

The Springs Municipal Advisory Council represents the people of the Springs in Sonoma Valley as the voice of the community to elected representatives. SMAC is committed to engage with all community members in meaningful and inclusive ways to promote the health and wellbeing of the Springs.

**Springs Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting
July 27, 2021**

1. Call to Order 6:31

Roll Call: Vice Chair Willett

Present: Iturri, Goldman, Lombard, Reyes, Brown, Perot, Alcaraz

Absent: None

Question & Answer & Chat turned off. Public Comment will be available. Meeting will close if hacked.

Chair Iturri announced availability of dual language English/Spanish interpretation.

Present: Jordi Vidales Interpreter

Per Agenda: Interpreting available

In zoom: to listen to the meeting in your preferred language go to the bottom right of your screen and click on the Interpretation logo. Select English or Spanish. You will automatically hear the language selected.

Karina announced KSVY/Sonoma TV will be broadcasting in Spanish on you tube.

2. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2021

Councilmember Goldman moved to approve Minutes. Councilmember Willett Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Chair Iturri called for Public Comment limited to 2 minutes

(Limited to items not appearing on the agenda)

Public comment during the virtual meeting:

Members of the public will be recognized at the appropriate time for public comment. Those connected via Zoom must use the Raise Hand tool or dial *9 if called in. When indicated, members of the public will be allowed to speak, asked to unmute and make their comment. Depending on the number of commenters, the Chair may decide to set a time limit.

Karina welcomed callers

Nick Koerner, Sonoma Skate Park held a successful community volunteer clean-up day July 10th which marked beginning of stewardship of Skate Park. Bi-weekly to monthly clean ups scheduled. Welcomes input on community concerns. Design moving forward. Events in planning stages w/ Sonoma Originals. Contact:

vomparkriders@gmail.com

Fred Allebach, welcomed new MAC members. Comment re Paul's Field Complex

project. Affordable housing component much needed. Hopes MAC will support; Sup Gorin in support. High density infill projects good for conserving water. Near community resources, will contribute to tax revenue in Springs. If there is eventually a City of Sonoma Valley the increased tax base in Springs will be a plus. Noted there is high inflation in the Valley, only 2 minutes for Public Comment perhaps a sign of that. Prefers 3 minutes.

Public Comment closed

4. Community Event Announcements

Councilmember Reyes, SVHealth Center vaccine clinics, Wed, Thurs. & Sat. See website, more info in English & Spanish. <https://svchc.org/> Working on health resources & school supplies for Back to School. Details soon.

Erica Warren, with Sonoma Ecology Center, starting new creek stewardship program. Supported by Susan Gorin, not just pilot programs for creek clean up under identified priority bridges- also supporting/partnering w/ community to reduce urban impact on watershed. Community outreach. creek@sonomaecologycenter.org. Erika@sonomaecologycenter.org. Welcomes comments & participation. Three successful events held.

Karina, Charla Comunitaria - El 12 de agosto, únase a nosotros para la Charla Comunitaria en español del Primer Distrito. Los temas de discusión de este mes incluyen una actualización del Superintendente del distrito escolar Adrian Palazuelos sobre qué esperar cuando las escuelas vuelvan a abrir, preparación ante emergencias con una presentación de LISTOS, información sobre la tarjeta Pandemic EBT, una actualización de COVID-19 y más. ¡Corra la voz y esperamos verle allí!

Charla Comunitaria - On August 12th, join us for the First District's monthly Spanish-language community conversation, Charla Comunitaria. Topics for discussion this month include an update from SVUSD Superintendent Adrian Palazuelos on what to expect when schools reopen, emergency preparedness with LISTOS, information on the pandemic EBT, a COVID-19 update, and more. Spread the word, and we hope to see you there!

5. Chair Iturri update: Welcome to new MAC members

a. Joanne Brown-SVCAC liaison

Clear to her the Springs has the most exciting & vital potential in Sonoma Valley, where she has been a resident for 7 years. Community actively growing, building, creating thoughtful priorities for future. Excited about opportunity to be involved in discussion. Is a lawyer & retired Judge, w/ 3 degrees from CAL. Familiar w/ prisons, jails, child welfare, but heart involved in community activities to provide platforms for citizens to be heard & respected. On KSVY Board, Charter School Board. Looks forward to contributing to the envisioning of the Springs.

b. Hannah Perot-At Large

Grew up in Sonoma, CAL grad, returned to Springs 2009. Interested in Springs MAC since

2017. Concerned about recent pedestrian mortalities, safe streets, safety in community, infrastructure & housing. Focused on making community more walkable & bikable.

c. Jesus Alcaraz-Alternate-At Large

Interested in local community welfare. 10 year resident of Springs, originally from Mexico, CAL grad. Goal to make changes through political action, help community plan for a better future.

