



County Administrator's Office

Governance Studies for Unincorporated Areas of Sonoma Valley and West County

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Need for Governance Studies

- Opportunities to improve health and safety services and community infrastructure
- Gaps in existing service provisions



Governance Study Approach

- Engage consultants with expertise in service review analysis in Sonoma Valley and West County in order to identify potential governance options and other opportunities for improved service delivery
- Collaborate with City of Sonoma Councilmembers and staff, and District 5 organizations and staff to refine scope of effort
- Engage community organizations and residents to understand needs to inform scope for governance studies



Potential Study Categories

- **Expenses**

- Law enforcement
- Fire & EMS
- Infrastructure
- Parks and recreation
- Maintenance
- Finance & Administration

- **Revenue**

- Sales tax
- Property tax
- Fees for Service



Recommended Actions

1. Receive information related to District 1 and District 5 requests to conduct formal review of current government services in Sonoma Valley and West County, respectively, in order to identify potential governance options and other opportunities for improved service delivery.
2. Direct staff to dedicate time and resources to work with District staff, representatives of the City of Sonoma and jurisdictions in West County, and others to pursue these potential governance options and opportunities for improved service delivery.
3. Adopt a Resolution authorizing a budgetary adjustment to the FY 2021-22 Transportation and Public Works District Formation final budget in the amount of \$305,000 for contracts with consultants to conduct service reviews, fiscal analysis, and community engagement.

