

County of Sonoma

2014 Annual Report

**County Boards, Commissions, Committees
and Task Forces**

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AB 939 Local Task Force

Description: To develop goals, policies and procedures which are consistent with guidelines and regulations adopted by the Board, to guide the development of the Siting Element of the countywide integrated waste management plan.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Resolution 90-0437 (03/13/90); 96-1648 (12/17/1996)

Duties: To develop goals, policies and procedures which are consistent with guidelines and regulations adopted by the Board, to guide the development of the Siting Element of the countywide integrated waste management plan.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/AB-939-Local-Task-Force/>

Advisory Council to Area Agency on Aging, Sonoma County

Description: The AAA Advisory Council advises the Board of Supervisors on issues and concerns affecting seniors (60 years and over) and adults with disabilities in Sonoma County. Responsibilities include planning, funding, advocacy, program development and coordination of existing services.

Authority: Resolution No. 57728, adopted 6-7-77 Resolution No. 69797, adopted 6-30-81 Resolution No. 75616, adopted 11-15-83 (policies amended) Resolution No. 98-0561; 5/5/98 (Bylaws amended) Resolution No. 07-0844; 10/9/07 (Bylaws amended)

Duties:

1. The Council shall serve as an advisor to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (the governing body of the Area Agency on Aging).
2. The Council shall act as an independent advocate for seniors, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers, taking positions on matters pertaining to Federal, State, and local policies, programs, procedures, and any legislation affecting older persons.
3. The Council shall actively seek advice from senior advocacy organizations, elected officials, and the general public for the purpose of advocating for and making formal presentations on issues of concern to seniors, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers.
4. The Council shall inform local seniors, adults with disabilities, and caregiver advocates and organizations on specific legislation pending before local, State, and Federal governments.
5. The Council shall disseminate information of interest and concern to seniors, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers.
6. The Council shall work with Agency staff to develop, implement, and monitor the four-year Area Plan and annual updates.
7. The Council shall hold public hearings on the four-year Area Plan and updates in accordance with all State legal requirements.
8. The Council shall work with Agency staff to produce the annual report in accordance with the Older Californians Act. The report shall be prepared within six (6) months of the close of the fiscal year and shall contain a summary of the Council's activities and projects, finances, a list of Council members, and any other information specifically requested by the Board of Supervisors or the California Department of Aging.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

<http://www.socoaaa.org/htm/advisory.htm>

Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Advisory Committee

Description: Representatives of diverse constituencies in Sonoma County to advise the Ag and Open Space District on the implementation of its mission.

Authority: Advisory

Duties: The Committee shall render advice and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on matters that the Board may, from time to time, refer to the Committee for its consideration.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

- Matching Grant Program Evaluation and Recommendations to the Board
- Revised Rules of Procedures for Attendance and Including Youth on the Committee (going to the Board on 4/14/15)
- Created an Ag Subcommittee to work on Ag related projects (such as Urban Farm and Incubator Farm)
- Input for the Initial Public Access, Operation and Maintenance Policy and Voted to Move forward with the Policy to the Board
- Input for the new District Website
- Input and advice on various District planning, acquisition and stewardship activities, including Carbon and Vegetation Mapping, East and North Slope Trail Openings, Transfer of Fee Properties and Acquisition of new conservation easements
- Input and review on Board directed Management Review

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:

- Incorporating Youth Representation on the Committee
- Urban Farm
- Incubator Farm
- IPAOM Policy Adoption
- District Website
- Mitigation Policy
- Implementation of Board directed Management Review Recommendations

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

<http://www.sonomaopenspace.org/who-we-are/board-and-advisors/advisory-committee/>

Agricultural Preservation & Open Space Fiscal Oversight Commission

Description: The Sonoma County Fiscal Oversight Commission, as required by Ordinance 5677R (Measure F), provides independent fiscal oversight for the operations of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District

Authority: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 10-0832

Duties:

1. To serve as an audit committee.
2. To respond to requests from the Board of Directors of the District or the District's General Manager for advice on matters within the context of Resolution 10-0832.
3. To preview all proposed District bond sales, lease-purchase transactions and other borrowing transactions.
4. To review the District's annual audit.
5. To make an annual report to the District's Board of Directors.
6. To review each proposed District acquisition or conveyance of interests in real property to determine whether the District would be paying more or receiving less than fair market value for the open space interests being acquired or conveyed.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Agricultural-Preservation-and-Open-Space-Fiscal-Oversight-Commission/>

Airport Land Use Commission

Description: The Commission consists of seven members. Two members are appointed by the public airport managers in the county, two members are appointed by the County of Sonoma, two members are appointed by the incorporated cities in the county, and one general public member is appointed by the other members of the Commission.

Authority: Public Utilities Code sections 21670-21679.5

Duties: the Commission has the following powers and duties:

- Provide for the orderly development of air transportation while protecting the public health, safety and welfare.
- Adopt an airport land use plan which sets forth criteria and policies to assure that land uses surrounding airports are compatible with airport operations and do not result in unacceptable risks or reductions to aircraft safety, and are not exposed to excessive noise or safety hazards from the airport operations.
- Assist local agencies in ensuring compatible land uses in the vicinity of airports. Review the plans, codes and actions of local agencies and districts, Airport Master Plans, and other individual projects that may be referred to it, to determine their consistency with the adopted policies and criteria.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

Adopted amendments on April 13th, 2015 to update the County's Comprehensive Airport Land Use Plan (CALUP) to reflect the updated airport master plan and extended runways at the Sonoma Charles M. Schultz Sonoma County airport. The ALUC also provided comments and consistency determinations on several private project proposals within airport influence areas.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

As required by law, the ALUC will continue to review plans and projects for CALUP consistency as they are submitted for ALUC review.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

Commissioners do not receive any compensation. Compensation, if any, shall be determined by the Board of Supervisors.

Per Public Utilities Code Section 21671.5, the usual and necessary operating expenses of the commission, including staff assistance, including the mailing of notices, the keeping of minutes and necessary quarters, equipment, and supplies shall be provided by, and charged to, the County.

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Airport-Land-Use-Commission/>

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/prmd/b-c/aluc/index.htm>

Alcohol and Drug Problems Advisory Board

Description: Alcohol and Drug Problems Advisory Board advises the alcohol and drug program administrator(s) and informs the Board of Supervisors on policies and goals of the county alcohol and drug program.

Authority: The Sonoma County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems is established pursuant to Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 94-1106 dated July 26, 1994.

Duties: Participate in the establishment of a planning process that develops collaborative short and long-term goals and objectives for optimum alcohol and drug service delivery for all segments of the community; assist in the development of appropriate and effective evaluation strategies for programs; and assist in the establishment of a collaborative process to address current and future service needs.

Advise both the Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Services Division Director and Prevention Division Director and inform the Board of Supervisors on policies and goals of the county the Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Services and Prevention Divisions on any other related matters the Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Services Division Director and Prevention Division Director refers to it, or which are raised by the advisory board.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: The Board provided feed back to the Sonoma County Fair regarding events that involve Marijuana and youth attendance. The outcome was successful as the fair board has agreed not to allow youth under the age of 18 to attend events that are marijuana related with the exception of an underage speaker.

Challenges for the upcoming year: The board discusses the County's continued work with tobacco policies/ E-cigarettes. In addition, the board has discussed the changes in marijuana laws with the legalization in other states and what that means for California.

BH continues with the implementation of the new Medi-Cal Waiver and provides updates to the board monthly.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

[http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Alcohol-and-Drug-Problems-\(Advisory-Board\)/](http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Alcohol-and-Drug-Problems-(Advisory-Board)/)

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/meetings/abadp.asp>

Art Advisory Committee

Description: An appointed committee of five shall meet to make recommendations related to artwork utilizing the tenets of the Art on County Property Policy, which provides guidelines for displaying artwork in facilities owned, controlled or leased by the County of Sonoma.

Authority: Administrative Policy # 5-3: Board of Supervisors Agenda Item #10 relating to Art on County Property Policy passed on August 12, 2014, which includes County owned, leased or controlled properties including the following jurisdictions, agencies and governing boards: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, Sonoma County Water Agency Board of Directors, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space, District, Board of Directors, Community Development Commission, Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District

Duties:

- To review proposals for display of original art which have not been solicited by the County or part of an exclusive license or other agreement and to ensure that original art displayed in the County is of high quality.
- To advise the department head, general manager or executive director of the County department or agency normally responsible over the area in which the artwork will be displayed relate to purchase or selection of permanent, original art as requested.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Art-Advisory-Committee/>

Assessment Appeals Board

Description: The Assessment Appeals Board constitutes the board of equalization for Sonoma County and has the power to equalize the valuation of taxable property within the county for the purpose of taxation, as provided by applicable law.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Resolution No. 55577, 11/01/76; Resolution No. 68444 (12/16/80); Ordinance 2061 (6/8/1976) – Board of Supervisors

Duties: Conduct hearings on Assessment Appeals.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

- The backlog of assessment appeals has been reduced significantly due to a mutual push by the Board and Assessor’s offices. This is best shown by the average wait time for Applicants to have their appeals scheduled before the Board reducing from around 12 to 6 months.
- In 2014, over 1000 appeals were scheduled before the Board and over 95% were resolved before going to a hearing. There has been a general upward trend of positive feedback from Applicants to the Clerk regarding the appeals experience.
- In collaboration with County Counsel and the Assessor’s office, the revised Sonoma County Local Rules were finalized and adopted in 2014. The rules replaced the previous revision adopted in 1995 and brought this major project to completion.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

- The main goal in 2015 is to continue to reduce the backlog of appeals. Though it is difficult to predict how many appeals will be filed in 2015, the office is on track to resolve up to 50% of the Fiscal Year 2014-15 appeals filed before the Fiscal Year 2015-16 filing period opens on July 2, 2015.
- We will be working with Megabyte Systems to coordinate the appeals software with the Assessor module, reducing duplication of work and increasing efficiency.
- When the Megabyte system is fully operational, we aim to continue improving the appeals process and the tax payer experience by working towards an online filing system.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

In 2015, the Assessor’s office predicts that property values will continue to rise, and that Sonoma County residents whose properties are currently in a “Proposition 8 Decline in Value” status may experience an increase in property taxes on their Fiscal Year 2015-16 tax bill. If tax payers disagree with the enrolled value of their property, the 2015 regular filing period is July 2 through November 30, 2015.

Application forms can be found:

- on the Sonoma County Assessment Appeals website
- at the Board of Supervisors front counter

- from the Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board

E-mail: kay.stewart@sonoma-county.org Phone: (707)565-2243

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Assessment-Appeals-Board/>

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/Services/Assessment-Appeals/>

Aviation Commission

Description:

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Resolution No. 12172-1 - 03/16/95 Resolution No. 53319 - 04/19/76

Duties: Review and advise Board on Aviation matters.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

Runway 14-32 is now open.