Councilmember Goldman welcomed new MAC members.

Chair Iturri acknowledged Bob Taylor at KSVY for broadcasting Springs MAC in English & Spanish.

- Annual Report update: Nearing completion. Waiting for final Ad Hoc reports

Public Comment via email from: James Scriven <mjnvrs@att.net>

Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 6:04 PM

To: Karina Garcia <Karina.Garcia@sonoma-county.org>

Subject: MAC meeting July 27 comments and ?

Hi Karina, Are emails that I and others write to you shared with the Mac members and Susan Gorin?

I was on the zoom Tuesday night Mac meeting but my zoom malfunctioned halfway through with stop motion. However the audio was complete until Gary's presentation and then the audio and video became more spotted. I did try to make a comment but couldn't always use the hold up your hand button so maybe people didn't hear the comment and I didn't hear any response or?

I understand the video and audio of the meeting would be recorded. I'd like to re-listen to the portion that Gary gave and also connect with slides for that presentation. Will this recording of the 27th be available soon? I looked on the mac site for availability of past meetings and nothing has shown up. The last recording was from a year ago. Based on Gary's session time is of the essence because by August of next year the permit process should be in place and complete.

I should've made a comment after the presentation of the three new members of the board. It's wonderful to have young interested people representing the Springs community. I am happy that they have energy but realize they are young and may not understand the concerns of the range of ages and ownership commitments of residents. It's a great opportunity for them but like most youth they may have many adventures before they settle somewhere. Their energy is infectious!

1. How do committee members get to understand their community and people's vision, values and principles and policy directions arising from those values?. What is their process? Could they talk specifically about how they're going to make connections with the neighbors and with the community. Are they going door-to-door: are they holding meetings in their neighborhood; are they part of a neighborhood watch program? How do people contact them? Those are the kind of things I'd like to hear more specifically. I'm interested in their vision and the values, principles and policy directions

that follow from their values and principles. Do they find them in our community? Are they representing community members beliefs and ideas or their own?. Does the Mac get reduced price mailing and use mailers to residents of the Springs to alert and inform them, announce meetings and elicit responses from them or ask them to meet, etc?

2. What is the procedure for sending community persons input to the vacation home rental permit process? Can Gary be contacted directly to receive input or to view slides or hear the recording of his portion of the Mac meeting? By what method can Springs residents dialogue with Gary, Sonoma county authorities and the Mac to develop the vacation rental permit?

3. Can members of the public contact Robert Earl (sp) from Sonoma State who is developing the policy and standards for a permit for vacation rentals. What was his background and expertise in developing these policies and standards?

4. What definitions of a neighborhood and neighbors do the developers of a vacation rental permit use?

Thanks,
Jim Scriven

6. County Update: Supervisor Susan Gorin (Unable to attend. At BoS meeting)

7. LGBTQ Connection

- a. **Isamar Alamilla, Youth Engagement Coordinator Sonoma Valley**, on staff for 2+ years, working in schools, programs interrupted by Covid. Appreciates support from Springs MAC
- b. **Fernando, Community Engagement Coordinator for LGBTQ Connection** in Napa & Sonoma County for 2+ years. Born/raised in Napa. Has trained over 2 thousand people.

Presented vocabulary, definitions and language explanations, which can evolve & change.

Sex, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Expression (SSOGIE) Everyone has these components

Sex: assigned at birth, based on biological characteristics e.g. sex chromosomes, hormones, genitalia. **Male. Female. Intersex** (ambiguous development of specified sex status). Hormone levels and/or chromosomes different e.g. XXX, XXY. Intersex term to capture variations. More common than recognized.

