



AGENDA
Sonoma Mendocino Economic Development District
Board of Directors Meeting - Friday, July 19, 2024, at 1:00 pm PST

Remote Attendance Link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82922778261>

In Person Meeting Locations:
Mendocino College Coast Center (707) 961-2200
1211 Del Mar Drive, **Fort Bragg**, CA 95437
and
Mendocino County Executive Office (707) 463-4441
Conference Room A
501 Low Gap Road **Ukiah**, CA 95482
and
Sonoma County Economic Development Board (707) 565-7170
141 Stony Circle, Suite 110, **Santa Rosa**, CA 95401

CALL TO ORDER by Robin Bartholow, Chairperson

Item 1 Swearing In of New Board Appointment made to the SMEDD Board of Directors by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors at their Regular Meeting of June 25, 2024.

- Oath of Office - Anna Shaw

ROLL CALL by Harrison Tregenza

- Chairperson Robin Bartholow
- Vice Chairperson Paul Garza
- Board Member Lisa Badenfort
- Board Member Tim Karas
- Board Member Jeff Kelly
- Board Member Anna Shaw

Vacancies:

- Board Member Mendocino Appointment Vacant Seat
- Board Member Sonoma Appointment Vacant Seat
- Board Member At-Large Vacant Seat

AGENDA CHANGES AND DELETIONS - To Current Agenda Only

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT - Open time for Public Expression

Time reserved for members of the public to speak on matters not otherwise appearing on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. Unless otherwise requested by a Board Member, there will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and will be considered separately.

There will be one opportunity for public comment on all consent items. Comments are limited to 3 minutes each, and the Chairperson may limit this time if reasonable under the circumstances.

Item 2 Approval of Disbursements and Check Register as of June 30, 2024

Item 3 Financial Reporting: Receive and File Summary Reports

Item 4 Approve Meeting Minutes:

- [April 19, 2024](#)

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION - Action Items

Item 5 [Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair for Terms of Office from July 2024 through June 2025](#)

Item 6 [Receive an Update on California Jobs First: Redwood Region RISE; North Bay Working Group; EDF Working Group](#)

Item 7 [Receive Update on SMEDD Board Seats; Discuss and Consider Recruitment and Appointment of a SMEDD-Appointed At-Large Member and of Members Appointed by the Mendocino and Sonoma County Boards of Supervisors](#)

Item 8 [Consider and Authorize the SMEDD to Respond to a Request Regarding a Mendocino Community Health Clinic Grant Application to U.S. Economic Development Administration - Approve a Letter of Support for Mendocino Community Health Clinic Inc.'s \(MCHC's\) application for the Fiscal Year 2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Item 9 [Consider and Authorize the SMEDD to Respond to a Request Regarding a Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District Application to Transit and Intercity Rail Capital \(TIRCP\) - Approve a Letter of Support for Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit \(SMART\) and Sonoma County Transit Authority, California Transportation Agency \(CALSTA\) Transit and Intercity Rail Capital \(TIRCP\) funding proposal to extend SMART service to Healdsburg](#)

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT

UPDATES

- June 27-28, 2024 Sheba Person-Whitley, Regional Director, U.S. EDA, Regional Tour
- June 26, 2024 California Stewardship Network Meeting, Santa Rosa
- May 1, 2024 NorthBay NEXT - MSIV, Bill and Adele Jonas Center at College of Marin, Novato
- May 1, 2024 EDF Working Group Expert Session - Tribal Funding
- May 2-3, 2024 Biomass Utilization Symposium, UC Hopland Research & Extension Center
- May 13-15, 2024 Pacific Offshore Wind Summit, Sacramento

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- NCRP RFP for Project Technical Assistance
- Jobs First Catalyst Funds
- EDA PWEAA Assistance
- SBA Regional Innovation Clusters: <https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/regional-innovation-clusters>

Letters of Support Issued & Outcomes

Request From	Topic/Project	SMEDD Letter Issued to Requestor	Status of Grant Award
Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART)	Connecting Cloverdale to the Bay – Equitable Transportation Access & Resilience Project	2/26/2024	Under Review ▾

Regenerative Forest Solutions	Woody FeedStock Pilot Project (CalFire)	9/27/2023	Under Review ▾
Regenerative Forest Solutions	Woody FeedStock Pilot Project (Bay Area Council)	9/27/2023	Awarded ▾
Mendocino Forest Products	Biomass-to-Hydrogen Grant Application	9/15/2023	Awarded ▾
West Business Development Center	CalOSBA Blue Economy iHub	8/31/2023	Denied ▾
Regenerative Forest Solutions	Woody FeedStock Pilot Project USDA Forest Service	8/9/2023	Under Review ▾
Regenerative Forest Solutions	NCRP Woody FeedStock Pilot Project	8/9/2023	Awarded ▾
Sonoma County Meat Company	USDA Local Meat Capacity Grant	6/21/2023	Under Review ▾
Noyo Harbor	Noyo Harbor District Port Infrastructure Development	4/24/2023	Under Review ▾

UPCOMING EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST - *not necessarily SMEDD connected*

- Oct 22-24, 2024, [FIRA-USA Agricultural Robotics Show](#), Woodland, CA
- Nov 21, 2024, [Fall Economic Perspective](#), Sonoma State University, CA

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Time reserved for members of the Board to report on AdHoc Committee activities and to speak on matters not otherwise appearing on the agenda. No Actions.

ADJOURNMENT by Chairperson

For a copy of Board Packet materials, please visit smedd.org or email Abigail Scott (abigail@smedd.org).