2015 Annual Report

County Boards, Commissions, Committees and Task Forces
Message from the County Administrator

I am proud to present the 2nd annual report of the Sonoma County Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces to the Board of Supervisors and to the Community. This is a summary of the work conducted by 664 individuals filling 849 seats on 73 different bodies, all in support of the work done by the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the residents of Sonoma County.

These Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Task Forces have been established either by state law or action of the Board of Supervisors. The scope ranges from a single community, such as a Community Advisory Committee or a Flood Control District, to regional issues, such as transportation and transit. They represent most of the services provided by the County, from flood and fire prevention to disaster response, from housing to solid waste, from our youngest children through the most senior members of our community.

The work provided by these individuals, often without reimbursement, is invaluable to our County, and we appreciate the dedication of these individuals who take on these important roles. Beginning in 2015, we have begun including these individuals in the Sonoma County Volunteer Recognition event held annually in the spring to thank them for their service to the County.

This report includes the final report from the Community and Local Law Enforcement Task Force, as their work, as outlined in the charter, was completed during 2015. Also during 2015, the Independent Citizens Advisory Committee on Pension Matters began work, and is reflected in this report for the first time. The vacancy numbers included in this report are a reflection of the vacancies reported to staff as of August 12, 2016, and reflect those positions that are appointed or affirmed by the Board. Many of these bodies have appointees made by other entities also, based on the action at the time the body was created.

I end with a quote from William Shakespeare that reflects my thoughts on the work of these groups, “I can no other answer make, but, thanks, and thanks."

With sincere gratitude,

Veronica Ferguson, Sonoma County County Administrator
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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 Sitting Element of 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 countywide integrated waste management plan.

**Significant accomplishments during the past year:**
- Reviewed 5 year Countywide Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Distributed letters and testimony in support of Sonoma County Solid Waste Management Agency.
- Initiated work on a long-term Waste Management Plan, baseline report completed.
- Increased legislation networking and reporting.
- Visited non-County Solid Waste Facilities.
- Provided testimony to Supervisors and Agency on Waste Management issues.

**Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:**
- To ensure efficient and effective regional waste management efforts, support making the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency a permanent JPA for waste diversion, composting, household hazardous waste, waste diversion education and solid waste planning for Sonoma County.
- Reduce the environmental and economic impacts from out-hauling green waste and other organics to other counties for composting, support the development of in-County composting facilities.
- To reduce the creation of solid waste, encourage and support increase resources for waste reduction, waste diversion and composting educational efforts in Sonoma County.
- Monitor state and federal legislation relating to waste diversion issues and recommend appropriate positions from the Board of Supervisors and the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency in order to complement and support Sonoma County waste reduction and environmental protection policies and programs.

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** There are currently 6 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

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, by-laws originally adopted June 7, 1977; Board approval on June 9, 2015 (Bylaws updated incorporating all amendments).

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:

- Supported Aging Together Sonoma County
- Developed and distributed the AAA Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Newsletter, Sonoma Speaks
- With Older Americans Act funding, expanded Volunteer Driver Programs from 1 to 4 with the following agencies: Sebastopol Area Senior Center, Catholic Charities, Petaluma Peoples Service Center, and Vintage House
- Continued to lead the expansion of the Sonoma Access Coordinated Transportation Services Consortium
- Integrated Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-ED) into
Matter of Balance curriculum and class activities

- Updated and distributed 25,000 copies of the Senior Resource Guide as well as an electronic version
- Expanded senior nutrition programs, including a congregate meal site and a home delivered meal program to Coastal Seniors, resulting in increased services to our most rural populations
- Developed the 2016-2020 AAA Area Plan, which included the following activities:
  o Survey more than 1,500 Sonoma County seniors
  o Conducted focus groups with 92 individuals representing Sonoma County seniors
  o Conducted key informant interviews with 5 key stakeholders
  o Conducted best practice research
  o Identified AAA priorities and goals for the next 4 years
- Supported the implementation of the project “Hidden, Isolated, and Underserved: Reaching Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Seniors in Sonoma County” with grant funding from the Sonoma County Community Foundation’s LGBTQI Giving Circle and Human Service Department funds
- Participated in World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) statewide campaign #KNOWABUSEREPORTABUSE in alignment with International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)
- Participated as an active member of the Elder Justice Coalition
- Expanded senior legal services programs by Legal Aid of Sonoma County to provide legal assistance at outreach sites throughout the county and a phone line for legal screening
- Participated in legislative advocacy for seniors including attending Senior Rally Day for Older Americans Month and visiting with lawmakers to gather support for senior needs

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:

- Expand awareness of and access to available services and supports for seniors, their families and caregivers;
- Enhance the safety, mental and physical health, and wellbeing of seniors of all ages, emphasizing preparing for healthy aging throughout the lifespan;
- Strengthen our community’s capacity to assess, plan for, and respond to the increasing needs of Sonoma County’s senior population, and;
- Involve and engage seniors as a valuable resource in the community.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

The Advisory Council thanks the Board of Supervisors for their support.

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There is currently 1 vacancy in Board-appointed positions.

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:**

- Creation of an Agricultural Subcommittee to work on agriculture-related projects
- Input on various District policy and planning initiatives related to stewardship, conservation planning, and acquisition
- Matching Grant Program Subcommittee that is providing input on District 2016 Matching Grant Program
- Continuing progress Procedures for Attendance and Including Youth on the Committee
- Input on the Initial Public Access, Operation and Maintenance Policy

**Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:** None

**Any additional comments for the Board of Directors:** None

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** There are currently 3 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

[http://www.sonomaopenspace.org/who-we-are/board-and-advisors/advisory-committee/](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:

- The Commission realized $13.6 million in savings by refunding Measure F Sales Tax Revenue Bonds issued in 2007. Its recommendation, accepted by the County’s Treasurer, involved both the refinancing of the debt at a lower interest rate plus utilizing the District’s reserve funds to pay down its bonds. This resulted in the District’s full outstanding debt being retired six years ahead of schedule.
- The Commission determined fair market value of land acquisition transactions that resulted in an increase of 1356 acres of protected land, bringing the total to 111,715 acres of District Protected Land.

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

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 March 14, 2016 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.

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Airport-Land-Use-Commission/
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 has provided feedback on the implementation of the new Drug-MediCal waiver as well as having reviewed the new 2015-2020 State approved Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Plan for Sonoma County.

