

ACTION SUMMARY

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SONOMA COUNTY
SPECIAL STUDY SESSION**

Child Support Services
Conference Room C
3725 Westwind Blvd., Ste. 200, Santa Rosa 95403

THURSDAY

JANUARY 12, 2012

9:00 A.M.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma met this date in adjourned session at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Supervisors: Brown, Rabbitt, McGuire
Absent: Supervisor Carrillo

Chairwoman Zane presiding

Present: Bruce Goldstein, County Counsel
Veronica A. Ferguson, County Administrator

9:06 Call to Order

9:16 Public Comment open
Ed Clites

9:17 Supervisor Carrillo joined the meeting

9:19 Public comment closed

Chairwoman Zane made opening remarks and provided an overview of the day.

Veronica A. Ferguson gave an overview of the Strategic Planning, and projects and goals summary documents.

Department Heads and Interim Department Heads presented 2-3 highest priority issues or projects for their department in the upcoming year to the Board.

Veronica A. Ferguson, County Administrator

1. Balanced Budget
2. Board policy implementation (Ad-hoc directions and strategic plan projects)
3. Focus on Results

Bruce Goldstein, County Counsel

1. Enhance County litigation management and reduce risks and control costs.
2. Provide expert legal resources and assist Board and clients and reach priority focus on leadership and succession planning issues

Jose Obregon, General Services

1. SCEIP and Community Choice Aggregation – partner with environmental initiatives
2. Comprehensive Facility Plan
3. Shared Services

Donna Dunk, Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector

1. Administer Redevelopment Agency Dissolution
2. Resolution of challenges to PACE Programs
3. Select and begin implementation of new financial management system

Janice Atkinson, Clerk-Recorder-Assessor

1. Closing Assessment Roll and Assessment Appeals backlog
2. Co-locate Clerk-Recorder-Assessor in single location for the most efficient use of staff and resources.
3. Conduct new top-two Primary Election under political jurisdiction boundaries.

Bob Ochs, Probation Department

1. Community Corrections Center and Criminal Justice Master Plan
2. Realignment
3. Sierra Youth Club and Supervise Adult Crews

Jill Ravitch, District Attorney

1. Increased Revenues
2. Case Management System.

John Abrahams, Public Defender

1. Effect of public safety realignment on workload
2. Succession planning
3. Maintaining an adequate, trained workforce in the face of continuing budget pressures

Steve Freitas, Sheriff's Office

1. Realignment
2. Maintain current levels of law enforcement services
3. Fully implement AB 109
4. Maintain current levels of support staff necessary to implement priorities 2 and 3.

Rita Scardaci, Health Services Department

1. Health Action initiatives
2. Health Care Reform
3. Health related ordinance and policy work

Jerry Dunn, Human Services Department

1. Public Safety/Human Services Realignment
2. Upstream Investments implementation
3. Economic Development Program implementation

Julie Paik, Child Support Services

1. State and Federal Performance Measures
2. State Performance Measure: Total distributed collections

Pete Parkinson, Permit and Resource Management

1. New development code overhaul
2. County-wide Climate Action Plan – inter jurisdictional effort

Kathleen Kane, Community Development Commission

1. Monte Rio Wastewater Solutions
2. Roseland Plaza Redevelopment
3. Highway 12 Improvements - January 2012 -December 2013
4. Agency-wide reorganization effort

Mark Aston, Fire and Emergency Services

1. Provide emergency management planning and response to ensure preparedness of all county residents for disasters
2. Protect public, private and Open Space lands with emphasis on reducing the risk of wild land fire and contamination
3. Invest in infrastructure: facilities, apparatus and equipment to adequately provide fire protection services to rural communities.

Susan Claussen, Transportation and Public Works

1. Solid Waste Options
2. Roads Funding
3. Airport Master Plan

Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency

1. Dry Creek – Implementation of biological opinion
2. Stormwater/Groundwater – Studies and analysis
3. Energy – Invest in environment and community

Ben Stone, Economic Development Board

1. Staffing
2. Job Plans implementation
3. Innovation Council Task Force
4. Broadband Study and Program

Caryl Hart, Regional Parks

1. Ecotourism and Parks partnership initiative

Bill Keene, Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

1. Fiscal sustainability
2. Resource management, habitat restoration, and public access projects
3. Free lands strategy
4. 2012 Matching Grant Program

Stephanie Larson, University California Cooperative Extension

1. Sustaining agriculture while protecting natural resources
3. Engaging youth in the community

Tawny Tesconi, Fairgrounds

1. Develop Fair Foundation
2. Repurpose Aston Avenue property
3. Continue support of energy efficiency and water quality efforts

The Board invited new Department Heads Wendy Macy, Director of Human Resources; John Hartwig, Director of Information Systems Department; and Tony Linegar, Agricultural Commissioner, to make a presentation focused on their department vision and key issues and projects.

Wendy Macy, Human Resources

1. Pension Reform initiatives – implement strategy
2. Succession Planning and leadership development
3. Reduce Risk costs

John Hartwig, Information Systems

1. Financial Management Information System
2. Electronic Document Management System
3. Expand web presence and branding/transparency

Tony Linegar, Agricultural Commissioner

1. Frost Protection Ordinance – facilitate compliance
2. European Grapevine Moth Eradication
3. Consumer Protection Program (Weights and Measures)

12:03 Board recessed

12:52 Board reconvened

Ms. Ferguson led Board members in a discussion concerning Board Rules and Procedures. Board members were given the opportunity to make comments and recommend changes to the document.

The Board identified the following goals, policies and projects for the 2012 Work Plan:

1. Definitive Road Plan
2. Pensions - financial stability and long term revenue stability
3. State Involvement/Plan of obtaining information on regular basis
4. Integration of Health and Human Services/Create Healthiest County in 2020
5. Financial Reports
6. County Family Development
7. Agriculture and Natural Resources/Land Management and Stewardship

The Board requested that staff return to the Board in a month to report on the Board Rules and Procedures and 2012 Board Work Plan.

2:45 Public Comment on Issues on the Agenda - None

3:03 The Board adjourned the meeting to January 24, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.