Bringing Sonoma County Airport into compliance with FAA standards and enhancing operational safety:

- Decouple runway ends to enhance operational safety.
- Bring Airport into compliance with current FAA design criteria.
- Enhance Airport operational safety and efficiency through the provision of additional taxiways and lighting systems.
- Provide additional runway length to enable enhanced air carrier passenger service.
- Minimize environmental impacts on area fauna and flora.
- Funded (approximately 90%) through FAA Airport Improvement Program aviation user fees.

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Aviation-Commission/>

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Description: The Citizens Advisory Committee is focused on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the unincorporated areas of Sonoma County.

Authority: Board of Supervisors Resolution 93-0136 (2/02/93)

Duties: To participate in the development of a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian facilities plan, review project proposals, and prioritize a project list for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Plans will emphasize bicycle projects intended to accommodate bicycle commuters rather than recreational bicycle users.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

The committee's comments on Sonoma County's Pavement Preservation Program helped ensure the installation of over 25 miles of new signed and striped bicycle lanes along several roadways including Petaluma Hill Road, Stony Point Road and Old Redwood Highway (between Cotati and Petaluma).

Challenges for the upcoming year:

During 2015, the committee will focus on securing State funding to update the Sonoma County Bicycle Safety Education Campaign (www.bikesafesonoma.com).

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

Vincent Hoagland has served as the 3rd District Representative on the committee since it was established in 1993 (over 22 years).

<http://sctransit.com/bicycles/>

Board of Building Appeals

Description: A Board appointed by the Board of Supervisors to hear and decide on building appeals.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Ordinance #4906.

Duties: Hear and rule upon matters pertaining to building code interpretation, fire code interpretation and suitability of alternate materials and types of construction.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Building-Appeals/>

Board of Zoning Adjustments

Description: The Board of Zoning Adjustments is part of the Sonoma County Planning Agency

Authority: Chapter 2, Article VI of Sonoma County Code, Ordinance No. 582, May 19, 1959

Duties: The Board of Zoning Adjustments conducts public hearings and makes decisions on applications for use permits, zoning variances, and coastal development permits.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

The Board of Zoning Adjustments heard and acted upon 15 Use Permits.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

Interpretation of zoning regulations and establishing appropriate conditions for projects.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

In December 2014, Jason Liles left the Planning Commission.

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/prmd/b-c/pcbza/index.htm>

Camp Meeker Sewer Advisory Committee

Description: Advise the Board of Supervisors on sewer projects in the Camp Meeker area.

Authority: Serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors

Duties: To report to Board of Supervisors with suggestions and opinions relative to sewer project.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None

Challenges for the upcoming year: None

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

To staff knowledge, this committee has never met as a separate committee. The project to create a cooperative sewer system with the communities of Camp Meeker and Occidental was abandoned over a decade ago. Staff is not aware of any committee activities and will continue to work to disband the committee.

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Camp-Meeker-Sewer-Advisory-Committee/>

Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County

Description: A standing committee representing the Board of Supervisors and the Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools which provides a forum for comprehensive planning for child care needs in order to provide a unified, integrated system of service for children and families.

Authority: Chapter 2.3, Article 2 of Part 6 of the Education Code

Duties: To advise the Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools on child care program and policy issues; to conduct countywide child care needs assessments; to create a countywide child care plan; and to recommend priorities for child care funding from the California Department of Education.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

- Created, published and disseminated Returns on Investments graphic poster on “2012 Update Child Care Economic Impact Analysis For Sonoma County”
- Facilitated successful county-wide Early Learners Conference with the theme “Play is the Highest Form of Research – Albert Einstein”.
- Held Meeting Facilitation Training to support LPC members to chair meetings for committees, work groups and council

Challenges for the upcoming year:

- Implementation of first year of collaborative Quality Improvement Rating System block grant funding
- Working with County and community partners to address the recommendations in the Portrait of Sonoma for Universal Preschool

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

www.scoe.org/ccpc

Citizen’s Advisory Committee for Outdoor Recreation Plan

Description: Prepare Sonoma County Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Resolution 95-1021; July 25, 1995 Resolution 96-0458; April 16, 1996 Resolution 97-0618; May 13, 1997.

Duties: Prepare Sonoma County Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Citizens%E2%80%99-Advisory-Committee-for-Outdoor-Recreation-Plan/>

Civil Service Commission

Description: Oversees the County personnel system and hears appeals of discipline, lay-off, examination, classification and discrimination

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Ordinance 305-A, General Election 11/07/50 Section 31100-31113, State Government Code Ordinance 353 - Ord. amending Ord 305-A Resolution 91-1651; 10/01/91 Resolution 98-1542; 12/8/98

Duties: To administer the Civil Service Ordinance.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: The Civil Service Commission reviewed and approved 12 Classification Reports and Studies.

They also presided over an Appeal Hearing on an appeal of discipline for the Probation Department.

Challenges for the upcoming year: Commissioner Wheeler's term ends 1-3-2016, she will not continue her term. It took several months to fill a position in the 4th District last year.

Commissioner Withington and Commissioner Gwillim also have terms ending in 2016. They have not notified us if they will continue their term or not.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

<http://hr.sonoma-county.org/content.aspx?sid=1024&id=1216>

Cloverdale Oversight Committee

Outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Oversight Board - ABx1 26, approved by California State Legislature on 6/29/2011, called for the creation of a Successor Agency for each dissolved redevelopment agency.

Authority: ABx1 26, approved by California State Legislature on 6/29/2011. On January 11, 2012, the City Council approved Resolution No. 003-2012, electing to become the Successor Agency to the former Cloverdale Community Redevelopment Agency.

Duties: To oversee the disposal, “expeditiously and in a manner aimed at maximizing value,” of all assets and properties of the former redevelopment agency that were funded by tax increment.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.cloverdale.net/index.aspx?NID=273>

Commission on Human Rights

Description: The purpose of the Commission is to promote better human relations among all people in Sonoma County through education, mediation, cooperation with County and community agencies, and by initiating action that fosters the recognition of and an appreciation for the cultural diversity of the community.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Ordinance #4625, Ordinance #5870 Amends Article XXII of Chapter 2 of the Sonoma County code relating to the Commission on Human Rights.

Duties: Promote better human relations among all people in Sonoma County through education, mediation, cooperation with County and community agencies, and by initiating action that fosters the recognition of and an appreciation for the cultural diversity of the community.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

- Provided a well-populated forum for Sheriff Steve Freitas to inform the public about his office's Immigration Detainer/Interim Policy as it applied to the Trust Act
- Created and kicked off the DREAMers Documentary and Multi-Media project, which celebrates the accomplishments of the many thousands of young people in the North Bay who have obtained legal status from the Deferred Action for Childhood Applicants that President Obama announced on June 15, 2012. This project honors the youth of Sonoma County and their potential for enriching our community and building better lives for themselves. KRCB, The Working Group, and the Graton Day Labor Center are active partners in this project.
- Junior Commissioner Project participants attended and acted as moderators at the Youth Forum at the California Association of Human Relations Organizations Regional Conference in San Francisco.
- Created the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, and Intersex (LGBTQI) Task Force to study, report, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the state of the LGBTQI community in Sonoma County, identifying human rights issues that LGBTQI persons in the county face due to their sexual orientation and/or gender identity, and to further determine the value in creating an independent County of Sonoma LGBTQI Commission to develop and monitor the recommendations of the Task Force and related issues and recommendations as they evolve.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

- Working to find third party sponsors to continue to support the efforts of Commissioner Christopher Kerosky in the production of the DREAMers Documentary and Multi-Media Project
- The Youth Portrait of Sonoma County – Implementing a county-wide youth program in which middle school-aged students participating will create and submit an artistic

interpretation of what human rights in Sonoma County looks like (written, auditory, visual).

- Implementing successful outreach programs with limited funding available

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

The Commission on Human Rights endeavors to encourage others to embrace the diversity within our community, and strives towards improved human relations at all levels, working with both the private and public sector. The Commission is grateful for the Board's ongoing support.

<http://hr.sonoma-county.org/content.aspx?sid=1024&id=1234>

Commission on the Status of Women

Description: This commission was created by the Board of Supervisors to promote the Board policy to take affirmative action to eliminate the practice of discrimination and prejudice on account of gender in the areas of housing, education, community services, and related fields.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Ordinance No. 1850 (12/02/75)

Duties: The purpose of the Commission on the Status of Women is to promote equal rights and opportunities that enhance the quality of life for all women and girls and to address issues of discrimination and prejudice that negatively affect women in Sonoma County, including the:

- Prevention of human trafficking
- Eradication of domestic violence
- Encouragement of women's involvement in elected and appointed office
- Prevention of elder abuse
- Mentorship of youth with the Junior Commissioner Project

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

- “Women Creating A Better Tomorrow” – With the goal of aligning with the County’s Health Action goals and the idea of “working together for a healthy Sonoma County,” the commission celebrated the work of three exceptional women who are endeavoring to create a better community for all. The three women – Marie De Santis, Carol Rathmann, and Edie Sussman – were recognized at the November event at which Superintendent of the Santa Rosa City Schools, Socorro Shiels, was the keynote speaker. The event raised over \$3000 for the CSW scholarship at the Santa Rosa Junior College that is awarded to adults returning to school.
- “One Billion Rising Revolution” – The commission participated in a global event on February 14, 2015 which seeks to end violence against women. Joined by over a dozen local partners, including the United Nations Sonoma County Chapter, the Family Justice Center, and Guided to Safety, the Commission brought attention to the patriarchal mandate still prevalent in every culture today that results in one out of three women and girls being a victim of rape or violence in their lifetime. Supervisors Gorin and Zane, as well as District Attorney Jill Ravitch addressed a well-turned out audience at this powerful event.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

- Conducting an educational symposium with multiple corporate partners for the women and girls in Sonoma County. Areas of guidance/instruction/services for the symposium include health and wellness, financial literacy, self-defense, elevating women to elected positions, and encouraging sustainable living.
- Creating the bandwidth for two signature events with the afore-mentioned symposium and the second annual One Billion Rising event.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

Stepping out of our comfort zone this year and participating in a global movement to end the violence against women was incredibly empowering for the commission, as well as for our junior commissioners. Along the way, we encountered brave women and girls who have survived physical and sexual abuse and continue to come forward to help other victims as they try to heal and move forward. The commission agrees with the prevalent opinion that the One Billion Rising campaigns have truly exposed the volatile and impacting connections between violence against women and economic, environmental, racial, and gender injustice. The Commission on the Status of Women is committed to bringing about change, beginning with our own community. We appreciate your continued support.