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

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There are currently 6 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Alcohol-and-Drug-Problems-(Advisory-Board)/
http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/meetings/abadapt.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: The Committee is in the process of reviewing its first applicants from the community for art on County property: A children’s mural project on a Transportation and Public Works bridge in west-county and a proposal for art along the new Smart Train corridor.

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: It’s been a challenge to remain at full Committee strength. We’ve lost two Committee members during the short life of the Committee. We are currently seeking an additional member to be at full strength.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: The core of the Committee is passionate about art within the community and is excited about reviewing public applications for art on County property.

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There is currently 1 vacancy in Board-appointed positions.

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)

Duties: Conduct hearings on Assessment Appeals.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

- The backlog of assessment appeals has been further reduced from last year with all single family home appeals prior to the 2014-2015 tax year resolved or scheduled.
- Over 650 appeals were resolved in 2015 and most Applicants entered into agreements resolving differences with the Assessor’s office prior to their hearing before the Board. The positive feedback from Applicants to the Clerk has continued with regards to dealing with both the Assessor’s and Board office in working towards these resolutions.
- We have continued to work with Megabyte systems and are now in the testing phase of an online filing system that we hope to be able to offer to Applicant’s in the 2016-2017 filing period.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

- A challenge is to continue to reduce the backlog of appeals and also reduce waiting times. Each year we make progress. Many early regular appeals were scheduled within 3 months of filing in 2015.
- With the introduction of online filing, we plan to revise the Assessment Appeals process and expand the webpage to make more resources available online.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

In 2016, the Assessor’s office again 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 2016-17 tax bill. If tax payers disagree with the enrolled value of their property, the 2016 regular filing period is July 2 through November 30, 2016.

Thanks are given to the Assessment Appeals Board members for their diligent service: William Severi, Steven Beckwith, James Brush, Trina Hartmann, Ross Liscum and Matt Eshoo.

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

Application forms can be found:

- Assessment Appeals website: http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Assessment-Appeals-Board/
- Board of Supervisors front counter
- from the Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board

E-mail: Kay.Lowtrip@sonoma-county.org  Phone: (707)565-2243
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: None

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

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 secured over $100,000 in State Office of Traffic Safety funding and Transportation Development Act funding to update the Sonoma County Bicycle Safety Education Campaign (www.bikesafesonoma.com).

Challenges for the upcoming year: The committee will provide feedback to staff and consultants on updating the messaging and branding of the Sonoma County Bicycle Safety Education Campaign.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: There have been over 30 different individuals who have been appointed to serve as a representative on the committee since it was established by the Board of Supervisors 23 years ago.

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There is currently 1 vacancy in Board-appointed positions.

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

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There is currently 1 vacancy in Board-appointed positions.

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: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

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:**

- Completed the 2016-2021 Child Care Plan in collaboration with community partners.
- Held Meeting Facilitation Training to support LPC and community members to chair meetings for committees, work groups and council.
- Collaborated with community partners to offer county-wide Early Learners Conference.
- Planned for program changes and restructuring due to funding decreases.

**Challenges for the upcoming year:**

- Child Care Planning Council new coordinator transition

**Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:** None

**Current Vacancies:** Please provide me with a copy of that roster

[www.scoe.org/ccpc](http://www.scoe.org/ccpc)
Civil Service Commission

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


Duties: To administer the Civil Service Ordinance.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

• Commissioner Karen Wheeler ended a 14 year term with the Commission. As Commissioner Chair for 12 of the 14 years, she lead with a calm, level headed demeanor. Her commitment and dedication were greatly appreciated, and she will be missed.

• The Civil Service Commission reviewed and approved 12 Classification Reports and Studies this year.

Challenges for the upcoming year:

• Volume and complexity of Classification Studies has increased significantly.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

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

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** No vacancies reported.

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:

- Continued sharing the powerful stories of some of the 750,000 young people whose lives were transformed by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), known as DREAMers. CHR – working with Sonoma County PBS station, KRCB; Cal Humanities; and the Working Group – have produced six videos documenting the lives of a few Sonoma County’s own DREAMers, including local artist, Maria de Los Angeles.

As a result of the efforts of KRCB, and the outreach conducted by the Commission, these film vignettes – which are aired several times a week on KRCB – will be distributed to PBS affiliates nationwide. This project can be further explored at the My American DREAMs website.

- On June 7, 2015, the Commission’s LGBTQI Task Force launched a county-wide survey for members of the LGBTQI community at the 2015 Gay Pride Celebration in Guerneville. This survey was the first step in a multi-pronged effort to capture the state of the LGBTQI community in Sonoma County.

The surveys were available in English and Spanish both electronically, and physically at multiple community service provider locations, libraries, and community events. Over 600 responses from county residents were received – a number, according to the County’s Department of Health Services, that represents a significant rate of response for this demographic of our population, and therefore considered a successful return.

- The Junior Commissioner Project – a youth mentorship program for 14 to 18-year olds – tackled some major issues prevalent in our community today, including homelessness, human trafficking, racial inequality, and poverty and food insecurity. Community service projects included:
  - Conducted clothing drives to support Social Advocates for Youth (SAY).
  - Partnered with the Ceres Project to develop health initiatives for homeless youth.
- Filmed a PSA to educate their peers on the presence of human trafficking in Sonoma County that included an interview with Assistant District Attorney Bill Brockley.
- Raised funds for the Redwood Empire Food Bank through multiple initiatives – including presenting to local rotary clubs and teaming up with area high schools for the Night of 1000 Dinners – a fundraising drive that resulted in over 5,000 meals.

**Challenges for the upcoming year:**

Objectives for the upcoming year include:

- The LGBTQI Task Force followed up the public survey with one designed to obtain specific data from LGBTQI community service providers. The task ahead is to determine how best to create a conversation with LGBTQI leaders and community representatives to discuss ways in which the community can be better served and better represented.
- Researching the recent increased visibility of bullying and racism in Sonoma County high schools, and determining what tools area school districts are providing their educators to address the alleged growth in incidents.
- Implementing successful outreach programs with limited funding available.

**Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:**

The Commission on Human Rights is committed to providing leadership, guidance, and assistance in assuring that all members of our community – especially those among us who are marginalized or disadvantaged – enjoy the full range of human rights to which every person is entitled.

