



**AGENDA**  
**Sonoma Mendocino Economic Development District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting - Friday, March 21, 2025, at 1:00 pm PT**

**Remote Attendance Link:**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86187012250>

**In Person Meeting Locations:**  
Mendocino Coast Health Care District  
775 River 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 Collaborative (707) 565-7170  
141 Stony Circle, Suite 110, **Santa Rosa**, CA 95401

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**CALL TO ORDER** by Paul Garza, Chairperson

**ROLL CALL** by Norma Alley

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

Vacancies:

- Board Member At-Large - 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 1** Approve Meeting Minutes:
- *January 17, 2025, Regular Board Meeting*

- Item 2** Approval of Disbursements and Checks Register as of February 28, 2025  
Financial Status Report

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION** - Action Items

- Item 3** Consider and File Organizational and Strategic Vision and CEDS Update Process

- Item 4** Consider and Adopt Revisions to SMEDD Bylaws

- Item 5** Receive an Update on California Jobs First: Redwood Region RISE: North Bay Working Group

**DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT UPDATES**

- Reminder: Form 700s must be submitted before April 1, 2025 via the [FPPC online portal](#).

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

- CALSTART - [Communities in Charge](#)
- Jobs First - [Tribal Investment Initiative](#)
- Jobs First - [Regional Investment Initiative](#)

**Letters of Support Issued & Outcomes**

Request From	Topic/Project	SMEDD Letter Issued to Requestor	Status of Grant Award
Sonoma Clean Power	Geothermal Planning	12/23/24	Under Review -
Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority	Elder Village with Community Center - Ukiah	9/16/2024	Under Review -
Mendocino Community Health Clinic (MCHC)	1 Madrone Health Clinic in Willits CA	7/23/24	Under Review -
Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART)	Transit and Intercity Rail Capital (TIRCP)	7/23/2024	Awarded -
Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART)	Connecting Cloverdale to the Bay – Equitable Transportation Access & Resilience Project	2/26/2024	Denied -
Regenerative Forest Solutions	Woody FeedStock Pilot Project (CalFire)	9/27/2023	Awarded -
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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	Awarded ▾
Regenerative Forest Solutions	NCRP Woody FeedStock Pilot Project	8/9/2023	Awarded ▾
Sonoma County Meat Company	USDA Local Meat Capacity Grant	6/21/2023	Awarded ▾
Noyo Harbor	Noyo Harbor District Port Infrastructure Development	4/24/2023	Denied ▾

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

- **March 27, 2025** [Sustainable Enterprise Conference](#), Sonoma County
- **May 7 - May 9, 2025** [California Association of Local Economic Developers Annual Conference](#), Ontario, CA
- **March 28th & 29th** [Forest Health Extravaganza](#) Laytonville, Mendocino County

**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 Paul Garza Jr., Chairperson

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