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Commission-on-the-Status-of-Women/>

Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: The purpose of Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County is to partner with low-income families and individuals to help them achieve economic and social stability, to build community, and to advocate for social and economic justice by building relationships with clients and communities, embracing diversity, advocating for change in public policy, partnering with other organizations, and ensuring the participation of low income persons in the development and implementation of programs and projects. (Formerly Sonoma County People for Economic Opportunity).

Authority: Amended Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State on December 18, 2002. Resolution of the CAP Board of Directors, dated 5/28/10, expanded membership from 15 to 18 members.

Duties: To establish policy and direction for the agency, to ensure agency's financial integrity, and to act as liaison with the community.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.capsonoma.org/>

Community Development Committee, Sonoma County

Description: The Sonoma County Community Development Commission (CDC) is governed by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, acting as the Commissioners of the CDC. The Community Development Committee (Committee) acts as an advisory group to the Commissioners. The Committee reviews and makes recommendations on policy and funding matters to come before the Commission.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Ordinance No. 2134, adopted November 23, 1976; Created by Ord. No. 3257, 03/20/84; Bylaws by CD84-782, 04/24/84; CD-331, 11/26/85 (amending Bylaws) 86-1459; Amended 11/20/12 by Ord. No. 6014 changing the composition of the CDC.

Duties: To review and make recommendations on all matters to come before the Sonoma County Community Development Commission prior to Commission action, except emergency matters and matters which the Committee by resolution excludes from Committee review and recommendation (non-tenant members also sit as a Relocation Appeals Board, as needed).

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/cdc/cdcommittee.htm>

Community and Local Law Enforcement Task Force

Description: A 21 member Task Force created in December, 2013, following the tragic shooting death of Andy Lopez by a Sonoma County deputy sheriff. The Task Force is charged with reviewing options for a model for independent citizen review, reviewing options for community policing, reviewing whether the Offices of the Sheriff and Coroner should be separated, and bringing any additional feedback from the community on these issues.

Authority: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Action Item No. 52 on December 10, 2013.

Duties: See “Description” above.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: 21 Draft Recommendations on the 4 charges listed above.

Challenges for the upcoming year: Finalization of the draft recommendations and presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Community-and-Local-Law-Enforcement-Task-Force/#duties>

Developmental Disabilities Board (Area IV) – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: "Developmental Disability" means a disability which originates before an individual attains the age 18, continues, or can be expected to continue, indefinitely, and constitutes a substantial handicap for such individual...shall include mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism and handicapping conditions found to be closely related to mentally retarded individuals but shall not include other handicapping conditions that are solely physical in nature.

Authority: Four members appointed by each Board of Supervisors of Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties, five members appointed by the Governor.: Section 4570 et seq Welfare and Institutions Code of the State of California (Requires special application)

Duties:

1. Protect and advocate the rights of all persons with developmental disabilities
2. Conduct or cause to be conducted public information programs to increase awareness of developmental disabilities and their prevention and the habilitation of developmentally disabled persons.
3. Encourage and assist in the establishment of citizen advocacy organizations to work with individuals with developmental disabilities.
4. Review the policies and practices of publically funded agencies to determine if they are meeting their statutory obligations.
5. Assist in the preparation of a state plan for developmental disabilities services by accumulating and supplying information on available services and priorities.
6. Cooperate with coordinating and planning bodies and county governmental groups.
7. Encourage the development of needed services of good quality and coordinate services to prevent duplication of services and unnecessary expenditure.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.scdd.ca.gov/>

<http://www.scdd.ca.gov/northbay.htm>

Dry Creek Valley Citizens Advisory Council

Description: Advisory council to advise the Board of Supervisors on such matters which relate to Dry Creek Valley.

Authority: BOS 8/21/2012 Reso #12-0410

Duties: To advise the Board and other County decision makers on local planning decisions relating to the Dry Creek Valley, to provide a regular forum for citizen Participation in the formation of advisory recommendations on those decisions, and to provide a bridge for communication between the County and local residents and businesses, and the general public on local planning decisions affecting the Dry Creek Valley.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Dry-Creek-Valley-Citizens-Advisory-Council/>

Economic Development Board

Description: To advise and assist in advertising the County. To recommend programs and changes in programs designed to achieve sound economic development in Sonoma County.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Resolution #12601-4/27/65; #24691-12/2/68, amended by #43682-2/17/74, amended by #64962-11/27/79 ((Government Code Section 26104; C-5-30-6/2/82; # 73972-3/29/83 (Policy for EDB))

Duties: To advise and assist in advertising the County. To recommend programs and changes in programs designed to achieve sound economic development in Sonoma County.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Economic-Development-Board/>

Emergency Council

Description: The Sonoma County Operational Area Emergency Council (Emergency Council) is empowered to study, revise, and recommend to the Board of Supervisors for adoption, the Sonoma County/Operational Area emergency plan, and to review and recommend action upon all proposed mutual aid agreements with the United States, State of California, other political subdivisions, corporations, groups, or individuals, and to review and recommend the adoption of such ordinances, resolutions and rules and regulations. The Emergency Council also acts as the Citizen Corps Council for the Sonoma County/Operational Area.

Authority: Sonoma County Code, Chapter 10, Emergency Management and Response, California OES Administrative Regulation Title 19, § 2570.2(e); Sections 8585.5 or 8612, Government Code and pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Services Act.

Duties: To study, revise and recommend to the Board of Supervisors for adoption, the Sonoma County/Operational Area emergency plan, and to review and recommend action upon all proposed mutual aid agreements with the United States, State of California, other political subdivisions, corporations, groups, or individuals, and to review and recommend the adoption of such ordinances, resolutions and rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the County Emergency Plan or other mutual aid agreement entered into pursuant to such plan.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: Reviewed and approved revised Sonoma County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan to send to Board of Supervisors. Accredited Sonoma County Auxiliary Communications Service and Sonoma County Medical Reserve Corps as Disaster Services Worker Programs.

Challenges for the upcoming year: Urban Shield Yellow Command Functional Emergency Operations Center Exercise

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: Conducting this council on a regular basis ensures that the Sonoma County Operational Area remains eligible for all state and federal disaster assistance programs and grants. This council is a part of the Operational Area Agreement and gives a voice to all the members on emergency management issues in the Operational Area.

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Emergency-Council/>

Emergency Medical Care Council

Description: The Emergency Medical Care Council of Sonoma County shall serve as an advisory body to the Emergency Medical Services Agency and Sonoma County Board of Supervisors concerning the development, operation, and evaluation of the local Emergency Medical Services system as set forth in the local Emergency Medical Services Plan.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: C-9-31 (9/27/83) as revised

Duties: The Council's activities shall include:

- Reviewing all aspects of emergency medical services in Sonoma County,
- Providing system oversight and maintenance
- Engaging in long term planning and coordinating public education and injury prevention activities as they relate to emergency medical services, and
- Reporting annually to the Board of Supervisors.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Emergency-Medical-Care-Council/>

Fair and Exposition Board

Description: To oversee the operation of the County Fairgrounds and County Fair.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Resolution No. 09-0680, July 21, 2009

Duties: To oversee the operation of the County Fairgrounds and County Fair.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.sonomacountyfair.com/>

First 5 Sonoma County Commission

Description: Commission provides oversight of Proposition 10 the California Children and Families Act that imposed a tobacco tax to support services to children 0 to 5 and their families. Activities are focused on promoting, supporting and improving the early development of children from the prenatal stage to five years of age.

Authority: State Proposition 10; Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Ordinance 5142 establishing the Commission

Duties: The Commission shall undertake the responsibilities set forth in the Act, including preparation, adoption and annual review of a strategic plan; an annual audit and report; holding public hearings on the plan, plan reviews, and audits and reports; and such other activities as the Act requires.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

Release of \$5.1 million in a One-time Capital and Strategic Investments grants. Grants were used to build dental capacity increasing pediatric chairs in the community by 50%; supported the capital development of three family resource centers; provided preschool scholarship for 80 children in South County. Ongoing services support insurance premiums for children with no other option for medical care, developmental screening and early childhood mental health services, intensive home visiting, training to providers to deliver evidence based parenting education, school readiness programs and assuring quality of preschool environments. The Commission engages in large scale public awareness campaigns on the challenges faced by families with young children including child maltreatment, poverty and lack of access to health care and quality preschool environments while proposing evidence based solutions to dealing with those challenges.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

Proposition 10 revenues continue a steady decline, which places at risk the systems of care that have developed over 15 years of Prop 10 investments. First 5 will continue to engage with the community to assess the community's needs and continue to reassess the alignment between the community's needs with the current First 5 strategic priorities.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.first5sonomacounty.org/>

Flood Control Advisory Committee Laguna-Mark West Zone 1A – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Flood Control Zone Advisory Committee members meet to discuss stormwater management and flood control issues and provide recommendations on annual budgets involving expenditures related to flood protection, stream maintenance, and stormwater management.

Authority: Flood Control District Act (State Code)

Duties: Citizens representative of agricultural, residential, municipal and commercial interests within this Zone to advise on flood control matters.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.scwa.ca.gov/lower.php?url=flood-protection-zones>

Flood Control Advisory Committee Petaluma Basin Zone 2A – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Flood Control Zone Advisory Committee members meet to discuss stormwater management and flood control issues and provide recommendations on annual budgets involving expenditures related to flood protection, stream maintenance, and stormwater management.

Authority: Flood Control District Act (State Code)

Duties: Citizens representative of agricultural, residential, municipal and commercial interests within this Zone to advise on flood control matters.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.scwa.ca.gov/lower.php?url=flood-protection-zones>

Flood Control Advisory Committee Valley of the Moon Zone 3A – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Flood Control Zone Advisory Committee members meet to discuss stormwater management and flood control issues and provide recommendations on annual budgets involving expenditures related to flood protection, stream maintenance, and stormwater management.

Authority: Flood Control District Act (State Code)

Duties: Citizens representative of agricultural, residential, municipal and commercial interests within this Zone to advise on flood control matters.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.scwa.ca.gov/lower.php?url=flood-protection-zones>

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District Board – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Based in San Francisco, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District operates the Golden Gate Bridge, and two public transit systems: Golden Gate Transit buses and Golden Gate Ferry.