Sexual Orientation: feelings of attraction related to gender. Gay, Straight, Lesbian, Pansexual (attracted to spectrum of genders), Asexual (no feelings of attraction whatsoever), Bisexual (can mean combo), Queer. Term *Queer* has historical trauma, recommend caution, best to not use. Has been taken back to mean simply *not straight*.

Recommended that people inquire of someone's sexual orientation by asking "what does that term mean to you?" as a way to help clarify & express openness.

Gender Identity: expressions of their gender at an early age that can be difficult e.g. preferred choice of clothing, accessories, etc. “The way someone knows themselves.” Transgender, e.g. someone assigned male at birth but transitioning away from that. Cisgender, directly lined up w/ gender identity. Male, Female, Non Binary (neither male nor female, or both, or in between), Gender Queer, Gender Non-conforming (can be added to a basic term), Two Spirit (term specific to Indigenous, e.g. Mexican Oaxacan assigned at birth, caretakers/house workers, celebrated), Agender (someone who does not subscribe to any gender).

In response to email question: Transgender & Cisgender usually followed by terms/adjectives “man, woman, person or student”. E. g. Cisgender male, identified at birth, still identify as male.

Expression: the way someone shows their gender outwardly. E.g. masculine or feminine (e.g. Shakira) celebrities. Androgynous (e.g. David Bowie) Drag (performative/entertain)

Fernando noted that just because someone is assigned a sex at birth or identifies w/ specific sexual orientation, all the sections do not intermingle. Gender identity does not make someone’s sexual orientation or how they express themselves. Someone could be transgender but still dress another way. Cannot know someone’s sexual identity or orientation by how they express themselves outwardly.

Isamar presented explanation of Pronouns, an evolving topic, important to young people. Traditional education taught use of pronouns as quick, convenient way to simplify language. But now someone can have their own status pronouns.

He/Him/His – those who identify as masculine/male.

She/her/hers – female/feminine side of spectrum

They/them/theirs – often non binary, gender non-conforming, or Agender. Objection it is not singular, but is valid used as a singular pronoun.

In Spanish - ella/feminine; el/masculine, sometimes ellex, other alternatives.

Neo Pronouns: not standard. <https://intercultural.uncg.edu/wp-content/uploads/Neopronouns-Explained-UNCG-Intercultural-Engagement.pdf>

As people recognize their identities younger and sooner many are coming out as non-binary. Celebrities advocating use of pronouns, e.g. they/them. Due to topic being complex and unfamiliar to many, recommended practicing using them. Good to understand the pronouns. Important to use correct ones, to support young, vulnerable people. Shows that you are an ally to LGBTQ. Suggested websites to help w/ practice for use. Offered his help to practice.

Fernando & Isamar re current youth issues: coming out not a one-time thing. LGBTQ first come out to themselves. Could also be other status e.g. undocumented, mental health status, HIV status. Family’s response important, recommend to go slowly, as negative response can affect youth for life.

Family Acceptance Project slides. Ways families can harm e.g. blocking access to events,

friends, family. Ways families can help: connections. Accepting ways that show love. Standing up for youth. <https://familyproject.sfsu.edu> [Welcome to the Family Acceptance Project, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer-identified (LGBTQ) children and youth, including suicide, homelessness] Have on-site counselors available for free, all ages, paperless. Info available in Spanish.

Schools not generally safe for LGBTQ students. Important to report incidents of bullying. Hesitancy due to lack of support, fear of retaliation. Important to be educated about Laws, Rights & protections; need to be posted and taught.

Sometimes LGBTQ have additional body image struggles & psychological issues. May try risky procedures & unsafe practices that can cause harm. Important to direct supportive resources for counseling and support.

LGBTQ can experience increased substance abuse issues. Depression, anxiety, isolation due to society's stigmas or family rejection. Look for ways to self-medicate. Gay bars, alcohol abuse, drugs.

Counseling free and available to all.

<https://intercultural.uncg.edu/wp-content/uploads/Neopronouns-Explained-UNCG-Intercultural-Engagement.pdf>

Chair Iturri called for Council Comments.

Councilmember Willett, expressed gratitude for report & information.

Councilmember Lombard, acknowledged evolution of this subject. Glad people are coming out sooner, hopes acceptance grows.