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** There are currently 5 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Commission-on-Human-Rights/

http://www.sonomacountychr.org/
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:

- On February 14, 2016, the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) hosted their second annual local One Billion Rising (OBR) campaign event. OBR is a global mass action to end violence against women, and to Rise for Revolution.
  - The event began at Santa Rosa’s Historic Courthouse Square and ended at the Santa Rosa Junior College.
  - Men, women, and children walked one mile to bring attention to the need to keep women and girls in Sonoma County safe from violence.
  - Upon reaching the destination of the walk, about 100 participants enjoyed the family-friendly 2016 Rise Up To End Violence Against Women Day gathering, which featured speakers, music, and performers.
  - The keynote address was given by Kimberly Ellis – Executive Director of Emerge California, and a candidate for Chair of the California Democratic Party. 2nd District Supervisor David Rabbitt introduced Ms. Ellis to the audience.

- 2015 saw a continued revamping and contemporizing of the youth mentorship program – the Junior Commissioner Project. The Juniors addressed the cultural emphasis on aesthetics that significantly damage the self-esteem of young girls; the local presence of the fastest growing global crime, human trafficking; the lack of exposure and fear girls face when confronted with science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) subjects; the gap in technology literacy for seniors; and the way gender is commercialized to fit the social mode of stereotypes. Community service projects included:
  - A Girl Scout badge workshop for girls 10-13-years old designed to: build self-acceptance and confidence, think critically about how the media enforces
negativity and self-consciousness; and teach skills to recognize and combat this influence.

- A powerful interactive art and writing exhibit reflecting the thoughts and emotions the topic of human trafficking elicited was created by Windsor High School students following an educational presentation by the Junior Commissioners. This exhibit was on display outside the Board Chambers in May.

- A series of complimentary engineering and programming workshops for girls, held at the Chimera Makerspace in Sebastopol; and workshops in assisted living facilities to connect seniors with social media and other modern technological tools to communicate with family and friends.

- A stunning photo exhibit of high school students—specifically the parts of their bodies they felt were called in question based on social stereotype, e.g., exposed clavicles on a female, bracelets and rings on a male. This exhibit was also on display in May.

**Challenges for the upcoming year:**

**Objectives for the following year include:**

A 10% increase in voter registration among Sonoma County women which will be accomplished by conducting registration drives at farmers markets and other public events in each district; a new signature event entitled “Women Can Vote! Women Can Run! Women Can Win!” to be held on August 27, 2016 in conjunction with Women’s Equality Day.

A family-friendly event will be held on the lawn of the Santa Rosa High School and will feature:

- Voter registration
- Experts explaining the voting process; eligibility requirements; how to read a ballot
- Local female leaders sharing their stories
- Representatives from Emerge California to speak about how to run for office
- Music, food, and activities for children

**Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:**

The Commission remains committed to addressing issues of inequality for women and girls in Sonoma County, with a specific focus on bringing awareness to the presence of human trafficking; the eradication of domestic violence; encouraging women to become involved in the electoral and political processes; protecting the reproductive healthcare rights of women and girls; and the mentorship of future community leaders with the Junior Commissioner Project. The decision to create an event aimed at increasing female participation in the electoral and political process stems from a growing awareness of the likelihood that having more women involved in global policy and government will increase the number of productive solutions brought to the table—as evidenced by the declarations of the United...
Nations and the number of global women’s summits taking place. We appreciate your continued support.

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** There are currently 3 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

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

www.sococsw.org
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: Sections 676B of the Community Services Block Grant Reauthorization Act of 1998 requires that, as a condition of designation, private nonprofit entities and public organizations administer their CSBG program through tripartite boards that "fully participate in the development, planning, implementation, and evaluation of the program to serve low-income communities."

One-third must be elected officials, holding office at their time of selection, or their representatives. If a sufficient number of elected officials or their representatives are not available to serve, appointive public officials or their representatives may take the place of elected officials.

Duties: Effective tripartite boards reflect and promote the unique anti-poverty leadership, action, and mobilization responsibilities assigned by law to community action agencies. Boards are responsible for assuring that agencies continue to assess and respond to the causes and conditions of poverty in their community, achieve anticipated family and community outcomes, and remain administratively and fiscally sound.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

Community Engagement:

- Partnered with the Santa Rosa Police Department completed a four year “Pseudo Intoxicated Patron” project to reduce alcohol-related crashes through evidenced-based enforcement with high visibility through the use of social media campaigns.
- Partnered with the Department of Health Services to host Spanish Language Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) training for business in Sonoma County to Spanish speaking employees of restaurants, bars and markets.
- Launched the Southwest Santa Rosa Health Action Chapter in January 2016 to improve health outcomes for Southwest Santa Rosa residents.
- Partnered with the Department of Health Services and Regional Parks Department to support engagement of residents in the Moorland neighborhood of Sonoma County. This included outreach for park planning, development support for the Moorland Neighborhood Action Team, and outreach for the implementation of the Moorland Social Capital Survey.
- Partners with St. Joseph’s Health to implement the Roseland Community Building Initiative (CBI) in Southwest Santa Rosa resulting in the development of the Roseland
CBI Core Leadership Group and the identification of a resident-identified problem to be addressed over the next three years.

- In partnership with the County’s Sheriff Office and the Santa Rosa Police Department, the DIG Youth Leadership group hosted their 7th Annual South Park Day & Night Festival in Santa Rosa with 300 attendees.
- In partnership with Roseland Elementary School hosted events designed to increase family and resident engagement in Southwest Santa Rosa.
- Implemented youth based, Photo Voice Project, nutrition, education and leadership training for eighteen students at Cook Middle School.

Health:

- The School Smile program completed its 3rd year of providing preventative dental care in 11 schools in Sonoma County. This year we provided dental health education to over 2,700 students, dental screenings to 1,563 students and provided 2,469 dental sealants to 775 students in grades K-12. Over 392 students were identified as having dental decay and were referred for needed treatment to dental providers.
- Our WIC Dental Days program celebrated its 6th year of providing oral health education to families and preventative services to children ages 0-5 years old. In partnership with the Department of Health Services, we have provided over 12,000 visits to children enrolled in the WIC program and identified and referred over 1,656 children for needed dental care.
- Give Kids A Smile completed its 12th year by providing over $133,000 worth of dental services to children 0-18 years of age who otherwise would not have been able to access care. Over 10 sites and 200 dental and community volunteers came together to make this program a success.
- The School Nursing program provides dental, vision, hearing, medications and treatments, and doctor referrals to over 300 students in the Roseland School district.