Authority: Golden Gate Bridge District

Duties: To provide safe, efficient, reliable means for the movement of people, goods, and services within the Highway 101, Golden Gate Corridor. The District operates and maintains the Golden Gate Bridge in a structurally sound condition, provides public transit services including bus and ferry systems, and carries out its activities in a cost-effective, fiscally responsible manner.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.goldengate.org/>

Healdsburg Oversight Committee – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Oversight Board - ABx1 26, approved by California State Legislature on 6/29/2011, called for the creation of a Successor Agency for each dissolved redevelopment agency.

Authority: ABx1 26, approved by California State Legislature on 6/29/2011. The Healdsburg City Council (Agenda 8c) made appointments to the Healdsburg Oversight Committee on 3/5/2012.

Duties: To oversee the disposal, “expeditiously and in a manner aimed at maximizing value,” of all assets and properties of the former redevelopment agency that were funded by tax increment.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/398/Oversight-Board-for-the-RSA>

Historical Records Commission

Description: The Historical Records Commission promotes the preservation of historical records.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Resolution of intention #64618 (09/25/79) and 65011 (12/04/79)

Duties: Make recommendations for records management program and create an informational network; identify preservation of additional governmental business, professional and private records historically significant; encourage local participation; establish liaison with Sonoma County Landmarks Commission and Historical Genealogical Society; seek outside funding.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

- Approved Records Retention Policy for Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association
- Acquired four oral history interviews regarding the history of Sonoma County Government
- Sent Archives staff member to Digital Directions Conference
- Continued to index and examine archival documents of historical significance donated to the Archives

Challenges for the upcoming year:

- Retirement of long-time Library Archivist
- Lack of Records Retention Schedules to review

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

<http://sonomacountyhrc.com/>

Jenner Water Citizens' Advisory Committee

Description: The Board of Supervisors created the Jenner Water Citizens' Advisory Committee to work with staff and consultant engineer in the evaluation, possible purchase and upgrade of the Jenner Water System.

Authority: Board of Supervisors, Agenda Item #19, dated November 4, 1986

Duties: Committee meets once a year with Public Works for budget discussion.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Jenner-Water-Citizens%E2%80%99-Advisory-Committee/>

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

Description: The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council meets monthly to discuss policy issues relevant to the needs of youth in Sonoma County.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Resolution 96-1472, 11/5/96

Duties: The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council meets monthly to discuss policy issues relevant to the needs of youth in Sonoma County.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Juvenile-Justice-Coordinating-Council/>

Landmarks Commission

Description: The Landmarks Commission designates historic landmarks and districts, reviews development proposals involving historic properties, recommends use of TOT Ad Grant Category D funds and administers the historic resources preservation program.

Authority: Chapter 2, Article VIII (Landmarks Commission) of the Sonoma County Code establishes the Landmarks Commission. Other relevant ordinances and resolutions adopted by the Board: Ordinances 1768, 2497, 4643 and 6020; and Resolutions 52699, 60620, and 64183.

Duties: The Board established the Landmarks Commission with the overall purpose to:

Increase the trade and commerce of the County by encouraging the preservation of historical landmarks as cultural resources of the County.

- Make zoning and historic resource designation recommendations for multi-parcel Historic Districts and individual historic structures. Recommendations also include design guidelines for preservation or compatibility with historic character.
- Conduct design review prior to issuance of building permits within multi parcel Historic Districts and for individual historic structures.
- Review demolition permits for designated historic structures to provide opportunity for the exploration of alternatives to demolition including: public purchase, relocation, private purchase for preservation, change of land use designation to make preservation more economically feasible, etc. For demolition permits, the Landmarks Commission is authorized to:
 - Approve the permit to demolish.
 - Modify the permit to demolish.
 - Suspend the permit for a period not to exceed 180 days.
- Solicit, review, and make recommendations to the Board for the use of the County's Advertising Grant Category D (Landmarks Commission) funds. Administer grant agreements with grantees and ensure project completion.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

- Held nine public meetings to review development permits related to Historic Districts or historic structures.
- Reviewed new Historic Resource Surveys funded by Category D Ad Grants:
 - Glen Ellen Commercial Corridor
 - Sonoma Valley
- Reviewed and recommended funding for FY 2014/2015 Category D Ad Grants:
 - Armstrong Woods Pond Farm Docent Program
 - Petaluma Adobe Fort Repairs

- Historic Resource Inventory GIS Project
- Reviewed and made recommendations on major zoning code updates related to historic preservation to implement new General Plan policy adopted in 2008.
- Reviewed process improvements related to :
 - Ad Grant Application & Process
 - Concept Design Review Process
 - Website Redesign

Challenges for the upcoming year:

- Establishing incentives for property owners of historic resources.
- Organizing historic resource data and improving accessibility including GIS mapping.
- Updating administrative procedures and regulations (some dating back to the 1970’s) to reflect best practices, streamline processing and clarify standards for approval.
- Improve public outreach and build support for historic preservation.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

The Historic Preservation Program has been staffed only part time by a Planner. This has resulted in the deferral of many needed program improvements and updates. The program could benefit greatly with the allocation of a full time Planner, even if only for a limited period of one or two years, in order to catch up on deferred maintenance dating back to the 1970’s. Paid internships utilizing graduate students from Sonoma State’s Cultural Resources Management Program could also help with establishing best practices for the County’s program. Participation in the State’s Certified Local Government Program (as authorized by the Board) could provide additional grant funding, technical expertise, and information management tools that would catalyze the updating of the County’s Historic Preservation Program.

Incentives to property owners are needed to make this program more effective and gain support for designating additional historic properties as County Landmarks. Without such designation, many potentially eligible historic properties are demolished or significantly altered such that their historic character is lost. Of the over 2,300 properties in the County’s Historic Resource Inventory, only 425 are protected by Historic District (HD) zoning or County Landmark designation. Incentives could include re-establishing the Mills Act property tax reduction program, and a greater Transient Occupancy Tax allocation for the Category D Advertising Grant Program (reduced from \$50,000 to \$28,000 in recent years). Process improvements such as Historic Design Guidelines and Standards for individual structures outside of the five Historic Districts are also needed to streamline permitting costs and possibly reduce the need for individual Historic Resource Evaluation reports that often cost several thousand dollars per

structure. For example, if such guidelines were available and projects submitted that clearly complied, minor alterations could be approved at the staff level quickly at a reduced permit cost. Better use of existing historical records and the continued funding of new and updated multi-parcel area Historic Resource Surveys with Historic Context Statements could also reduce costs to applicants because the need for such study on a case by case basis as permits came in could be eliminated or reduced. The availability of updated Historic Resource Surveys with Historic Context Statements coupled with Historic Design Guidelines would result in more certainty and consistency in the permit review process.

The unique charm and historic character of many of Sonoma County's unincorporated communities is a tremendous tourist draw. Heritage tourism is a growing sector of the tourist economy which is a major contributor to the County's economy. Owners of historic resources are hit heavily with the expense of maintaining aging structures and the additional historic report and permit processing costs related to historic design review. Establishing incentives to owners of historic properties to encourage additional historic designations and appropriate building alterations would also benefit the public in general and the local economy. Allocating resources to prolong the retention of historic buildings will result in better preservation of the County's unique historic and scenic character and quality of life for both residents and visitors.

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/prmd/b-c/lc/>

Library Commission – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Joint Powers Agreement Board for the provision of library services county-wide.

Authority: Joint Powers Agreement for the County-Wide Provision of Library Services by the Sonoma County Library as approved by the County and all 9 cities (effective August 1, 2014)

Duties: To oversee the County Library System.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

- New JPA Signing Ceremony and New Commission Seated on Friday, August 1, 2014
- The Library Commission has been in existence for less than a year. During this time a budget has been passed and the following Commission Committees have been formed:
 - Director Evaluation
 - Finance
 - Public Relations
 - Revenue Enhancement
- The Library Commission appreciates the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors support for Measure M. Measure M did not pass with 63.3% voting Yes.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

The Budget: The Sonoma County Library System and Commissioners continue to look for ways to increase funding to meet the budget short fall so all branches in the system can again be open full hours including Mondays. Currently, all branches are closed on Mondays.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

The Library Commission hopes to continue to work with the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on solutions to fully fund our library system. All ages in our community use our libraries. Students utilize the system to do homework. Many adults use the libraries for finding jobs and increasing literacy skills now that adult education programs have all been defunded except the Petaluma Adult School. Families come to their library to provide their children with reading opportunities. The community as a whole comes to their local branch for meetings and lectures. Our libraries are increasing becoming educational institutions for adults and children where classes are taught.

98% of the Library's funding comes from property taxes. During the Great Recession, the significant decline in property tax revenue resulted in cuts to the book budget, unpaid employee furloughs, benefit reductions, unfilled staff vacancies, and a 25% cut in library hours. Our library system now has one of the lowest per capita library expenditures in the state.

Sonoma County Library serves nearly 500,000 residents with 11 full-service branches, two rural stations, a specialized Wine Library and a renowned Genealogy and Local History collection.

Approximately 2 million people visit our libraries each year, checking out over 3 ½ million books, DVDs, audio books, and eBooks. 62,000 children attend story times, events, and educational classes annually.

<http://sonomalibrary.org/about/library-commission>

Library Joint Powers Agreement Review Advisory Committee

Description: The committee's objective is to develop recommendations for the approval of Councils and Board of Supervisors to update the JPA Library System governing document.

Authority: Board of Supervisors 10/2/2012 Board Action #13, Library Commission 9/5/2012 Action, and each individual City Council action (various dates)

Duties: The committee's objective is to develop recommendations for the approval of Councils and Board of Supervisors to update the JPA Library System governing document.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: The Library Joint Powers Agreement was approved by all jurisdictions during 2014

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: The Library Joint Powers Agreement was approved by all jurisdictions during 2014, so the work of this committee is completed.

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/libraryjpareview/content.aspx?sid=1066&id=2674>

Local Agency Formation Commission – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: The Local Agency Formation Commission is an independent agency established by State law. The commission is responsible for reviewing, approving, or disapproving changes in organization to cities and special districts including annexations, detachments, new formations and incorporations.

Authority: Government Code Sec. 56000, et seq, the Cortese-Knox Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000

Duties: To approve changes of jurisdiction including annexations and district or city formations.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.sonomalafco.org/>

Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District Board – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Oversight of the operation and administration of district, and decisions regarding policy. The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District is committed to protecting the health and welfare of the communities we serve from mosquitoes and vector-borne disease.

Authority: May 25, 1915: California State Legislature passed the Mosquito Abatement Act. This act permitted local governments to collect revenues and form special districts to protect the public from mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases.