Chair Iturri, acknowledged suggested statement of "What does it mean to you?" Will be helpful to her. And, how to have a greater presence in Valley w/ schools closed? Isamar, will continue w/ services, monthly meetings. Fernando, training at Boys & Girls Club staff, August 10th.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment

Karina welcomed callers.

Mario Castillo, welcomed new Council members. Interested in details of how they were appointed. Re presentation - glad it's happening. Information may be new to some. In the isolated Valley need more education for Latinex, specifically in the culture of macho men working in vineyards, where abuse, stigma & discrimination happens. Offered his support.

Fernando, reply to Mario: there is a Spanish 4 hour training could bring to Valley for free if needed. fernando@lgbtqconnection. Or isomar@lgbtqconnection.

<https://www.lgbtqconnection.org/vision-mission>

Chair Iturri, they did a training at El Verano for parents. Suggested presenting this topic at Charla. Karina will have on future agenda.

Councilmember Goldman, proud of Valley's annual event in vineyards that gets public awareness & understanding. Hopes for more public activities/events, to diminish fear.

8. Permit Sonoma: (at 1:12:54 on you tube video)

- a. **Lisa Hulette: “Sonoma County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.”** (Unable to attend due to family emergency) For information re her presentation contact Karina or Lisa at lisa.hulette@sonoma-county.org.

Gary Helfrich: Vacation Rental Ordinance Presentation & Update/public outreach timeline

Lead Planner. Invited feedback from community. County recognizes need to tailor policies for specific community areas.



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Spanish version - Vacation Rentals Workshop for Springs MAC

Background:

- Defined as 30 days or less of transient rental of home or room in home
- Approx. 1900 Permits in county. Additional 483 unpermitted.
- Additional 581 rentals in Coastal zone which are seen as Public Access component; can't be regulated. 581 rentals that pay TOT but do not operate under permits.
- Program in coordination w/ Sonoma County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector (ACTTC). Two parts: Regulatory & Tax (one staff per each)

Existing Policies:

- Zoning/use permit. Regulated by land use. Only county that uses zoning permits. No such thing as business license in unincorporated Sonoma County for any business. So this common tool to regulate is not available.
- Enforcement by Performance Standards
- Unregulated in Coastal Zone
- Exclusion Overlay Zones(X ZONES) mostly in norther part of Valley, First District. Tendency to push concentration of VRs into other neighborhoods that don't have X Zone. E.g. in Springs

MAP slide shows concentrations & proximity to fire perimeters. Hot spots are Valley & higher concentration in Guerneville. Most areas around El Verano are X Zones.

VR's currently prohibited in burn areas, an extensive area. Sonoma Complex, Kincaid fires

- Urgency Ord 12/2020 preventing VRs in burn areas. County working for solution before moratoriums expire. Initially for Districts 1 and 5. Limits VRs in Theodor Lane area to 11 permits. Limits rentals in Lower Russian River to 299. Expires Aug 6, 2022. Important to have limits & find solutions due to conflicts created in neighborhoods and impact on availability of housing. Directed by Board to examine.

Policy Discussion:

- Zoning permit vs business license. Board wants transition away from land use permits to issuing of business licenses.
- Improvement to performance standards (PS). Board wants separation of standards. PS defined as number of people in house; noise levels; property maintenance; having a property manager & 24/7 contact to prop mgr. Not in place now, causing county-wide problems, which mostly occur at night & weekends. No one in Code Enforcement to respond. Working w/ additional county tech providers modeled on successful Marin program. A phone # is available for enforcement, someone responds in 30 minutes to see if problem is resolved, use a database of violations to weed out people disrupting neighborhoods.
- Looking at problem w/ impact to housing stock. Contracted w/ SSU Dr. Robert Eyster to do fine-grained economic study to better develop & focus policies for specific areas.

Regulation: Limiting vacation rentals/concentration; Coastal Zone; Maintain existing Exclusion Overlay X Zones; Continue to limit in Fire Exclusionary Zones by moratorium

Next Steps:

BoS workshop held on 7/20/21. Directed to do community outreach/public workshops to all MACS. Return to BoS on 10/19/21 and possible future date w/ community input.