Education:

Youth Connections:

- 26 previously out of school youth obtained their High School Diploma, 100% of whom transitioned to at least 9+ units at SRJC and/or 30 hours of employment.
- 15 YC students graduated Teen Parent Connections. In partnership with the Department of Health Services, these teen parents improved their educational potential and self-sufficiency, and that of their children.
- Launched a second YC site in Healdsburg to serve an additional 15 out of school youth.

AVANCE & Pasitos:

- 125 parents (12 more than in 2014) graduated from the AVANCE program having completed 75% of the parenting classes during the 9-month program. AVANCE is an evidence based program that empowers hard to reach Latino families to break the cycle
of poverty through a proven two generational approach consisting of early childhood
development and parent education.

- Pasitos served over 300 Spanish-speaking families with 3 and 4 year-olds who are not
  attending preschool, helping prepare children to succeed in school and providing
  parents with tools to maximize their impact as their child’s first and most important
  teacher. The number of groups around the county reached 28, including six new groups
  in Geyserville, Round Walk Burbank Housing, Schaefer School in Piner-Olivet District and
  Rohnert Park (invited by the City of Rohnert Park to provide the program to its
  residents), serving over 300 families.
- A summer program, “Pasitos de Transición” was created for Pasitos children, who were
  going directly into kindergarten, and their parents. The 15 children were exposed to
  specific kindergarten skills in English, and their parents heard speakers on topics relating
  to the expectations for parents as their child enters school.
- Partnered with First 5 and the Children’s Museum to send 200 Pasitos families to the
  museum to enjoy its offerings and to learn how the museum could support school
  readiness.
- Took 100 AVANCE parents and over 100 children, ages 0-14, by bus to Sonoma State to
  learn about education and financial aid opportunities for the children (and parents),
  hear Latino students speak of their experiences, tour the campus, see the dorms, and
  have a lunch in the student dining room.
- Pasitos was renewed for 3 more years as a Tier 2 on the Upstream Portfolio.

Via Esperanza:

- This program is an unprecedented collaboration between Community Action
  Partnership, Santa Rosa City Schools, Sonoma County Office of Education, SRJC,
  Abriendo Puertas, ACT Solutions, Humanidad, Teen Parent Connection, Catholic
  Charities, CalFresh, CAPSC Padres Unidos, California Parent Institute, numerous other
  community-based organizations and First 5 Sonoma County. Located on the Lawrence
  Cook Middle School campus on Sebastopol Road, Via Esperanza engages parents in the
  early and ongoing education of their children, strengthens family resilience, and
  improved child health outcomes. In 2015, 618 parents and 357 children were active
  participants.

Head Start/Early Head Start:

- Relocated three of six classrooms displaced last year.
- Supported 8 teen parents through the completion of high school with Early Head Start.
- Served 552 children and their parents through Head Start, a proven early childhood
  education program that successfully involves and develops families’ abilities to support
  their children’s education.

Financial Stability:
Housing; HCA provided $363,813 in rental and deposit cash assistance to 230 families.
VITA; CAPSC volunteers filed 1,045 tax returns resulting in $1,880,104 in tax refunds, $711,927 in EITC credits, and $577,781 in Child Tax Credits.

**Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:**

**Youth Connections:**
- Funding for staffing (case managers and instructors), expansion to a 3rd site (we have 100+ prospective students on our wait list), enhancement of our college & career/workforce development component, and onsite childcare.

**School Readiness; AVANCE, Pasitos:**
- Retain funding from Sonoma Wine Country Weekend, which plays a very important part in program funding, this has enabled us to hire and train staff to serve many more families across the county who do not have access to preschool. (We have been invited to reapply.)
- Find an alternate location for the AVANCE class from Lincoln School if funding is secured.

**Via Esperanza:**
- Transitioning to the Parent University Model to provide a more comprehensive Academic and Workforce Development Path to parents and promote higher education and employment.

**Head Start/Early Head Start:**
- Permanent facilities.

**Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:**
The Tripartite Board (low-income, elected public officials or their appointees, and private sector representatives) thanks the County of Sonoma for its partnership in helping CAPSC achieve its goals of creating a healthier, safer and more prosperous Sonoma County for all residents. We are proud to support and participate in the County’s Vision 20/20 initiatives; Cradle to Career, UpStream Investments and Health Action. The appointment of your representatives on our Board demonstrates your commitment to eliminating poverty in Sonoma County and uplifting low-income communities by addressing disparities wherever they exist.

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** There is currently 1 vacancy in Board-appointed positions.

http://www.capsonoma.org/
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: The final report was presented to the Board of Supervisors on May 12, 2015.

Challenges for the upcoming year: None, as the work of the Task Force has been completed.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

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: The Committee conducted 9 public hearings during 2015, after which they made recommendations to the Board of Commissioners, and in some cases to the Board of Supervisors, for new and revised policies guiding administration of programs operated by the CDC, and for the approval of $4,024,744 in loans and grants from the County Fund for Housing (CFH), Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Asset Fund (LMIHAF), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Community Services Fund (CSF) programs. The assistance will be used for construction and preservation of affordable housing developments ($2,387,562), improvements to public facilities and infrastructure ($246,917), economic development assistance ($75,000), and homelessness assistance and other essential services for low-income residents of Sonoma County ($1,315,265).

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: In addition to conducting the annual public hearings for the funds listed above, during 2016, the Board has asked the Committee to hold an additional public hearing to make recommendations for use of $1,275,575 in State Emergency Solutions Grant (State ESG) and Reinvestment & Revitalization (R&R) funds for homelessness assistance in Santa Rosa and Petaluma.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None.

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

http://www.sonoma-county.org/cdc/cdccommittee.htm
Cotati 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

**Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:** None

**Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:** None

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** No vacancies reported.

http://www.ci.cotati.ca.us/sections/council/comm-redev.cfm
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:

• Protect and advocate the rights of all persons with developmental disabilities
• 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.
• Encourage and assist in the establishment of citizen advocacy organizations to work with individuals with developmental disabilities.
• Review the policies and practices of publically funded agencies to determine if they are meeting their statutory obligations.
• Assist in the preparation of a state plan for developmental disabilities services by accumulating and supplying information on available services and priorities.
• Cooperate with coordinating and planning bodies and county governmental groups.
• 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

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There are currently 2 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

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

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** No vacancies 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

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There is currently 1 vacancy in Board-appointed positions.

