

ACTION SUMMARY

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL STUDY SESSION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014**
Ray Miller Community Center
Cotati Room
216 East School Street
Cotati, CA 94931

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma met this date in adjourned session with the following members present: Susan Gorin, David Rabbitt, Shirlee Zane, Mike McGuire, Efren Carrillo

Chairman David Rabbitt presiding

Present: Veronica A. Ferguson, County Administrator
Sheryl Bratton, Assistant County Counsel

- I. Call to Order
2:09 P.M. Chairman Rabbitt called the meeting to order.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public comment on matters not listed on the agenda
2:10 P.M. Public comment opened
2:10 P.M. Public comment closed
- IV. Board Study Session

Chairman Rabbitt made opening remarks and provided an overview of the agenda.

Board Effectiveness

Verne Ball, Deputy County Counsel, made a presentation on quasi-judicial (land use) hearing due process procedures and Proposed Rule 22 – Quasi-adjudicatory hearings for inclusion in the Board Rules of Procedures. The Board engaged in a dialog regarding pre-hearing disclosures prior to the opening of public hearings. The Board will continue further discussion of proposed Rule 22 when the Board considers at a future meeting.

The County Administrator's Office will work with the Office of County Counsel to formulate a format that documents Board disclosures on file with the Clerk in advance of scheduled public hearings.

County Administrator Ferguson summarized the January 21, 2014 Board workshop discussion on 2013 Board meeting streamlining successes and management of public

comment. After some discussion on adjournments, the Board agreed to read into the record a couple of sentences about the person in whose memory the meeting is being adjourned.

2:50 P.M. Supervisor Carrillo left the meeting

2:57 P.M. Supervisor Carrillo rejoined the meeting

Jennifer Murray, Deputy County Administrator, reviewed suggestions made by the Board at the January 21, 2014 Board workshop on managing emotionally charged public comment. She stated that staff will follow up on the following items:

- Prepare for distribution at upcoming Board Meetings a sheet that lists Board actions taken and time lines associated with the matter of interest during public comment.
- Invite non-profit community and faith based leaders to meet with Marquez Equalibria, DOJ Conciliation Specialist to discuss their potential assistance in helping to reduce emotionally charged public comment sessions.

County Administrator Ferguson discussed Department and Agency liaison roles and responsibilities. She explained that Resolution 56467 adopted January 25, 1977 which designates certain functional categories of County departments for the purpose of establishing assignments for members of the Board, specifies that two members of the Board shall be assigned to each functional group. The next Resolution adopted by the Board (Resolution No. 62907) on January 23, 1979, establishing assignments for Board members to functional groups, assigned one member to each group. County Administrator Ferguson clarified that historically the Board has always appointed one member to each functional group, not two. Staff will add language to the Board Rules of Procedures that will supersede Resolution 56467 and reflect that one Board member shall be assigned to each functional group.

County Administrator Ferguson led the Board in a discussion regarding how Board members work together as leaders in the organization, and foster collaboration and unification among the Board.

The Board engaged in a dialog regarding inter District protocols. Board members reaffirmed their agreement to Board courtesies and communication when a Board member is invited to speak at an event that is in the District of another member.

County Administrator Ferguson discussed department head performance reviews and administrative actions.

Speaker from the audience:

Jason Klumb

Establishment of Board Priorities for 2014

The Board participated in a facilitated discussion on the following priorities for 2014:

Safe Healthy & Caring Community

Affordable Care Act Enrollment
Health and Human Services to Implement Affordable Care Act (Adult Aging Services, Homeless Plan/Services)
Tobacco Retail Ordinance
Affordable Housing
Immigrant Related Issues – (AB 60, build partnership with the DMV)
Strengthen Safety Net
Sonoma Development Center
2020 Health Goals

Economic & Environmental Stewardship

Roads Funding Plan (long term plan, tax initiative, Highway 37, bike lane plans)
Drought (agriculture, health, water supply/contractors, immediate and long term needs)
Energy and Water Sustainability
Airport Master Plan PDA
Arts Plan and Funding
Business Retention and Expansion
Runway Safety Project
Landfill
Regional Parks Deferred Maintenance Plan
Agricultural Community Support Farmers
Permitting (drilling and permitting wells, events centers, noise ordinance)
Living Wage, Jobs, Displacement
Code Enforcement Backlog prioritization

Invest in the Future

Build General Fund Reserves (GASB, legislative clean up, pension liability, Economic Development)
Comprehensive County Facilities Plan (develop long term facilities plan, land use, Sutter/Chanate campus)
PRMD Online Permitting and Customer Service
New Revenues
Pension Reform
Strengthening Neighborhoods
Countywide Online Bill Pay System

Civic Services & Engagement

Southwest Santa Rosa Annexation
Community Resiliency
Fire Service Delivery
Youth Services and Engagement
Animal Care and Control

Staff will capture some level of ongoing work and identify the items brought forth by the Board under each category for the Board's consideration at a future meeting.

Speakers from the audience:

Michael Weinberg

Myrna Speigler

Discussion of Ad Hoc Committees for 2014

The Board discussed creating two new Ad Hoc Committees with focus on Facilities and Fire Services as well as which 2013 Committees should be disbanded and which should remain. The Board will formalize 2014 Ad Hoc Committees at a future Board meeting.

V. Adjourn

5:07 P.M. The Board adjourned the meeting to February 25, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Arellano

Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board