County needs feedback, wants effective community engagement. Representative can return as needed

Dates to consider:

- **Temporary caps by urgency ordinance expires 8/06/22**
- **Temporary 2017 & 2019 wildfire disaster recovery expires 12/31/21**

Contact: ghelfric@sonoma-county.org for comments

Chair Iturri called for Council Questions

Councilmember Perot, requested accurate data of # of VRs in Springs area; has heard numbers are high for City of Sonoma, media reported as 50% of homes. Concerned about impact on available housing stock. Re noise problems - is there a county Noise Ordinance? Need these standards to maintain. Re whether it is ok to have Air B&B in Springs if it's a hosted rental? Gary H, re Hosted Rentals, i.e. renting one room out in a house are permitted everywhere in county. County receives almost zero complaints. Different permit & program, successful. A guest in your house is easy to maintain/control.

Re Noise - no ordinance. Use General Plan Noise Standard. Applies to any Discretionary Permit. Also applies to Performance Standards, for either business license or current zoning permit system. Standards are strict. 45 decibels at night - quieter than a car driving by. There is a problem w/ that enforcement.

Re number of vacation rentals. Data changes day to day. Some permits are abandoned, new ones issued. Approx. 1900. Analyzed with Urgency Ord neighborhood by neighborhood, found county-wide hi concentration 10-14% of homes as short term rentals. Except for Theodor Lane at 43%, which is extreme, worse than anywhere else in county. Nowhere is 50%.

Even in Sea Ranch, everything second homes, data difficult w/o permit history, using TOT records.

Chair Iturri, for future presentation get data numbers for VRs in Springs? Gary, have the data, can provide.

Councilmember Willett, how will business license model work better than existing system to eliminate problems like Theodor Lane? 10-14% of housing stock in short term rentals. Unsustainable in housing crisis. Bad choice how to do business, allowing residential units to become hotel rooms. Send tourists to the hotels, don't want them in the neighborhoods. Theodor Lane numbers are criminal. Not enough to just limit to 11.

Gary, clarified percentages are max in hi concentration areas. County wide numbers down to 1 or 2%. Over 10% is unusual, not linear, peaks & valleys. Business license has one big advantage - enforcement tools more flexible & immediate. Revocation easy to do. Zoning permits are ponderous, have to go Board of Zoning Adjustment, or BoS, invest dozens of staff hours on process. Admin procedures same as revoking a permit for a winery. Can't do fines w/ Zoning permits. Can fine w/ business license. Every other jurisdiction except Sonoma County uses business license.

Re housing concerns, reason they hired SSU Dr. Eyer to do study. Need data to enact regulations & inform future policies. Need to recognize Right to Due Process. Difficult to retroactively revoke zoning permits in a certain area.

Councilmember Willett, how will the pluses/good aspects of zoning requirements still be incorporated into a business license? Gary, those will be parameters in Ordinance, won't be automatic. E.g. could be "X number of licenses in an area" like a taxi. Or – "What is carrying capacity for VRs in a certain neighborhood based on character?" Councilmember Willett, would that push them into commercial use? Gary, then it's a Bed & Breakfast, which is regulated.

Councilmember Goldman, works in Real Estate, perhaps different perspective on VRs, a clearer view, much misinformation out there. Vacation Rental permits virtually outlawed in Springs. No new permits for several years. Theodore Lane example – his understanding is that it was a mistake. When boundaries were drawn, Theodor Lane was left off exclusion list so people knew & pushed for permits. Re City of Sonoma - they outlawed VRs. Questioned report of 50% number; are a couple of older exceptions, but very few. Important to have correct definitions. Re enforcement, to his knowledge only been one VR permit ever taken away. This resulted from poor enforcement, terrible property management at beginning of VRs. Those bad actors resulted in Springs being excluded. Need County to clarify. How much money is generated by VRs w/ TOT?

Gary, inaccurate number now due to Covid. Difficult to parse out similar uses like B&B in data dump from tax assessors. Back couple years – approx. \$8-10 million county-wide. Is true X Zone covers most of Springs area. Theodore Lane a zoning mistake, zoned Rural Residential so didn't meet criteria. Everything around is zoned Low Density Residential. Unaware why zoning differs.

Councilmember Lombard, please clarify - is Springs mostly covered by X Zone? Gary, not true entire Springs area is covered but most is. Councilmember Lombard, if number of VR's can be expressed as a percentage; could he provide info how many houses/residences in Springs?