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: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

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

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** There are currently 3 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

[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

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies 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:
First 5, in partnership with Sonoma County Department of Health Services, has provided the Board of Supervisors with a road map to a universal preschool effort in Sonoma County. This long term plan proposes increased local investments to support expanded access to preschool in line with the recommendation of A Portrait of Sonoma, which stated that the best prescriptive solution to the vast disparities in education, wealth and health across local neighborhoods is to make universal preschool a reality in Sonoma County. Alongside that long term plan, First 5 identified an immediate opportunity in supporting the availability of preschool facilities in order to maximize federal and state subsidized preschool seats. Using Commission resources, and supported by the Board of Supervisors, the Preschool Facilities Fund was developed and awarded $650,000 in facilities grants to preserve and expand to 230 preschool seats funded by $2.39 million in federal and state preschool annual contracts. The Commission provided an additional $200,000 for the Preschool Facilities Fund that leveraged $206,000 in community contributions to expand state preschool seats by providing a one-time investment in facilities. The Commission also launched a survey of 600 residents to measure the level of community support in increasing local investments in early childhood education. The survey results were used to develop the Ready to Learn education and advocacy campaign.

Challenges for the upcoming year:
Proposition 10 revenues continue a steady decline, which places at risk the systems of care that have developed over 16 years of Prop 10 investments. The First 5 Sonoma County Commission will continue to engage with the community through its Ready to Learn campaign to educate and increase the community’s awareness of the importance in investing in early childhood and to increase support for local investment in early childhood programs.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): None

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:** Approved over $5 million annual operating budget which featured stream maintenance activities.

**Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:** None reported

**Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:** None

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** No vacancies reported.

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: Approved over $4 million annual operating budget for stream maintenance projects and watershed modeling including funding for Petaluma River Flood Control Project and Zone 2A/3A Natural Channels Maintenance Project. Additional stream gauges were installed with funding appropriation.

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There are currently 3 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

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:** Approved over $2 million annual operating budget featuring stream maintenance activities, feasibility studies and stormwater management projects.

**Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:** None reported

**Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:** None

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** There is currently 1 vacancy in Board-appointed positions.

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 (District) is the caretaker of one of the state’s most visible and iconic landmarks – the Golden Gate Bridge. Each year, the Golden Gate Bridge welcomes over 10 million visitors to its sidewalks and approximately 40 million vehicles to its roadway. The District also operates Golden Gate Ferry, the largest public ferry operator in the state, carrying over 2.5 million passengers annually, and Golden Gate Transit which provides bus transit for approximately 6.5 million customers annually.

Authority: Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District

Duties: The mission of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District is to provide safe and reliable operation, maintenance and enhancement of the Golden Gate Bridge and to provide transportation services, as resources allow, for customers within the U.S. Highway 101 Golden Gate Corridor.

Significant accomplishments during the past year:

- Fabricated and tested scale-model Energy Dissipating Devices in support of finalizing the design of the Golden Gate Bridge Seismic Retrofit Phase IIIB.
- Completed the North Approach Viaduct Restoration Project, which included abrasive blasting, steel repair, recoating and inspection, and began relocation of the equipment from the North Viaduct to the South Approach.
- Dredged the two-mile long Larkspur Ferry Channel and the Larkspur Turning Basin.
- Opened the Larkspur Ferry Overflow Parking, providing approximately 300 new parking spaces for ferry passengers.
- Organized and co-hosted a Bay Area-wide inter-agency emergency response drill on San Francisco Bay, designed to test the tactical and emergency response to security-related events occurring on the San Francisco Bay.
- Implemented Bus Wi-Fi, which has been well received by bus passengers.

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:

- Award of the construction contract for the Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System.
- Complete full-scale testing of Energy Dissipating Devices in support of finalizing the design of the Golden Gate Bridge Seismic Retrofit Phase IIIB.
- Advertise and award the construction contract to replace the Sausalito Ferry Landing.
- Collaborate with affected agencies on changes to the C. Paul Bettini Transit Center in San Rafael necessitated by the construction of the SMART extension to Larkspur.
- Continue to grow bus and ferry ridership in order to reduce traffic congestion, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the quality of life in the Bay Area.
Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for your continued support of our mission.

Current Vacancies:

There are currently no vacancies reported on the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District’s Board of Directors.

For more information please visit us at http://www.goldengate.org/ or contact us at districtsecretary@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

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** No vacancies 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:

- Added two new commissioners
- Continued to index and examine archival documents of historical significance donated to the Archives
- Approved new Record Retention Schedules for Permit and Resource Management Department and Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District
- Initiated new plans to promote and publicize the use of historical records, including a public Archives Day
- Initiated a new archival research grants program
- Initiated a records assessment study at the Sonoma County Archives

Challenges for the upcoming year:

- Loss of institutional knowledge due to the departure of Commissioners Daniel Markwyn, Anthony Hoskins and Eeve Lewis as commissioners, and the passing of Commissioner Stuart Righter.
- Addressing changes in archival storage trends from paper to electronic record keeping
- Ongoing challenges with archival access and promotion of records due to inadequate staffing resources
- Challenges with advising on records preservation and maintenance, with no ability to implement

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: The Historical Records Commission is working diligently to ensure that historical records are not lost or compromised in response to the industry trend towards electronic record keeping

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

http://sonomacountyhrc.com/
Independent Citizens Advisory Committee on Pension Matters

Description: The goal of this committee is to provide recommendations that will further the Board’s efforts to ensure a more fair, equitable and sustainable County pension system. These values should guide the committee as it develops recommendations and the committee is also intended to bolster increased community engagement, add insight and value to a challenging and complex process, and build an improved understanding for all parties.

Authority: Board of Supervisors: Action Summary #30; September 22, 2015.

Duties: Review and comment on what the County has accomplished to date with its pension reform efforts; Prepare a short, 1-2 page, easy to understand description of the current pension system and the roles and responsibilities of the governing bodies involved in the system that can be shared with members of the general public; Review and comment on the currently approved next steps and recommendations for continuing pension reform efforts from the January 27, 2015 report and make other recommendations related to the Board of Supervisor's adopted goals on pension reform. In addition, the Committee may make recommendations regarding the need and composition of any continuing independent citizen advisory involvement in the Board of Supervisors on-going efforts with respect to pension reform. It is important to note that it is not the role of this Committee to make policy determinations or participate in labor negotiations.