Duties:

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.ms mosquito.com/>

Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board

Description: The mission of the Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board is to promote the physical, social, and emotional health of childbearing women, children, and adolescents in Sonoma County.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Health & Safety Code, Sec. 321.7; Calif. Admin. Code Title 17, Part I, Chapter 4, Subchapter 13, Sec. 6802 #72855; 10/05/82 (Name Change) per AB 1838; effective 01/01/82 94-1317; 09/13/94

Duties: Keep the Board of Supervisors advised of Maternal Child and Adolescent Health program developments and requirements and work closely with the program personnel concerned.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/meetings/mcahab.asp>

Mental Health Board

Description: The Mental Health Board acts as a community focal point for mental health issues by reviewing & evaluating the community's mental health needs, services, facilities, & special problems. It advises the Board of Supervisors & the Behavioral Health Director regarding any aspect of local mental health programs.

Authority: Board of Supervisors - Title 9, California Administrative Code, Sec. 3 (HEW) Subchapter 3, Article I Sec. 1340; Sec. 5604 W & I: Welfare & Institutions Code 5604 (a) (1): Each community mental health service shall have a mental health board consisting of 10 to 15 members, depending on the preference of the county, appointed by the governing body, except that boards in counties with a population of less than 80,000 may have a minimum of five members. One member of the board shall be a member of the local governing body.

Duties: Review and advise Board of Supervisors on mental health services and issues.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/meetings/mhboard.asp>

Metropolitan Transportation Commission – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: The Metropolitan Transportation Commission functions as both the regional transportation planning agency — a state designation — and, for federal purposes, as the region's metropolitan planning organization (MPO).

Authority: Created by the state Legislature in 1970 (California Government Code § 66500 et seq.)

Duties: The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the transportation planning, coordinating and financing agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.mtc.ca.gov/>

North Coast Railroad Authority Board – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: To promote the efficient and effective management of the North Coast Railroad Authority.

Authority: CA Government Code Section 93000-93005 The North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) was formed in 1989 by the California Legislature under the North Coast Railroad Authority Act, Government Code Sections 93000, et seq.

Duties: The Act was intended to ensure continuation of railroad service on the Northwestern Pacific (NWP) rail line, and envisioned the railroad playing a major role in the transportation infrastructure serving the North Coast. In creating the NCRA to restore and preserve rail service, the Legislature recognized that California's North Coast region suffers from restricted access and limited transport options.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.northcoastrailroad.org/>

North Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board

Description: Reviews petitions for variances from North Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District Rules and permit conditions, issues abatement orders and reviews permit appeals.

Authority: California Health and Safety Code 40800. Board of Directors Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District: January 23, 1973 Resolution NAP-23.

Duties: Reviews petitions for variances from North Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District Rules and permit conditions, issues abatement orders and reviews permit appeals.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/TPW/Air-Quality-Northern-Sonoma-County/>

Oversight Board for County of Sonoma, as Successor Agency for the Redevelopment Agency – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Under the "Dissolution Act" the County must prepare a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) that enumerates the enforceable obligations and expenses of the Successor Agency.

Authority: The Sonoma County Successor Agency Oversight Board is established pursuant to language in AB1x26 which states, "Each successor Agency shall have an oversight board composed of seven members."

Duties: Approves the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule to enable the Successor Agency to continue to make payments on enforceable obligations.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/successor-rda/Index.htm>

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Description: 5 member commission acting in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors in promoting, aiding and encouraging public recreation, including the development of recreation, park and open space facilities; acts in advisory capacity to Regional Parks Director in the maintenance, development and operation of recreation areas and facilities serving the residents of the county; establish general procedures to carry out the purpose of the commission.

Authority: Board of Supervisors Resolution 90-0534 adopted 3-27-90

Duties: The Commissioners role is to study park issues, promote and encourage public recreation and make recommendations to the Board members and the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department regarding the maintenance, development and operation of recreational areas and facilities serving the residents of Sonoma County.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

Received division updates and reports on the status of projects, park usage, trail usage, user types, parking, and day-use issues. Received and commented on issues of concern brought by stakeholders and concerned citizens. Participated and promoted Regional Park sponsored events.

Challenges for the upcoming year

Agenda items for the upcoming year:

- LIFT-Levantate Program
- Ecotourism initiatives and park sustainability plans
- Tolay Park Master Plan
- Sonoma County Integrated Parks Plan (SCIPP)

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Regional-Parks/>

Partnership Health Plan of California Commission – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Multi-county commission that manages a health care plan for Medi-Cal recipients.

Authority: Ordinance Nos. 5849, 5927, 6137.

Duties: The commission negotiates the exclusive contract with the California Department of Health Care Services as specified in Section 14087.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and arranges for the provision of health care services for the county's Medi-Cal recipients.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Pages/PHC.aspx>

Petaluma Oversight Committee – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: The Oversight Board to the Petaluma Community Development Successor Agency Board approves decisions about budgets and activities associated with the Petaluma Community Development Successor Agency.

Authority: ABx1 26, approved by the California State Legislature (06/29/11)

Duties: To oversee the disposal, “expeditiously and in a manner aimed at maximizing value,” of all assets and properties of the former redevelopment agency that were funded by tax increment.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

- Approved two, six month budgets for Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS)
- Approved a loan from the City of Petaluma to the Petaluma Community Development Successor Agency
- Approved retroactive loan payments and land transfers

Challenges for the upcoming year:

- Continue unwinding Petaluma Community Development Successor Agency
- Approve budgets as needed

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

http://petaluma.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=21

Planning Commission

Description: The Planning Commission is part of the Sonoma County Planning Agency.

Authority: Chapter 2, Article VI of Sonoma County Code, Ordinance No. 192, April 9, 1941; Ordinance No. 1204, October 6, 1969

Duties: The Planning Commission holds public hearings and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning updates and amendments to the County's General Plan and zoning regulations. The Planning Commission also holds hearings and makes decisions on major subdivisions and mining proposals.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

The Planning Commission heard and made recommendations upon several major policy initiatives including the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Riparian Corridor zoning ordinance, and the Scenic Resources zoning ordinance.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

To establish new policy initiatives including an Agricultural Promotional Events policy and a Vacation Rentals policy.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

In December 2014, Jason Liles left the Planning Commission.

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/prmd/b-c/pcbza/index.htm>

Project Review and Advisory Committee – internal committee – all county staff

Description: Project Review and Advisory Committee reviews all subdivisions and is the decision-making body for all minor subdivisions, certificates of compliance and minor lot line adjustments. The committee also makes recommendations on conditions of approval for all major subdivisions and major lot line adjustments where the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors is the decision-making body.

Authority: Section 25-5 of the Sonoma County Code.

Duties: See description above

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

The Project Review and Advisory Committee reviewed 23 items between January 1 and December 31, 2014.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

One of the ongoing challenges with Project Review and Advisory Committee is consistency in decision making and conditions of approval. Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services and Permit and Resource Management Department are working to streamline conditions to provide more predictability in the improvement requirements for private roads.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/prmd/b-c/prac/>

Public Authority Advisory Committee

Description: The purpose of the Public Authority Advisory Committee is to provide ongoing advice and recommendations regarding In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) to the County Board of Supervisors, any administrative body in the County that is related to the delivery and administration of IHSS, and the Directors and administrative agency of the IHSS Public Authority.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Ordinance #5990

Duties: Provide ongoing advice and recommendations regarding in-home supportive services to the County Board of Supervisors, any administrative body in the County that is related to the delivery and administration of in-home supportive services, and the Directors and administrative agency of the Authority.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

The Committee met on March 24, 2014. The Committee took action to oppose the Governor's budget proposal to limit hours worked by IHSS providers to 40 per week. The Committee sent opposition letters to the Senate and Assembly budget committees. Ultimately, the Governor and Legislature agreed on a far less restrictive proposal.

Committee members also participated in staffing booths at the Senior Day at the Fair and the Disability Tech Expo.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

Support action to promote and implement policies that enhance services and supports for IHSS clients.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for your ongoing support of both the IHSS program and IHSS Public Authority.

<http://www.sonomacounty-ihspa.org/>

Relocation Appeals Board

Description: Hear complaints brought by citizens in connection with any redevelopment-related relocation.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: California Redevelopment Law (Health & Safety Code Section 33417.5), see #84-0930; 05/15/84.

Duties: Hear complaints brought by citizens in connection with any redevelopment-related relocation. (Members also serve on Community Development Committee, Sonoma County).

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Community-Development-Commission/>

Retirement Board of the Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: The Retirement Board administers the Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association (SCERA), which is a public employee retirement system established to provide retirement, disability, death, and survivor benefits for its employees under the California State Government Code, Section 31450 et. seq.

Authority: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors: Ordinance #255 (June 1945)

Duties: Appointed Board members are fiduciaries responsible for overseeing the administration of the pension plan and investment of trust assets.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

See attached 2014 Business Plan.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

See attached 2015 Strategic Plan and Business Plan.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

<http://scretire.org/>

Rohnert Park Oversight Committee – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Oversight Board - ABx1 26, approved by California State Legislature on 6/29/2011, called for the creation of a Successor Agency for each dissolved redevelopment agency.

Authority: ABx1 26, approved by California State Legislature on 6/29/2011. Rohnert Park City Council Resolution No. 2012-10 adopted 1/10/2012.

Duties: To oversee the disposal, “expeditiously and in a manner aimed at maximizing value,” of all assets and properties of the former redevelopment agency that were funded by tax increment.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.ci.rohnert-park.ca.us/index.aspx?page=763>

Santa Rosa Oversight Committee – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Oversight Board - ABx1 26, approved by California State Legislature on 6/29/2011, called for the creation of a Successor Agency for each dissolved redevelopment agency.

Authority: ABx1 26, approved by California State Legislature on 6/29/2011. On January 10, 2012, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 28029, electing the City of Santa Rosa as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency.

Duties: To oversee the disposal, “expeditiously and in a manner aimed at maximizing value,” of all assets and properties of the former redevelopment agency that were funded by tax increment.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://ci.santa-rosa.ca.us/departments/economicdev/boards/OversightBoard/Pages/default.aspx>

Sebastopol Oversight Committee – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Oversight Board - ABx1 26, approved by California State Legislature on 6/29/2011, called for the creation of a Successor Agency for each dissolved redevelopment agency.

Authority: ABx1 26, approved by California State Legislature on 6/29/2011.

Duties: To oversee the disposal, “expeditiously and in a manner aimed at maximizing value,” of all assets and properties of the former redevelopment agency that were funded by tax increment.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://ci.sebastopol.ca.us/page/oversight-board-city-sebastopol-successor-agency-former-sebastopol-community-development-agency>

Solid Waste Local Hearing Panel – only needed in certain circumstance

Description: The independent hearing panel is required by State law to hear appeals from solid waste decisions the enforcement agency makes regarding inspections, permitting, and enforcement activities.

