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# **COUNTY OF SONOMA**

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## SUMMARY REPORT

**Agenda Date:** 11/10/2020

To: Board of Supervisors

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

Staff Name and Phone Number: Christina Rivera, Christel Querijero; Terri Wright - 707-565-2431

Vote Requirement: Informational Only

Supervisorial District(s): All

#### Title:

Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Update

#### **Recommended Action:**

Receive updates from the Cannabis, Climate Action, Emergency Medical Services, and Fire Services Ad Hocs from the period June through October 2020

#### **Executive Summary:**

This Ad Hoc update is intended to keep the Board and the public informed about the progress being made by these various issue driven focused work efforts. Each committee is unique in its mission, outcomes, and process and will report as an individual committee based on its charter and direction.

### **Discussion:**

The Ad Hoc updates covering information through October 2020 are included as Attachments A-D. Key highlights of the updates for this period include:

- Fire Services Ad Hoc, comprised of Supervisors Rabbitt and Hopkins directed staff to notify North Bay Fire of the County's interest to negotiate an extension of the existing contract to administer the Volunteer Fire Companies that make up County Service Area 40. Per the existing agreement, the County must notify the vendor in advance if the County is interested in a possible extension.
- Emergency Medical Services Ad Hoc, comprised of Supervisors Rabbitt and Hopkins received updates from the Department of Health Services regarding the progress of the Exclusive Operating Area Request for Proposal process. □
- Climate Action Ad Hoc, comprised of Chair Gorin and Supervisor Hopkins, provided an update to the Board on August 11, 2020, including a recommendation to direct staff to research and develop climate staffing models for the Board's consideration. Staff intended to return to the Board with this research and the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations in late September, but the Walbridge and Glass Fire events delayed the research and scheduling of another Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The Climate Ad Hoc Committee met on October 19, 2020 and discussed the research Human Resources compiled as well as other staffing options to elevate climate work and the leadership and staffing needed to carry out and prioritize climate action efforts; however, the Committee is still formulating climate staffing

recommendations and expects to bring these forward in the near term.

• Cannabis Ad Hoc, comprised of Supervisors Gore and Hopkins, during the October 28, 2020 meeting, accepted staff recommendation to pursue a General Plan amendment that will manage cannabis cultivation similarly to other crops' agricultural uses. As with any changes to the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance, the approach recognizes that a general plan amendment will need to be studied under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and adopted in compliance with state planning and zoning law. The proposed ordinance changes and associated environmental analysis will be publically available for review before the end of 2020. The review will include engaging Tribal partners in compliance with SB18? <a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\_id=200320040SB18">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\_id=201320140AB52</a>. Additionally, to prepare for increased cannabis land use compliance review workload, Agriculture/Weights and Measures (AWM) management will be presenting a request for additional staff financed with Cannabis funds during the mid-year budget review. □

#### **Prior Board Actions:**

June 9, 2020 - 3rd Quarter Ad Hoc Update covering the period from January - May 2020

#### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

Expenditures	FY 20-21	FY21-22	FY 22-23	
	Adopted	Projected	Projected	
Budgeted Expenses				
Additional Appropriation Requested				
Total Expenditures				
Funding Sources				
General Fund/WA GF				
State/Federal				
Fees/Other				
Use of Fund Balance				
Contingencies				
Total Sources				

#### **Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

None

#### STAFFING IMPACTS:

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	, , ,	Deletions (Number)

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# Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

## **Attachments:**

A. Fire Services Update

- B. Emergency Medical Services Update
- C. Climate Action Update
- D. Cannabis Update

# Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None