Significant accomplishments during the past year: In September 2015, the Board authorized creation of the new Sonoma County Independent Citizens Advisory Committee on Pension Matters, and appointed all seven initial members (all are still serving as of June 2016): Jack Atkin, Larry Heiges, Martin Jones, Rebecca Jones, Deborah Lauchner, Bob Likins, and Richard Tracy. The Committee conducted its first meeting on October 2, 2015, and selected Bob Likins to serve as the Committee Chair, and Jack Atkin to serve as Vice-Chair. Soon thereafter the members adopted the Committee’s bylaws, scope of work, conflict of interest code, and ethics policy.

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Independent-Citizens-Advisory-Committee-on-Pension-Matters/
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: Completion of the updated Comprehensive Multi-agency Juvenile Justice Plan, and achievement of several goals on the action plan for the year. Link to the plan: [http://sonoma-county.org/probation/reports/reports.htm](http://sonoma-county.org/probation/reports/reports.htm)

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: Update priorities and the action plan for next year and continue working on system improvements with partners.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: The Comprehensive Multi-agency Juvenile Justice Plan was presented to the Board of Supervisors on April 26th, 2016.

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

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. The Landmarks Commission is not authorized to deny demolition permits, but may suspend the process for up to 6 months in order to explore alternatives such as public purchase, relocation, private purchase for preservation, change of land use designation to make preservation more economically feasible, etc.
- 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 eight public meetings to conduct design review related to Historic Districts or historic structures.
- Held study sessions on:
  - Mills Act (property tax reductions for maintenance of historic structures)
  - Application for Certified Local Government status (training in best practices & access to state grants)
- Administered Landmarks Commission Ad Grant projects awarded in the prior year. Reviewed and recommended funding for FY 2015/2016 Category D Ad Grants:
  - Jack London State Park, House of Happy Walls Restoration
  - Kenwood Depot, Restoration
  - Sonoma County Museum, Web Based Database of Historical Imagery
- Retained 3 graduate-level interns to assist with organizing and indexing historic resource reports and assist with website improvements. Expanded Historic Resource Inventory database from 1,900 records to 3,800 records.
- Drafted major update to Historic Resources websites.

**Challenges for the upcoming year:**

- Establishing incentives for property owners of historic resources, such as The Mills Act Program.
- Updating assessor parcel numbers for Historic Resource Inventory and creating a GIS map layer for integration with PRMD GIS maps for planning and public accessibility.
- Applying to State Office of Historic Preservation for Certified Local Government status.
- 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:**

Many critical functions of the Historic Preservation Program remain uncompleted due to the limited budgeting for this program. Current funding is approximately 0.25 of a Planner staff position. The program would benefit with the allocation of a full time qualified architectural historian or similar qualified professional. Deferred maintenance of the program includes:

- Need for a major update to the eligibility status of potential historic resources. This hasn’t been done since the original inventory was established in the 1970’s and 1980’s.
- Need for staff funding to evaluate and bring to Board recommendations for new local historic designations. This hasn’t been done since the 1980’s. Of the 3,800 resource surveys in the Historic Resource Inventory, only 425 properties have Historic District (HD) zoning or Landmark status.
- Completion and adoption of the comprehensive Historic Preservation Ordinance drafted from 2012 through 2014. Many aspects of a comprehensive Historic Preservation Ordinance are missing from the current County Code. The HD Combining Zone has changed little since establishment in the 1970’s/1980’s.
- Need for historic structure design guidelines for individual structures. While guidelines exist for the five area-wide Historic Districts (Bodega, Duncans Mills, Freestone, Occidental, Penngrove), there are no design guidelines for individual, isolated historic structures which are County Landmarks or HD-zoned. This would streamline the review process allowing for more staff level approvals and more certainty for owners.

Without an appropriately funded and administered Historic Resources Preservation Program, eligible historic structures are demolished or significantly altered without design review every year. The loss of Sonoma County’s historic rural character diminishes the County’s quality of life and connection to its rural and agricultural heritage. The County’s tremendous tourist draw and desirability as a place to live is in part due to its scenic qualities which include historic...
communities and individual historic structures or complexes. 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.

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** No vacancies reported.

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: None Reported.

Challenges for the upcoming year: None Reported.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None Reported.

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

http://sonomalibrary.org/about/library-commission
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 to special districts and cities; to adjudicate changes in organization of special districts; to perform Municipal Service Reviews to evaluate opportunities for improved efficiency of service provision.

**Significant accomplishments during the past year:**

The Commission approved the formation of the North Sonoma Coast Fire Protection District, which will serve areas once covered by the Sea Ranch Volunteer Fire Department and Annapolis Volunteer Fire Company.

Two inactive districts were dissolved: the Del Rio Woods Park and Recreation District and Reclamation District 2061.

Commission staff has been supporting planning efforts in the Southwest Santa Rosa area (including Roseland), that is underway in preparation for an annexation application. Staff has also been meeting with fire services agencies throughout the County to discuss opportunities to move to a regional governance model, through amendments to Spheres of Influence, and eventual consolidations of agencies.

**Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:**

The Commission will be adjudicating a proposal to detach Russian River area communities from the Palm Drive Health Care District, as well as evaluating a Municipal Service Review of the District that is being prepared by staff.

Staff is working with fire agencies in three regions (southern coast, Area 6, and Sonoma Valley) to guide discussions regarding Sphere of Influence amendments and potential consolidations. Staff is also providing guidance to water agencies in the Sonoma Valley regarding boundary and sphere changes as these districts anticipate participation in a Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

**Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:** None

**Current Vacancies:** The Commission is holding an election for one of two Special District Commission seats, with selection expected at the end of July. The Commission has no other vacancies at this time.

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

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

http://www.msmosquito.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

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** There are currently 5 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

**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

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** There is currently 1 vacancy in Board-appointed positions.

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

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies 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

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** No vacancies reported.

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

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** There are currently 4 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

[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

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies 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 an update on the status of a potential park for the Moorland neighborhood in Southwest Santa Rosa. Reviewed the acquisition process, estimated costs, sources of funding, timeline, and community participation and outreach.