Springs is a low income area, City of Sonoma is not. Need houses in VRs for affordable housing. Observed that in 2008/09 many houses sold to second homes & VRs, damaged community.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment 2 minute limit

Karina welcomed callers

Gina Cuclis, Springs/Valley resident for 34 years. Offered background info. Confusion between City & Springs. Was on City's Planning Commission & worked on first Vacation Ord process. City leaders foresaw problems of VRs w/ impact on housing stock, county didn't. Systemic problem when there is no control for unincorporated areas, county slow to address problems. Then attended BoS meetings for VR problem. 100s of houses were already converted. Exclusion Zone was introduced, to compromise, but housing stock lost. Shut down the illegal VRs, don't give permit. Enforcement is the problem. Suggested an annual licensing fee to pay for enforcement.

Fred Allebach, his family in North America since 1685. County & city pushing tourism, creates high demand & value for VR spaces. County & City are creating problem through their marketing efforts. BoS favors landlords over tenants. Rent Controls not passed. Suggested BoS consider Ellis Act Reform close loopholes, create more tenants' rights to reduce # of VRs. County needs to tighten the rules. Allow more hotels to defeat NIMBYs that delay new hotel construction using CEQA, etc. Need more socialism.

Jim, is the August 8, 2022 date for completion valid? Will there be help from corporate interests in developing permit process?

Nick Koerner, re potential permitting process to taxi medallions. Mentioned difficulties for local taxi companies when Uber & Lyft came on scene. How to effectively deal w/ Air B&B.

Public Comment Closed.

Gary, re taxi medallion analogy. Air B&B subject to regulations anyway; different regulatory situation. More similar to a city's liquor license, that has a fixed number. Every VR must be permitted.

Re 2022 completion deadline date. BoS has provided resources, hope for completion before 2022, will roll out sequentially in parts. Most important to switch to new, easier to enforce permitting program.

Re enforcement fee - there is a \$224 annual permit renewal fee aka Monitoring Fee, will be used to support enforcement program.

Chair Iturri called for Council Comments.

For Gary to provide:

Councilmember Goldman, % of homes/properties still eligible for VRs.

Councilmember Perot, data for specific area, total # of homes, total permits.

Councilmember Willett & Lombard, how to transition into new system.

Chair Iturri called for a Break 8:28 till 8:40

9. **Sonoma County Water Agency (At 2:08:00 on you tube video) Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (SVCSD)-Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)**



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Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update



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LHMP UPDATE

a. Barry Dugan & Parastou Hooshalsadat (Engineering/Planning): Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (SVCSD)-Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)

Andrea Rodriguez, Mollie Asay

UPDATE/Acutalizacion

SVCSD serves over 11,000 parcels in Sonoma Valley. Three primary elements for collection system. Presentation to discuss elimination of damage to facilities because of natural hazards, as part of application to FEMA grants for projects.

LHMP Purpose & Content: first plan 2008, updated 2012. Describes facilities; assess potential hazards & infrastructure vulnerabilities; provides mitigation goals & discuss implementation strategies, the main focus of the Plan; to qualify for FEMA grant funding must update every 5 years. Several projects in Sonoma Valley implemented in 2016 Plan e.g. replacements near Maxwell Park. Due to update plan to qualify for FEMA funding this year.

Hazards Identification: Natural hazards in Sonoma Valley - geologic & seismic hazard, flood, fire, landslides. Tornados lower risk here. Seismic has been most critical hazard in this region, recently wildfire hazards due to climate changes.

Goals: 1. increase organizational efficiencies & effectiveness when responding to natural disasters 2. Increase reliability of the treatment system capabilities 3. Increase reliability of the wastewater collection system capabilities 4. Increase reliability of the recyclable water system capabilities/reclamation ponds.

Actions: prioritize actions based on – significance of impact e.g. main line breakage; likelihood of failure e.g. near creeks; cost to implement a project e.g. anchorage at a treatment plant.

Two Tiers identified for projects

Tier one – provide highest cost benefit to overall reliability. Priority A – actions w/ potential to be initiated or completed in 5 year plan. Priority B – resources not available so unlikely to finish by 5 year plan.

Tier Two – desirable projects when Tier One goals are achieved. All remaining projects that the benefit cost assessments are below Tier One threshold.