Authority: California Public Resources Code Section 44308; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 18060.

Duties: The independent hearing panel is required by State law to hear appeals from solid waste decisions the enforcement agency makes regarding inspections, permitting, and enforcement activities.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/templates_portal/BoardCommissionCommittee.aspx?id=2147507102

Sonoma County Commission on AIDS

Description: The County of Sonoma Commission on AIDS was established in 1987 to advise the Board about the health and service needs of people with HIV infection, and make recommendations for services. Serves as a bridge, bringing together people living with/affected by HIV/AIDS and county policy makers to support the community in addressing prevention, care and the preservation of human rights.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: 87-1488 (08/04/1987)

Duties:

- Maintain HIV on the County's prevention agenda;
- Keep the Board of Supervisors aware of the progress of the HIV epidemic;
- Serve as a voice to the Department of Health Services and the board for those people who are not "at the table", such as young men having sex with men and the Latina population;
- Speak to the community at large about HIV and keep the issue in the public awareness;
- Decrease stigma around HIV;
- Encourage open discussions that lead to people getting tested, discovering their status, and providing needed support to neighbors or family members who may be living with HIV.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

- Endorsed Sonoma County, HIV Prevention and Care Work Plan, 2012 – 2015
- Reviewed and endorsed Annual Report Annual Report on HIV/AIDS in Sonoma County
- Presented the HIV Prevention and Care Work Plan and the Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors

Challenges for the upcoming year: As changes occur in the landscape of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Sonoma County there is an ongoing need to assess how Sonoma County agencies address the epidemic and to ensure those efforts are effective and achieved efficiently.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/meetings/coa.asp>

Sonoma County Fish and Wildlife Commission

Description: Establishes a county fish and wildlife propagation fund for the protection, conservation, propagation and preservation of fish and wildlife pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 13100.

Authority: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 46215, adopted 09/16/74; C-7-11, 7/28/81; 02-0179, 2/26/02.

Duties: Receives and reviews applications for funding for various projects and recommends to the Agricultural Commissioner that certain projects be funded from the County's fish and wildlife propagation fund.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/wildlife/>

Sonoma County Innovation Council

Description: The Council is an ad hoc advisory committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors. It is comprised of a broad-based group of business and community leaders that will oversee the development of an economic strategic plan for Sonoma County.

Authority: Board of Supervisors Agenda Item No. 42, May 15, 2007; Agenda Item No. 40, September 11, 2007; Agenda Item No. 9, January 15, 2008.

Duties: To represent the county's business, civic, educational and governmental sectors. To apply personal and institutional expertise to the task of developing an economic strategic plan. To assess and guide project progress and help maintain focus on stated objectives. To offer insights into potential action opportunities.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/edb/innovation.htm>

Sonoma County Public Law Library Board of Trustees – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: California Business and Professions Code Section 6300. There is in each county of this State a board of law library trustees, which governs the law library established for the county under the provisions of this chapter.

Authority: California Business and Professions Code Section 6300.

Duties: Governance of the law library.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.sonomacountylawlibrary.org/>

Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation Board – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: The Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation raises funds, fosters partnerships and advocates on behalf of Sonoma County Regional Parks. The Regional Parks Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3).

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Resolutions 98-1037 & 1037a, 8/4/98; Item #27, 6/26/01.

Duties: With the input and cooperation of the Regional Parks Department, set Foundation policy, guide the operation and planning activities of the Foundation, raise funds, oversee and direct the financial transactions of the Foundation, and promote public knowledge of the Department mission and goals.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://sonomacountyparksfoundation.org/>

Sonoma County Tourism Board – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: To provide for the levying of assessments on specified lodging businesses within Sonoma County which will fund activities and programs promoting tourism in the Area.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Resolution 04-0984; Ordinance 5525; Streets and Highways Code sections 36500, et seq.

Duties: Advise the Board of Supervisors on the amount of the Area's Assessments and on the services, programs, and activities to be funded by the Assessments.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.sonomacounty.com/>

Sonoma County Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: The Citizens Advisory Committee was designed to capture the opinions of a very diverse spectrum of interest groups within the County.

Authority: In September 1991, the SCTA passed Resolution No. 91-007 forming the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Duties: The primary function of the CAC is to review projects, policy statements and decisions, funding programs, and any other policy matter acted on by the SCTA and to provide input and recommendations for the SCTA's decision making process.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://sctainfo.org/>

Sonoma County Treasury Oversight Committee

Description: A six member Committee representing members of the Sonoma County Investment Pool that reviews and monitors the Sonoma County Investment Policy and cause an annual audit. While no longer a mandated Committee by Government Code, the County has voluntarily continued to follow the request.

Authority: Board of Supervisors Resolution 96-1362

Duties: To cause the annual audit to be conducted to determine the County's Treasury's compliance with Article 6 of Division 2 of Title 3 of the Code, County Treasury Oversight Committees, §§27130 through 27137 and to review and monitor the Sonoma County Investment Policy.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: Called the annual audit of the Sonoma County Treasury for compliance with Article 6.

Challenges for the upcoming year: None.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None.

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Sonoma-County-Treasury-Oversight-Committee/>

Sonoma Oversight Committee – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Oversight Board - ABx1 26, approved by California State Legislature on 6/29/2011, called for the creation of a Successor Agency for each dissolved redevelopment agency.

Authority: ABx1 26, approved by California State Legislature on 6/29/2011.

Duties: To oversee the disposal, “expeditiously and in a manner aimed at maximizing value,” of all assets and properties of the former redevelopment agency that were funded by tax increment.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.sonomacity.org/default.aspx?PageId=532>

Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission

Description: A joint advisory agency with representation from the County of Sonoma and the City of Sonoma to share responsibility for local planning in the Sonoma Valley.

Authority: Board of Supervisors and Sonoma City Council: Resolution 93-1552, October 12, 1993; Joint Powers Agreement: 98-1281 on 10/6/98; 04-0026 on 1/6/04; 06-0776 on 9/12/06; 14-0086 on 3/11/14

Duties: To provide a regular forum for citizen participation in the formation of public policy, consider issues concerning the Sonoma Valley, evaluate solutions of these issues, advise elected officials and other decision makers, and form a bridge for communication between the various governmental agencies and the general public.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

Reauthorization of the Commission with request to extend boundaries in order to include referrals in village of Kenwood and changes to Use Permit for Sonoma Raceway.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

Large projects with significant impacts.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

<http://www.sonomacity.org/default.aspx?PageId=532>

Spud Point Advisory Committee

Description: Annual review of berthing rates; review miscellaneous rates and fees and make recommendations to Board of Supervisors; recommend revenue-producing ventures for consideration in marina; recommend navigational aids needed for marina; advise on safety items or safety conditions that may be needed; advise Board of Supervisors on current or future fishing industry trends which would have an impact on marina.

Authority: Board of Supervisors 12/4/1984 Resolution No. 84-2421.

Duties: Annual review of berthing rates; review miscellaneous rates and fees and make recommendations to Board of Supervisors; recommend revenue-producing ventures for consideration in marina; recommend navigational aids needed for marina; advise on safety items or safety conditions that may be needed; advise Board of Supervisors on current or future fishing industry trends which would have an impact on marina.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Spud-Point-Advisory-Committee/>

Upstream Investments Policy Committee

Description: Program leadership for Upstream Investments is provided by the Policy Committee. Upstream Investments is a policy sponsored by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and widely supported throughout the community; seeks to eliminate poverty in Sonoma County and ensure equal opportunity for quality education and good health in nurturing home and community environments. The three primary strategies are invest early, invest wisely and invest together.

Authority: Board of Supervisors, Item #22 adopted 11/8/2011.

Duties: The Policy Committee is responsible for providing policy direction for the Upstream Investments Policy Initiative.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.upstreaminvestments.org/>

Upstream Investments Portfolio Review Committee

Description: Appointed by the Board of Supervisors, Upstream Investments seeks to eliminate poverty in Sonoma County and ensure equal opportunity for quality education and good health in nurturing home and community environments. The three primary strategies are invest early, invest wisely and invest together.

Authority: Board of Supervisors; Item #22 adopted 11/8/2011.

Duties: The Portfolio Review Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving or denying submissions to the Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.upstreaminvestments.org/>

Veterans Memorial Buildings Advisory Committee

Description: To act in advisory role to the Board of Supervisors in matters pertaining to the Veterans Memorial Buildings

Authority: Board of Supervisors, California Military & Veterans Code

Duties: To advise the Board of Supervisors on the condition of the Veterans Memorial Buildings including rental rates, rental structure, usage, marketing, and capital improvements.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

During the previous year United Camps, Conferences and Retreats, the 3rd party management agency responsible for the Santa Rosa, Petaluma, and Cotati buildings have made significant improvements to the building including: Installing Wi-Fi, striping the parking lot, painting interior rooms, repairing roof leaks, installing a new boiler, and installing occupancy sensors in the buildings that they manage. Additionally they have introduced a food service at the Farmers Market in Santa Rosa.

The County of Sonoma, responsible for the Sonoma, Cloverdale, and Guerneville buildings has resealed floors, replaced a furnace, installed ADA upgrades, and repaired a bleacher system.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

Veterans Buildings in Sonoma County are between 41 to 67 years old are in need of significant funding for capital improvements and routine maintenance of building systems. However due to current funding levels many repairs and improvements are not able to be performed.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

This coming year the Advisory Committee will be evaluating the current rental rate structure, and advising Board of Supervisors on rate adjustments. In addition, they are reviewing and revising current Committee guidelines and adopting by-laws, and developing a comprehensive advertising plan to increase usage of the facilities.

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Veterans-Memorial-Buildings-Advisory-Committee/>

Windsor Oversight Committee – outside agency with some appointments made by the Board of Supervisors

Description: Oversight Board - ABx1 26, approved by California State Legislature on 6/29/2011, called for the creation of a Successor Agency for each dissolved redevelopment agency.

Authority: ABx1 26, approved by California State Legislature on 6/29/2011. On January 11, 2012, the Town Council adopted Resolution No. 2869-12, electing the Town of Windsor as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency.

Duties: To oversee the disposal, “expeditiously and in a manner aimed at maximizing value,” of all assets and properties of the former redevelopment agency that were funded by tax increment.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

<http://www.ci.windsor.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=866>

Workforce Investment Board

Description: The Workforce Investment Board is a partnership of innovative business and community leaders who provide vision, direction, and coordination for Sonoma County's local workforce, with the goal of enabling Sonoma County to have the most effective workforce attainable.