- Received update from the Natural Resources Coordinator about the development of a Natural Resources Program by leveraging new partnerships and bringing new information to improve our parks and the public’s understanding of our natural resources.

- Reviewed and commented on the Capital Project Fiscal Year 15/16 - 19/20 which identified 109 Regional Park projects for acquiring, planning, and developing new park and trail facilities.

Opportunities for the upcoming year:

- Continue to collaborate in the development of Andy’s Unity Park in South Santa Rosa’s Moorland area.

- Opportunity to modify the structure of the Commission and participate in a county-wide initiative for young people to serve on boards and commissions. Recruit and mentor two youths to serve on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission in September 2016.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There are currently 2 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

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

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies 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: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

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: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

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: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

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 30, 2015, and again on October 26, 2015. The Committee took action to support the Governor’s budget proposal to reinstate the previous 7% reduction to the authorized hours for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) clients, and to provide funding to implement overtime pay for IHSS providers. The Committee also took action to support budget requests to fund the reinstatement of aging programs in the State of California. The Committee sent letters to the Senate and Assembly budget committees.

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

Challenges for the upcoming year:
Support action to promote and implement policies, practices, and programs that enhance services and support for IHSS clients and providers.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:
Thank you for your ongoing support of both the IHSS program and IHSS Public Authority.

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There are currently 2 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

http://www.sonomacounty-ihsspa.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. The Relocation Appeals Board did not meet during 2015, as no complaints were filed.

**Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:** None known at this time.

**Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:** None.

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** No vacancies 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:** None reported

**Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:** None reported

**Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:** None reported

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** No vacancies reported.

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

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** No vacancies reported.

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

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies 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

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** There is currently 13 vacancy in Board-appointed positions.

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

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies 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: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There are currently 4 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

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: The Commission's grant program provided funding for habitat restoration projects, aquariums for elementary students to study watershed life in the classroom, equipment for California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) warden use, and environmental research projects within Sonoma County. In addition, the Commission scholarship program awarded five $1,000 scholarships in 2015 to Sonoma County students, ranging from high school seniors to post-graduate students, pursuing educational goals in related fields.

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: Within the past few years, the Commission has seen an ongoing drop in CDFW revenues due to changes in the way fines are administered by CDFW and cases are prosecuted by the District Attorney’s Office. Moving forward, the Commission will need to address the amount of annual support it is able to fund to larger grant projects and possibly modify its scholarship awards.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: Pursuant to California Fish and Game Code Section 13100, the Commission strives to provide financial support to relevant projects, studies, and educational pursuits that benefit fish and wildlife in Sonoma County, and will continue to do so in the capacity possible with its ongoing budget challenges.

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

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

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** There are currently 2 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

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:
The Parks Foundation will raise more than $500,000 in FY2015-16. Specific Regional Parks’ projects the Foundation has supported in FY2015-16 include the following:

- $15,000 for habitat restoration at Sonoma Valley Regional Park.
- $10,000 to fund Vamos a Nadar, which provides swim lessons for Spanish-speaking children in Sonoma County, and $10,000 for the Russian River Water Safety Patrol.
- $20,000 for Regional Parks’ Environmental Discovery Center, which offers environmental and science education to more than 18,000 students each year.
- $30,000 to Regional Parks’ staff to purchase post drivers, brush cutters, chainsaws and other equipment; fund a junior ranger program, buy emergency radios, and equip park rangers with bike helmets for a bike patrol.
- In collaboration with Regional Parks, hosted the Spring Lake Water Bark, drawing 2,500 dogs to the swimming lagoon to swim during September 2015 and raising $25,000.
- Collaborated with Regional Parks to solicit support for the crab fishermen and deckhands at Spud Point Marina, which is operated by Regional Parks. The fishermen were hard hit by a lengthy delay to the crab season due to toxins in the crabs. The Foundation raised $100,000 to cover berthing fees and support the fishermen.

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:

- Raise $80,000 over the next two years towards a match for a $1.7 million grant to build trails at Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve.
- Raise $50,000 over the next two years to match a $50,000 challenge grant from an anonymous donor to benefit Helen Putnam Regional Park.
- Work with Regional Parks to complete a new Natural Play Area for children at Taylor Mountain Regional Park. The Parks Foundation has raised nearly $70,000 for this project.
Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There are currently 2 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

http://sonomacountyparksfoundation.org/
Sonoma County Tourism – 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:

- Faces of Tourism campaign, promotes locals in tourism industry.
- New website sees double-digit growth in traffic.
- Hosted Community Partner trainings to get hospitality community involved in telling Sonoma County story: Hosted “How to work with China” and travel media training, monthly meetings with tourism businesses and staff, hundreds of partners meet visiting media.
- Won “Golden Bear” at California State Fair for best booth.
- Expanded partnership with partners: Regional Parks, Sonoma County Airport, Sonoma County Vintners, Sonoma County Winegrowers.
- Group sales lead distributed up 6.4%, $41 million impact, definite room nights up 9%
- Tour & Travel sales lead distribution up 38%. Top ten International markets spending over $19 M in Sonoma County, per Visa Vue 2014/2015 report. Weddings up 12%.
- Created new online Tour & Travel Guide, Wedding Guide, updated Meetings Guide
- Average daily rate increased 7%, occupancy rate increased 2%, Increased TOT $3,314,166 to $33,442,900 over 2014.
- Celebrated ten-year anniversary. Since 2004 increased direct visitor spending 55%, 1.44 times the state average, and exceeded all top five direct competitor counties.
- Started the process of creating 10-year long term strategic plan

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:

Opportunities:

- Sonoma County Airport partnership, new flights from Las Vegas, Orange County, and Mesa.
- New select service lodging property developments, new full service lodging property renovations, new Smart Train.
- Strong digital investment promoting Sonoma County.
- Continue with TRIO (SCT, Sonoma County Vintners, Sonoma County Winegrowers) on large projects and shared resources.
- Partner with arts and outdoors groups incubating at Economic Development Board

**Challenges:**
- Workforce development
- Affordable housing for hospitality/tourism employees

**Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:**
We look forward to continue our efforts to support the tourism economy, which is overwhelmingly comprised of small, locally-owned businesses and which employs more than 19,000 residents.

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** No vacancies 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

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There are currently 2 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

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.

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** There is currently 1 vacancy in Board-appointed positions.

