



AGENDA
Sonoma Mendocino Economic Development District
Board of Directors Meeting - Friday, January 17, 2025, at 1:00 pm PT

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

In Person Meeting Locations:
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

CALL TO ORDER by Paul Garza, Chairperson

Swearing In of Board Reappointments made to the SMEDD Board of Directors by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors at their Regular Meeting of November 5, 2024.

- Oath of Office - Lisa Badenfort, Sonoma County for term 10/14/2024 - 10/13/2028

ROLL CALL by Harrison Trezenga

- 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:
 - November 15, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
- Item 2** Approval of Disbursements and Checks Register as of December 31, 2024 Financial Status Report
- Item 3** Consider and Adopt Revised SMEDD Bylaws

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION - Action Items

- Item 4** Consider and Approve Organizational Strategic Plan Workshop Logistics and Provide Direction to the District Management Team as Appropriate
- Item 5** Receive an Update on California Jobs First: Redwood Region RISE: North Bay Working Group

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT UPDATES

- Redwood Region RISE Catalyst Proposal Deadline 1/15/2025. Currently undergoing initial review.
- North Coast Regional Partnership Quarterly Meeting in Santa Rosa

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- CALSTART - [Communities in Charge](#)
- Jobs First - [Tribal Investment Initiative](#)
- Jobs First - Implementation Funds - release solicitation proposal

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*

- **January 21-22, 2025** [North Coast Resource Partnership Quarterly Meeting](#), Sonoma County
- **January 30, 2025** [2025 Economic Perspective](#), Sonoma State University Student Center
- **February 5, 2025** California Jobs First: Redwood Region RISE Economic Development Finance Working Group Expert Session (Topic: Venture/Impact Capital + Investment Readiness)

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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