Authority: Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA)

Duties: Develop employer and business linkages, provide job seekers with a one-stop career center, operate and manage a Youth Council, negotiate performance metrics for Adult, Dislocated and Youth programs, select youth service providers, identify eligible training providers and develop a local plan.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

- Designated as a High Performing Board by the California State Workforce Investment Board.
- As part of the North Bay Employment Connection (NBEC), a six-county collaborative comprised of Sonoma, Solano, Marin, Lake, Napa and Mendocino, created an *Occupational Outlook Report* for the region based on a workforce needs assessment of local businesses. (<http://www.sonomawib.org/docs/OccupationalOutlook2014.pdf>)
- Enhanced partnership with the Sonoma County Economic Development Board (EDB) by bringing on a Business Services Representative who works with local business to identify and solve issues through services available through EDB and the WIB.
- Job Link, the one-stop career center, assisted over 1000 job seekers each month. Services received included a full range of assistance from resume writing to paid training and on-the-job opportunities.
- As part of the Northern California Career Pathway Alliance, received a three year \$15 million grant to create career pathway programs that connect K-12 schools, community colleges, and businesses throughout Lake, Napa, Marin, Mendocino, Solano, and Sonoma counties.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is effective July 1, 2015 and replaces the Workforce Investment Act. There are many facets to this new law that will need to be implemented in the first year of transition.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

The Workforce Investment Board appreciates and thanks the board for their continued support.

<http://www.sonomawib.org/>

Workforce Investment Board - Youth Council

Description: Under the Workforce Investment Board, the Youth Council works to support youth in the County and oversees the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps program.

Authority: Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA)

Duties: Develops the portions of the local plan related to youth activities, recommends eligible providers of youth activities to be awarded grants or contracts, conducts oversight with respect to eligible providers of youth activities, and coordinates authorized youth activities in Sonoma County.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

- The Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps program received a California State Association of Counties Challenge award.
- The Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps program was approved for placement on Tier 2 of Sonoma County's Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs.
- 187 youth were hired during the 2014 Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps program. 92% of the youth who completed a post program survey responded that they were satisfied with the program. Post survey data and qualitative data from focus groups also revealed the large majority of youth enjoyed the work they did, would return to the program, and would recommend the program to others.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is effective July 1, 2015 and replaces the Workforce Investment Act. This new legislation has eliminated Youth Councils. Oversight of the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps program will be performed by the WIB effective July 2015.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

The Youth Council appreciates and thanks the board for their continued support.

<http://www.sonomawib.org/>

Appendices

SCERA 2015 Strategic Plan

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Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association



Charting the Path to the Future

SCERA Strategic Plan
January 2015 – December 2017

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The Strategic Planning Process

The Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association (SCERA) engaged The Results Group to assist in the development of this multi-year Strategic Plan. Through a robust information gathering and analysis process, SCERA and the Consultant received valuable input from SCERA's members, participating employers, affiliated organizations and the community. We used this input to inform our discussions with the SCERA Board of Retirement and SCERA Staff and developed broad goal areas covering the key functions in administering a public sector defined benefit retirement plan. Those key functions were further refined into goals and initiatives during SCERA's Board and Staff planning sessions.

The key to a successful Strategic Plan is for collaboration between the Board and Staff (Team SCERA) to ensure the goals and initiatives focus on the most important functions of plan administration. To that end, Team SCERA spent many hours together analyzing the various elements of successful plan administration and collectively arrived at the goals and initiatives that make up this plan. Our goal is to continue this process on a regular basis to ensure the plan remains dynamic and appropriately focused.

About the Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association

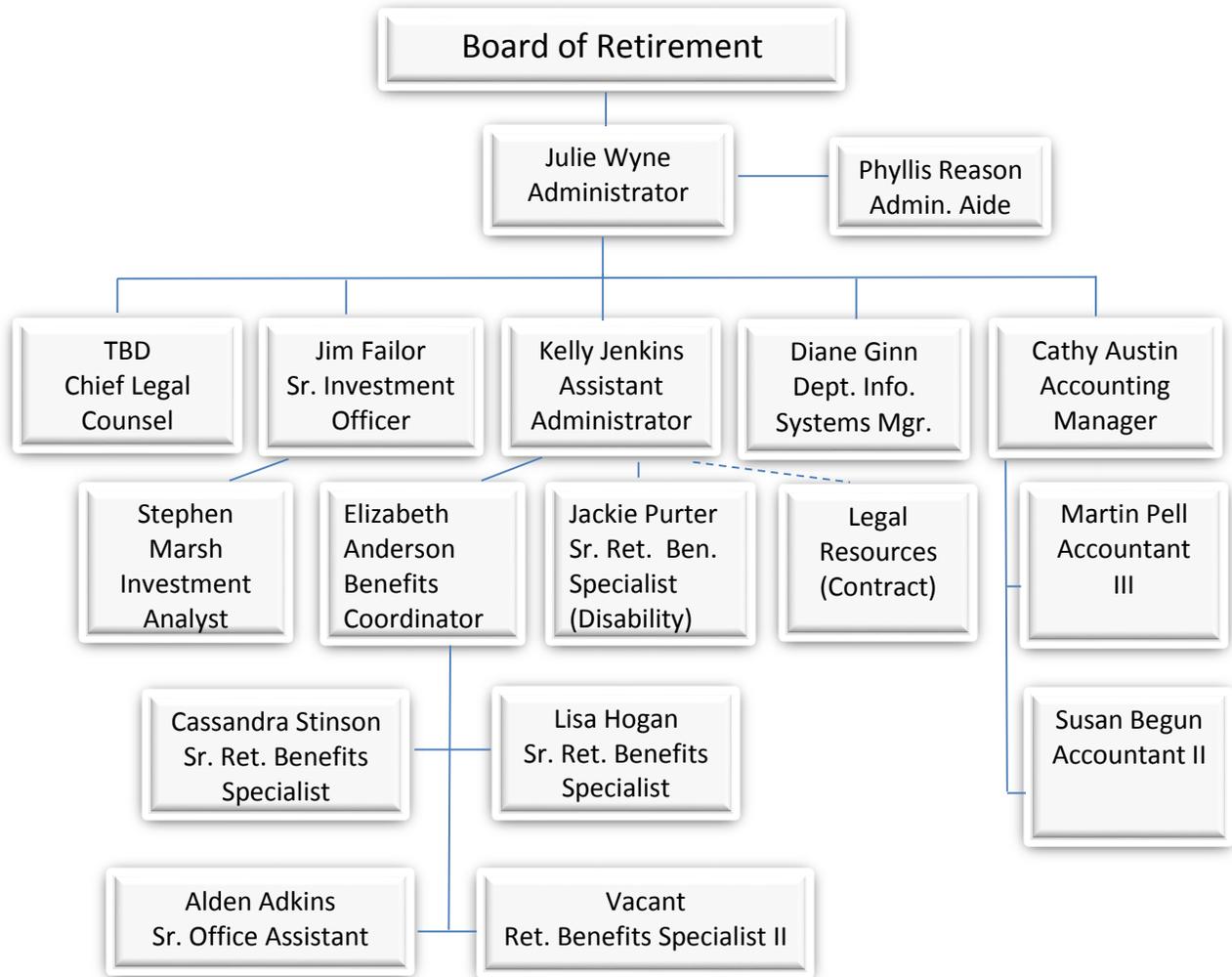
What We Do

SCERA is a public employee defined benefit retirement system that was established by the County of Sonoma on January 1, 1946, under the authority of the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937. SCERA is administered by the Board of Retirement (Board) to provide retirement, disability, death, and survivor benefits for eligible employees of the County of Sonoma; Valley of the Moon Fire District; the Superior Court of California for the County of Sonoma; and other Sonoma County public agencies.

Under the direction of a ten member Board, of which one is an alternate member, SCERA Staff manages the day-to-day administration of the system. This includes ensuring timely and accurate payment of benefits, oversight of the investment of trust assets, providing information to and counseling members, accounting for contributions and investment income, maintaining prudent regulations, policies and procedures, and ensuring the Board is fulfilling its fiduciary duty to the members and their beneficiaries.

The Board sets the policy direction for the system, provides direct oversight of the Retirement Administrator as SCERA's chief executive, approves the investment program's asset allocation in accordance with the system's defined risk parameters, and carries out its fiduciary duties through regular meetings and oversight of the system's operations. The Staff is managed by the Retirement Administrator who oversees SCERA's Investment, Member Services, Finance and Retiree Services, and Information Technology divisions.

Our Organization



Our Mission and Values

Our Mission

The purpose of the Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association is to provide and protect retirement benefits for its members and beneficiaries.

Our Values and Guiding Principles: Team SCERA

- S** **Stability.** Maintain a sound investment program, a prudent funding policy and appropriate internal controls.
- C** **Communication.** Communicate openly and accurately, achieving an organizational culture of teamwork and transparency.
- E** **Excellence.** Model best practices in the industry and strive for continuous improvement.
- R** **Respect.** Be courteous, considerate and fair in the treatment of others, both within and outside of the organization.
- A** **Accountability.** Take responsibility for decisions and actions; be open to constructive feedback.

Our 2015-2017 Goals and Initiatives

Our Three-Year Goals



GOAL 1: Deliver superior and responsive customer service.

GOAL 2: Foster an organizational culture that embodies SCERA's values.

GOAL 3: Achieve investment return objectives within SCERA's risk parameters.

GOAL 4: Maintain efficient and cost effective operational systems.

GOAL 5: Collaborate with associated organizations and increase public understanding of SCERA's mission.

The following pages present the initiatives that SCERA will undertake within each goal. The SCERA Annual Business Plan will provide specific tasks and deadlines to implement these initiatives.

Initiatives to Achieve Our Goals

GOAL 1: Deliver superior and responsive customer service.

Initiatives:

1. Maximize the use of business technology to optimize member service.
2. Expand retirement system engagement and education for members.
3. Seek member and Team SCERA feedback through periodic surveys, comment cards, and other means.

GOAL 2: Foster an organizational culture that embodies SCERA's values.

Initiatives

1. Maintain the collegial culture of Team SCERA.
2. Optimize communication and teamwork with a culture of trust and mutual support to achieve SCERA's strategic goals.
3. Develop a comprehensive engagement process to attract, educate and retain Board and Staff members.
4. Maintain and continue to refine effective Board meeting presentations.
5. Continue strategic planning and forward-looking leadership.

GOAL 3: Achieve investment return objectives within SCERA's risk parameters.

Initiatives

1. Appropriately assess and update SCERA's Investment Policy Statement, ensure adoption of appropriate benchmarks and report regularly to the Investment Committee/Board on the health of the investment program.
2. Select, monitor, and manage, and perform due diligence on managers and investment-related service providers.
3. Conduct periodic asset/liability modeling and review relevant portfolio characteristics to match the investment program with the Board's risk tolerance and return expectations.