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

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

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: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There are currently 2 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

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:**

- Worked with Marina staff on the long term viability of the Mason’s Marina vehicle gas station, with the eventual determination that it was no longer financial viable to operate the station.
- Worked with staff to provide bait storage locations to facilitate more affordable options for commercial fishermen.
- Conducted a survey of berthers to determine their support for installation of security cameras which provided the basis to move forward on installing security cameras.
- Provided input on the options to undertake major renovation to the commercial ice machine at Spud Point. Equipment which is vital to the salmon fishery.
- Conducted a public hearing on the proposal to undertake a feasibility study for a visitors’ center at Mason’s Marina, which resulted in a refocus of staff efforts and plans for the use of the former Mason’s Minimarket.
- Coordinated with staff on aide to the fishermen and deck hands necessitated by the delay of the opening of the crab season.

**Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:**

- Working with staff to implement deferred maintenance projects
- Supporting the fishermen in addressing the changing nature of our fisheries that are at serious risk.

**Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:**

Our heartfelt appreciation for their leadership in the financial support to commercial fishermen and deckhands, which was $122,500 and unmatched by any other marinas in northern California.

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** No vacancies 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:

- Championed the county-wide need for and value of investing upstream.
- Cultivated Support for the integration of Upstream principles county-wide.
- Authentically engaged two Sonoma County youth on the Upstream Policy Committee.
- Continued strategic alignment with the goals and activities of the Health Action Council.
- Increased cross-sector measurement of shared outcomes and facilitate county-wide data collection and sharing.
- Conducted targeted outreach to school districts.
- Hosted Upstream presentations in all five supervisorial districts.
- Published A Funder’s Guide to Upstream Investments Policy to clarify funding guidelines, articulate how local funding aligns with Upstream Investments and apply upstream principles to decision making processes.
- Commissioned Learning for Action to perform a systems change evaluation on Upstream Investments.
- Contracted with Resource Development Associates to conduct local cost-benefit analyses on two evidence-informed Portfolio programs, Triple P and Perry Preschool.
- Partnered with First 5 Sonoma County to administer a Service Provider Survey to assess the data collection needs and challenges of local community organizations.

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:

- Continue to deepen collaboration with Health Action.
- Adopt the Human Development Index (HDI) as tracked by Department of Health Services as population-level indicators.
- Expand resources & continue to build community capacity for shared measurement.
- Expand technical assistance for service providing organizations and county departments.
• Continue expansion of the Upstream Investments outreach campaign.
• Promote active stewardship among Policy Committee by revisiting governance structure and purpose.
• Re-assess the roles and responsibilities of the Portfolio Review Committee.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): There is currently 1 vacancy in Board-appointed positions.

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:**

- Maintained a Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs process that is sustainable, defensible and reflects the changing environment of evidence informed practice.
- Approved 28 programs implemented by 24 local organizations for inclusion in the Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs.
- Informed the delivery of technical assistance to local organizations and county departments seeking to improve programming and demonstrate positive outcomes.
- Ensured the rigor, credibility and relevance of clearinghouses used for Tier 1 submissions to the Portfolio.
- Provided timely reviews and feedback for a consistently increasing number of Portfolio applications and renewals.
- Established a timeframe for Tier 2 renewal program evaluations and criteria for literature review sources.
- Added and trained two new Review Committee members.

**Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:**

- Define the need for organizations to demonstrate local outcomes.
- Reassess the roles and processes of the Portfolio Review Committee.
- Expand capacity building for service providing organizations.
- Recruit up to 5 new members to keep up with the demand for applications to the Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs.

**Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors:** None reported

**Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016):** There are currently 5 vacancies in Board-appointed positions.

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: None reported

Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year: None reported

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None reported

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

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

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

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:

- Job Link, the one-stop career center, provided a full range of assistance from resume writing and job search services to on-the-job opportunities to over 4,000 job seekers over the last year. In addition, funding was provided for 133 training opportunities to eligible customers.

- As part of the Northern California Career Pathway Alliance, the WIB continued collaboration efforts around sector strategies, including hosting manufacturing and healthcare roundtable events.

- Legislation prior to WIOA, required a Youth Council. The Youth Council has been dissolved and replaced by a Youth Committee, with a focus on engaging youth-friendly employers, convening youth service providers, and advocating on behalf of the youth workforce. The WIB now provides oversight of youth activities.

- 150 youth and young adults worked with 30 project host agencies to complete outdoor ecology work or individually assist local community agencies in Summer 2015. Participants increased their work-readiness skills, reported positive relationships with adults and peers, earned money to help support themselves and their families, and made plans for their future.

- The North Bay Employment Connection (NBEC), a six-county Workforce Investment Board collaborative comprised of Sonoma, Solano, Marin, Lake, Napa and Mendocino, applied for and was awarded SlingShot funding by the California Workforce Development Board to create innovative and fundamental changes to how industry engagement occurs in order to better design and implement workforce programs. This SlingShot Alliance will focus on engaging Business Champions and industry representatives though creation of a North Bay Business Sector Alliance and creation of “Industry Sector Partnerships” in each of the six sub-regions.
Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year:

Challenges

• Complying with the programmatic and administrative requirements of the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), including:
  o Shifting the focus of the Youth Education and Employment Services Program, which includes the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps, to serving older, out-of-school youth up to age 24, in order to meet the new 75% expenditure requirement under WIOA.
  o Transitioning Job Link services to a comprehensive one-stop center design where both job seekers and employers can access programs, services, and activities provided by all one-stop required partners.
  o Developing the 5 Year Workforce Investment Plan; and
  o Procuring the one-stop service provider.
• Decreasing funding for WIOA activities.
• Establishing a stronger social media presence.

Opportunities

• The new Youth Committee will become the resource for county-wide youth services and will work to define and advocate for youth-friendly employers.
• Building, and in some cases re-establishing, more effective relationships with our Job Link partners to create an even stronger, more comprehensive one stop system to support both local business and the workforce of Sonoma County.
• Job Link will continue to offer Customized Training to meet the needs of local business. The Customized Training program assists businesses in investing in their employees by determining local hiring needs, developing training programs that are responsive to those needs, and providing reimbursement for training costs to the employer.
• Broadening our job fairs to be more sector-focused to ensure there is an adequate workforce pipeline for business as well as future career opportunities for jobseekers.

Any additional comments for the Board of Supervisors: None

Current Vacancies (as of August 12, 2016): No vacancies reported.

http://www.sonomawib.org/