Update: federally compliant RFP to hire outside consultant for more tech support. Received 3 proposals in Sept 2020. Selected [InfraTerra](http://www.infraterra.com) [*http://www.infraterra.com Consulting services for the earth and the built environment ... InfraTerra is an industry leader in the characterization of geologic and seismic hazards for water*] based on tech expertise & experience w/ LHMP. Identified hazards also include PPS during fire weather conditions. Also assessing hazards related to climate change i.e. sea level rise, inflow into filtration systems & treatment plant & reclamation facilities. Update hazards profile. Incorporate climate adaptation plan. Schedule. Public Outreach.

- **Goal to have whole document ready for public review/comment in Sept 2021.**

2016 LHMP had no public survey; adding one to 2021 update. Provide more opportunities for public awareness & community participation.

Barry Dugan, Community & Government Affairs Sonoma Water, Andrea Rodriguez leading Effort. E Newsletter w/ several thousand on list; survey info, good response; social media; annual Prop 218 newsletter goes along w/ annual rate adjustment; stakeholders; website – <https://www.sonomawater.org/svlhmp>. Email: LHMP@scwa.ca.gov

Chair Iturri called for Council Questions.

Councilmember Lombard, what is concern for rest of Valley sewage district for flooding/hazards since sewage treatment facilities for Sonoma Valley are in Schellville? Parastou, main facility takes sewage treatment from whole Valley. **Kent Gylfe, Dept. Chief Engineer w/ Sonoma Water**. Yes, main treatment plant in southern end of Valley & is well protected from 100 year flood events, but flooding can affect system hydraulics; concerned about sea level rise which could affect plant discharge, as well as peak flows from major storms. Re climate projections - entire system vulnerable to extreme storm events, & resulting overflows. Councilmember Lombard, how imperiled is entire system compared to other county treatment plants? E.g. plant on west side, Santa Rosa/Guerneville near Laguna. Parastou, Sonoma Valley treatment plant in better location compared to other plants re risk.

Councilmember Brown, is “Climate Adaptation Plan” a departmental internal document or was it prepared & used by county in general? **Kent**, yes, Climate Adaptation Plan is in development by Sonoma Water for all facilities, re water supply, flood control & standpoint of sanitation. Also working on it to be a public document. Councilmember Brown, will it come out this year? **Kent**, hope to roll out by this fall. **Barry**, scheduled to go to BoS in Sept.

Chair Iturri, to Kent. Inquired as to context/process. **Kent**, LHMP being prepared to qualify for federal-sourced funding via FEMA & Cal OAS, administered through State. Without a LHMP would be unaware of risks & hazards & ineligible for substantial funding. Plan develops long list of mitigation actions & vulnerabilities, only a fraction can be prioritized high enough to acquire enough resources to address. Have implemented numerous projects on water supply & sanitation fronts utilizing FEMA funds, to enhance natural system resilience to most hazards e.g. seismic, flood control & sanitation. Chair Iturri, clarified that funding enhances day to day operations, but focus is on preventing tremendous natural disaster impacts. Kent, yes, specifically w/ this document. Sonoma Water manages 3 Plans - Sonoma Valley Sanitation District, Russian River Sanitation District, plus overarching water supply Plan for Santa Rosa. **Councilmember Perot**, why is FEMA seeking public comment on a complex system that is challenging to understand? Is County getting good feedback from public about a HMP? **Barry**, past public comments been limited. FEMA wants to solicit public comment, re hazards to specific locations, e.g. active seismic area, mudslide, landslide that the county may not be aware of.

Councilmember Willett, looking at elevations on map, facility 13' above sea level, up to holding pond banks 24' above sea level. Is facility expected to last for another generation, considering climate change? **Kent**, Schellville Treatment Plant only part of facilities which operate as whole collection system. LMP covering all facilities up to Glen Ellen, piping, collection, sewage to plant, treatment plant. Recycled water system & discharge winter time discharge if not able to discharge for reuse. The plant had serious renovation 1978, unsure of design life, but hope for decades more. Are looking at climate projection & risks. No plans to replace facility in current long range plans.

Chair Iturri, since Valley shrinking in full time residents due to vacation rentals will need to take into consideration the impact of fluctuation in populations. Kent, yes.