GOAL 4: Maintain efficient and cost effective operational systems.

Initiatives

1. Maintain effective internal controls and compliance with all appropriate standards.
2. Regularly assess actuarial funding policies to ensure SCERA remains prudently funded.
3. Ensure the accuracy of the pension administration system.
4. Assess technological needs for all functions in the organization.
5. Ensure business continuity and disaster recovery needs are regularly evaluated and a plan is in place.
6. Evaluate and refine operational policies and procedures.
7. Evaluate long-term office space needs and develop an infrastructure plan.
8. Consider alternative staffing resources.

GOAL 5: Collaborate with associated organizations and increase public understanding of SCERA's mission.

Initiatives

1. Develop, implement and maintain an external communication plan.
2. Sustain a collaborative working relationship with participating employers, associates and vendors.
3. Foster a greater public understanding and appreciation of SCERA's role in administering pension benefits as a trusted plan administrator.

Implementation and Accountability

Implementation

A strategic plan is only valuable if it impacts the organization's decision-making and day-to-day behavior. To do that, SCERA is developing an Annual Business Plan, with specific tasks and deadlines to implement the strategic initiatives over the first 12 months. Staff will continue to develop Business Plans annually to ensure SCERA is moving towards its strategic goals and initiatives. Furthermore, since all Staff and Board members were extensively involved in development of this Plan (including the overall strategic direction, as well as the strategic goals and initiatives), it is now embedded in the culture and daily organizational decision making of Team SCERA.

Accountability

The Annual Business Plan provides for accountability at three levels:

1. Management: on a monthly basis, the Retirement Administrator will review progress toward the goals and timelines set forth in the Annual Business Plan.
2. Board: on a semi-annual basis, the Board will review progress toward the goals and timelines set forth in the Annual Business Plan.
3. Public: members of the public are invited to attend the Board meetings at which progress reports are presented, and to review progress reports posted on SCERA's website.

On an annual basis, or more frequently if necessary, Team SCERA will review and discuss the Strategic Plan to ensure its goals and initiatives remain relevant, and will revise the Plan accordingly.

SCERA Business Plan

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Strategic Goal 1: Deliver superior and responsive customer service

Initiative: Maximize the use of business technology to optimize member service

Action Items:

1. Redesign website to allow more room for current news and announcements on the Home Page, add a page for Strategic Plan and improve the News and Updates page and Minutes Archive (Performance Metric: Website satisfaction survey and Google Analytics)
2. Explore upgrading MySCERA to new mobile version (Performance Metric: Evaluate use of Google Analytics for this purpose)
3. Explore migration from PDF to HTML documents to enhance usability and improve accessibility (Performance Metric: Siteimprove software, website satisfaction survey and Google Analytics)
4. Promote MySCERA at New Employee Orientation, Retirement Planning classes, in the Newsletter and on the website (Performance Metric: Track number of new MySCERA enrollees)
5. Encourage electronic subscriptions to News and Updates through active outreach efforts (Performance Metric: Track number of members opting into electronic delivery)
6. Explore feasibility of allowing beneficiary changes through MySCERA
7. Implement SACRS' Dental Program
8. Roll out option of an additional direct deposit

Initiative: Expand retirement system engagement and education for members

Action Items:

1. Redefine the vacant Benefit Specialist position with a focus on communication/member education and recruit
2. Explore the feasibility of an electronic-only Newsletter to active members in the summer and winter, focusing on retirement planning
3. Offer educational seminars and Brown Bag meetings at various locations (Performance Metric: Track number of attendees and customer satisfaction surveys/comment cards)
4. Begin development of downloadable, printable, single topic Fact Sheets
5. Enhance Newsletter content with recurring sections, photos, and design elements

6. Revise the New Employee Orientation presentation and handouts and reach out to new employees at Valley of the Moon and the Courts
7. Create off-site 1 hour Retirement Planning presentation and revise the 2 hour class to incorporate information regarding Plan B membership
8. Initiate milestone mailers (e.g. You are vested! Now what?)
9. Create multi-agency retirement checklist (collaborate with Nationwide Deferred Compensation and HR Risk Management)

Initiative: Seek member and Team SCERA feedback through periodic surveys, comment cards, and other means

Action Items:

1. Create a member survey to be deployed at the end of the retirement process
2. Create and deploy comment cards for walk in members

Strategic Goal 2: Foster an organizational culture that embodies SCERA's values

Initiative: Optimize communication and teamwork with a culture of trust and mutual support to achieve SCERA's strategic goals

Action Items:

1. Encourage Staff attendance at Board and Committee meetings when items of interest are being discussed, and at a full meeting on a rotational basis to foster collegiality
2. Encourage sharing of functional area initiatives among the entire Staff

Initiative: Develop a comprehensive engagement process to attract, educate and retain Board and Staff members

Action Items:

1. Evaluate job descriptions of Member Services Staff to consider how duties have changed as a result of the implementation of the Integrated Pension System
2. Incorporate SCERA's values and teamwork into employees' individual goals and performance evaluations
3. Create and fill a Chief Investment Officer position with related job description creation and appropriate salary range identification
4. Redefine the Disability Coordinator position to reflect Department Analyst duties and title with related job description and salary range changes
5. Expand the scope of the Assistant Administrator's management responsibilities with related job description and salary range changes
6. Develop additional new Board member training, especially concerning the SCERA investment program

Strategic Goal #3: Achieve investment return objectives within SCERA’s risk parameters

Initiative: Appropriately assess and update SCERA’s Investment Policy Statement, ensure adoption of appropriate benchmarks and report regularly to the Investment Committee/Board on the health of the investment program

Action Items:

1. Add a risk philosophy section to the Investment Policy Statement
2. Review the format and content of the monthly Board Investment Performance Summary Report
3. Evaluate the allocation of responsibilities between Staff, Aon Hewitt and managers

Initiative: Select, monitor, and manage, and perform due diligence on managers and investment-related service providers

Action Items:

1. Review Klarity FX foreign exchange cost analysis report for 2013/14
2. Conduct finals, selection, and negotiation of IMA with new unconstrained bond manager
3. Establish a quarterly custodian report card with evaluation metrics
4. Consider search for infrastructure manager/fund and if launched, conduct finals, selection, and negotiation of IMA
5. Conduct due diligence trips to visit JP Morgan, Credit Suisse, Neuberger Berman and Loomis Sayles (Q2-2015)
6. Consider presentation on cost management (follow up to Planning Session presentation by Dr. Monk)
7. Present annual investment manager evaluation and risk budgeting review
8. Evaluate potential search for emerging managers utilizing the new Aon Hewitt “InForm” manager search process and if launched, conduct finals, selection, and negotiation of IMA
9. Conduct due diligence trips to PIMCO, RREEF and Dodge & Cox (Q4–2015)
10. Launch search for additional “bull pen” transition manager(s)

11. Global custody – potential evaluation and opening of foreign markets for direct investing (e.g. China “A” shares out of Hong Kong)

Initiative: Conduct periodic asset/liability modeling and review relevant portfolio characteristics to match the investment program with the Board’s risk tolerance and return expectations

Action Items:

1. Evaluate infrastructure investing – facilitate presentation by practitioners
2. Prepare and present discussion regarding the rising US dollar and possible hedging strategies
3. Review and consider implementation of “niche” (opportunistic) strategies
4. Facilitate presentation of Aon Hewitt’s liquid alternative “VISION” platform
5. Perform scenario analysis using Bloomberg risk management tool
6. Review status of investment portfolio liquidity
7. Manage real estate exposure as RREEF III Fund winds down

Strategic Goal #4: Maintain efficient and cost effective operational systems

Initiative: Maintain effective internal controls and compliance with all appropriate standards

Action Items:

1. Implement GASB 67 and 68
2. Streamline ADA compliance through training on features in various document creation programs to reduce document remediation
3. Monitor legislative changes and train staff accordingly
4. Initiate search for tax counsel

Initiative: Ensure accuracy of pension administration system

Action Item:

1. Consider long term programming solution to Sheriff's alternating schedule
2. Conduct due diligence trip to Segal Consulting

Initiative: Assess technological needs for all functions in the organization

Action Items:

1. Replace paper disability packets
2. Explore need to upgrade Great Plains due to server Operating System and SQL upgrades
3. Update PE version 3 ESF software (required for MySCERA mobile update)
4. Upgrade to new SFTP server
5. Upgrade server operating software and server SQL software
6. Evaluate physical server replacement/transitioning to virtual servers
7. Evaluate replacement of Oracle imaging solution for electronic member records
8. Coordinate work and testing with ISD, LRS and Staff to improve performance of PE version 3 production and test environments

9. Evaluate equipment procurement and replacement (Printers, projectors, voice/video conferencing)
10. Assess automating Valley of the Moon transmittal process in PE
11. Assess implementing the Employer Contribution feature in PE
12. Assess adding additional Great Plains modules such as integration manager
13. Complete transition of County departments onto direct billing of SCERA for County services

Initiative: Ensure business continuity and disaster recovery needs are regularly evaluated and a plan is in place

Action Item:

1. Evaluate scope and process to develop Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery plans for all administrative functions

Initiative: Evaluate and refine operational policies and procedures

Action Items:

1. Assess benefit of standardized templates/format
2. Develop common file structure to store operational procedures
3. Create priority lists for all Member Services procedures that require documentation
4. Develop contribution overpayment/underpayment policy
5. Update the travel policy
6. Create travel expenditure tracking data base

Initiative: Evaluate long-term office space needs and develop an infrastructure plan

Action Items:

1. Resolve carpet issues
2. Assess HVAC system needs
3. Reconfigure office space to accommodate a new Chief Counsel

Strategic Goal #5: Collaborate with associated organizations and increase public understanding of SCERA's mission

Initiative: Develop, implement and maintain an external communication plan

Action Items:

1. Identify common communication topics between SCERA and associated organizations and develop unified messages
2. Meet with the editorial board of the Press Democrat to discuss general pension issues

Initiative: Sustain a collaborative working relationship with participating employers, associates and vendors

Action Items:

1. Provide objective information to the County in its analysis of various benefit structures
2. Participate in Employee Appreciation and Save for Retirement Weeks
3. Attend occasional Payroll Clerks meetings
4. Clarify the Court's status as an employer with a possible Memorandum of Understanding

Initiative: Foster a greater public understanding and appreciation of SCERA's role in administering pension benefits as a trusted plan administrator

Action Items:

1. Create a history of SCERA's unfunded liability for public dissemination
2. Continue meeting with community leaders and attending community functions related to County government