**Meeting Notes**

**Sonoma-Mendocino Economic Development District (SMEDD)**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Coppola Winery Meeting Room

300 Via Archimedes, Geyserville

September 12 | 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions: Board Chair Kuhry opened the meeting. *Board Members Present - Kuhry, Bartholow, Chanter, Nicholls, Petrillo, Herron. Staff attendees – Sharpe, Sandeen, Stone, Lerma, Fernandez-Pages, Dolan, Gurewitz.*
2. Approval of Agenda – *The Board approved the agenda.*
3. Public Comment regarding items not on the agenda – *There was no public comments on items not on the agenda.*
4. Background – Staff summary of history, prior actions and current status of the SMEDD operations. *Sharpe and Stone presented a summary of SMEDD history including the creating the CEDS, funding, priority projects and new contract with the EDFC of Mendocino Co. Gurewitz summarized her background and SMEDD liaison operations in Mendocino.*
5. Community Updates – Open discussion on economic issues and initiatives in both Mendocino and Sonoma Counties. *Board members and staff discussed current issues and initiatives including fire recovery, labor shortages, workforce housing, transportation, real estate activity, Santa Rosa housing bond, Potter Valley project, SMART rail extension, workforce training, forest management and fuel load reduction efforts.*
6. SMEDD Budget and Staffing: Review and consider approving SMEDD 2018 budget and staffing plan. *Board approved the FY 18-19 budget* – *Vote 6 ayes, 0 noes, 3 absent*
7. Mendocino Economic Development Financial Corporation (EDFC)- Mendocino County Update: *Gurewitz discussed the following Mendocino projects , Fire Disaster Recovery, and Funding, Workforce Housing and Broadband.*
8. Sonoma County Update: *Sharpe, Lerma, Sandeen, Stone discussed the following projects and initiatives: Strategic Sonoma, Dry Creek Fiber/Ag. Tech and Town of Windsor N. Arata Ln. grant project.*
9. Next SMEDD BOD meeting: *Sharpe and Gurewitz will coordinate a future meeting dates and frequency. The next “in person” SMEDD Board meeting is tentatively planned for February 2019.*
10. Adjournment: *The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.*