Councilmember Lombard, considering recent weather events this summer - heat domes in northwest, rain in summer, so called 100 year floods, etc. there are more climate change concerns.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment (at 2:37:30 on you tube)

Karina welcomed callers

Fred Allebach, re slide for "increase recycle system capacity" – understands existing ponds have max capacity of 17,000 acre feet if it rained all year. So increasing recycled water system capacity would not mean another pond. Would it mean bigger pipes? Parastou, slide referenced "reliability" not capacity. Plan is looking at existing assets. Kent, appreciated Fred's attention to detail w/ figures. Fred, just met w/ Sonoma Water re recycled water system for GSA. Correction, slide referenced "reliability" not capacity. Kent, yes, working to build resilience into overall infrastructure.

Public Comment closed.

Chair Iturri called for Council Comments. None.

10. Ad hoc Updates (2:41:03 on video)

i. **Map Your Neighborhood MYN Dana Bravo**

Priorities: Block leaders to hopefully calendar in-person meeting/s. In person outreach happening, successful Neighborfest event. Contact list developing. Training session pending, all welcome.

1. Fire Safe or Wise Council, Ray Willett

We found out from Gary Johnson that we're over 7k residences so we're not going to be eligible for Fire Wise community certification so we're going to go for a Fire Safe Council. We need to form a Board and find fiscal sponsors.

2. Arts Projects, Community Outreach, Avram Goldman

No new report or meeting.

Councilmember Lombard, re painting utility boxes in Springs. Why is PGE opposed? Chair Iturri, a process is required for permission, still in discussion/investigating. Dana, one was painted, looks cool. Councilmember Goldman, but there was a big upset over it. Karina, did initial investigation. PGE concerned about safety. CalTrans more flexible, have rules, complicated, TPW involved, county office involved, but could be years. Situation changed five years ago that complicated process. The painted one was not done to code.

3. Community Outreach-creation of Ad Hoc

Chair Iturri called for volunteers for new Ad Hoc to encourage MAC participation. Hannah submitted meeting summary to Facebook Springs' page. Would Hannah and Jesus be on Ad Hoc? Hannah & Jesus, yes.

Is Councilmember Brown as member of SVCAC also the Liaison for Springs MAC? Karina, yes. Chair Iturri, will place agenda item for update from SVCAC.

Chair Iturri called for a motion. **Councilmember Lombard** made a motion to create Community Outreach Ad Hoc. **Councilmember Willett** seconded. Vote. All in favor. Approved.

11. Consideration of Future Agenda Items

Chair Iturri: List: Steve Aker, quarterly updates. Mattson's quarterly updates. Adopt a Road program. Creek cleanups Initiative. PGE tree removal. General services Sonoma County Parking Enforcement.

Karina, clarified those items were all submitted requests to be discussed for interest.

Chair Iturri – selecting Steve Aker & Mattson projects. Inquired re Adopt a Road – no. Creek Clean Up - yes. Parking Enforcement – no.

Councilmember Goldman, suggested Fire Hardening AB38. Needs coverage. Springs has issue w/ dangerous under/overgrowth. Chair Iturri, will discuss/consider.

Councilmember Perot, the Pedestrian Plan by CalTrans. Hwy 12 classified for problem areas w/ Tier designation. Spoke w/ someone re a presentation. Date pending. Invite someone from

Streets Dept. Councilmember Goldman, was in Oakland, Telegraph Ave improved for bike & pedestrian safety. Use as model.

Councilmember Perot, tagging & graffiti & removal. New Boyes Bridge tagged already, fixed.

Councilmember Lombard, pedestrian plan relates to bus transportation/service. Improve Valley service, not effective. Reduce car use. Concerned about bicyclists/pedestrians in high heat.

Councilmember Goldman, Springs Specific Plan Update, seven years in process. Expedite?

Councilmember Reyes, re water, conservation? VoM Water District notice re 15% reduction, 30 gallons per household. Drought kits? Help community w/ ways to conserve water. Water bills going up.

Meeting dedicated to memory of recently deceased Valley teacher, Patrick Kauffman.

12. Adjournment 9:32

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Note: Consideration of items will proceed as follows:

1. Presentation by proponent
 2. Questions by Commissioners
 3. Questions and comments from the public
 4. Response by proponent, if required
 5. Comments by Commissioners
 6. Resolution, if indicated
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