



**SONOMA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

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

Susan Gorin, First District
David Rabbitt, Second District
Shirlee Zane, Third District
James Gore, Fourth District
Lynda Hopkins, Fifth District

Sheryl Bratton, County Administrator
Robert Pittman, County Counsel

Monday, November 30, 2020

8:30 AM

Virtual

In accordance with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 the November 30, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting 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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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR: The Consent Calendar includes routine financial and administrative actions that are usually approved by a single majority vote. There will be no discussion on these items prior to voting on the motion unless Board Members request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar. There will be an opportunity for the public to comment on the consent calendar prior to it being voted upon.

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process. The full policy can be found at <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/>

8:30 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

8:34 A.M. The Board meeting was called to order.

Supervisors Present: Susan Gorin, David Rabbitt, Shirlee Zane, James Gore, Lynda Hopkins

Staff Present: Christina Rivera, Assistant 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(Items may be added or withdrawn from the agenda consistent with State law)

8:35 A.M.

Board Action: Approved as recommended

AYES: Gorin, Rabbitt, Zane, Gore, Hopkins

II. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Adoption of West County Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance and Call Election on **2020-1221**
Same

Conduct a public hearing and consider whether to:

- A) Adopt an ordinance amending Article III, Chapter 12 of the Sonoma County Code to establish the West County Transient Occupancy Tax Area and increase the transient occupancy tax in that area by 4%, with revenue being dedicated to enhance first response emergency medical services provided by local fire agencies, to support the consolidation of local fire agencies, and to support West County schools and education opportunities. If the ordinance is adopted, it will be placed on the ballot at the March 2, 2021 election and will become effective July 1, 2021 if it is approved by a two-thirds majority of the voters voting on the measure.
- B) Adopt a resolution calling a special election to submit to voters of Sonoma County the proposed West County Area Transient Occupancy Tax ordinance, and ordering that the election be consolidated with the special election conducted on March 2, 2021.
(4/5th Vote Required)(Fifth District)

Department or Agency Name(s): County Administrator

8:35 A.M.

Presenters:

Lauren Walker, Deputy County Counsel

Terri Wright, Principal Analyst, County Administrator's Office

8:52 A.M. Public Comment opened

Public Speakers:

Mario Morroquin

Paul Fraser

Debbie Ramirez

Lori Solomon

Jessica Hawkes

Crista Luedtke

Jennifer Lamarre

Tarun S. Patel

Carlos D. Cabarcos

9:34 A.M. Public Comment closed

Board Action: Approved as amended by Resolution 20-0452 and Ordinance 6330.

The Board requested the ballot language be changed to this:

To address tourism impacts on West County communities and paid only by guests, shall the measure be adopted to ~~increase the~~ add an additional 4% transient occupancy tax in West County ~~by 4%~~ for hotels and short-term rentals, to support sustainable paramedic emergency medical and rescue services provided by local fire agencies, and to support West County schools and education, raising approximately \$2.7 million annually, with all funds exclusively used for West County, effective until amended/repealed?

AYES: Gorin, Zane, Gore, Hopkins
NOES: Rabbitt

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

10:08 A.M. The Board reported on assigned Boards, Councils, Commissions, and other attended meetings.

IV. 8:45 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.)

10:09 A.M. Public Comment opened

Public Speakers:
Bruce Baggenstos
Mary Lou Hicks
Pinar Ozsoy
Jean Behse
Brad McCarty
Karin Burger
Chris Jones
Bill Oetinger
Leslie Morrison
Tiffany
Matt
Julia Metcalf

10:14 A.M. Public Comment closed

V. ADJOURNMENT

10:16 A.M. The Board adjourned the meeting to the Regular Meeting on December 8, 2020, at 8:30 A.M.

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

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held on December 8, 2020.

(All dates are tentative until each agenda is finalized)