board approval of the Ad Hoc Charter and focus.

**Discussion:**

The Board of Supervisors established the Russian River Ad Hoc committee on January 13, 2026 as an opportunity for Ad Hoc members Supervisor Gore and Supervisor Hopkins to explore ways to improve collaboration across County entities working on infrastructure and ecosystem enhancements in the Russian River. The Ad Hoc committee, along with district and staff from the County Executive's Office and County Counsel's Office, met on February 13, 2026 to discuss the development of a charter.

The Ad Hoc discussed a desire to establish a comprehensive understanding of County activities occurring in the Russian River Watershed and to support existing relationships with regional partners to achieve common goals. As an initial step, the Ad Hoc requested staff to complete a comprehensive inventory of County-led efforts to understand the landscape of partners and to identify opportunities to break down communication silos that can inhibit ecosystem improvements across the watershed.

A goal of the Ad Hoc committee is to ensure consistent and timely information is made available to the Board of Supervisors, County staff, and external partners while acting as a forum for navigating complex, watershed-wide challenges.

Staff seeks the Board's approval of the Ad Hoc charter.

**Strategic Plan:**

This item directly supports the County's Five-year Strategic Plan and is aligned with the following pillar, goal, and objective.

**Pillar:** Organizational Excellence

**Goal:** Goal 2: Increase information sharing and transparency and improve County and community engagement

**Objective:** Objective 5: Develop strategies that improve information and knowledge sharing within and between County departments.

**Racial Equity:**

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

No

**Prior Board Actions:**

1/13/2026: Board approved Ad-Hocs, Standing Committees, and Board Assignments for members of the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Water Agency for the year 2026.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY25-26 Adopted</b>	<b>FY26-27 Projected</b>	<b>FY27-28 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>			

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

None.

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payroll Classification)</b>	<b>Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)</b>	<b>Additions (Number)</b>	<b>Deletions (Number)</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

None.

**Attachments:**

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**Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:**

None.