



AGENDA

**Sonoma Mendocino Economic Development District
Board of Directors Meeting - Friday, November 15, 2024, at 1:00 pm PT**

Remote Attendance Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82922778261>

In Person Meeting Locations:

Mendocino Coast Health Care District
775 River Drive, **Fort Bragg**, CA 95437
and

Sonoma County Economic Development Board (707) 565-7170
141 Stony Circle, Suite 110, **Santa Rosa**, CA 95401

CALL TO ORDER by Paul Garza, Chairperson

Item 1 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
- Oath of Office - Jeff Kelly, Sonoma County for term 10/14/2024 - 10/13/2028

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION - Action Item

Presentations

- Item 2** Proclamation Recognizing Robin Bartholow for her service as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Mendocino Economic Development District during the period July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024
- Item 3** Proclamation Recognizing Jeff Kelly for his service as Treasurer of the Sonoma Mendocino Economic Development District during the period June 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT - Open time for Public Expression

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Introduction to Agenda and Staff Report structure.

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 4** Approve Meeting Minutes:
 - September 20, 2024

Item 5 Approval of Disbursements and Checks Register as of October 31, 2024

Item 6 Approve Submission of Partnership Planning Grant for 4/1/2025 - 3/31/2028 grant period, Due December 15, 2024

Item 7 Report on Required Grant Match Effort by Counties of Mendocino and Sonoma - Cash Contributions and In-Kind Staffing Contributions

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION - Action Items

Item 8 Consider Board Retreat logistics and approve facilitation.

Item 9 Consider CEDS Update Working Group

Item 10 Receive an Update on California Jobs First: Redwood Region RISE: North Bay Working Group

Item 11 Discuss and Consider Recruitment and Appointment of a SMEDD-Appointed At-Large Member

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT UPDATES

- U.S. Economic Development Administration’s Peer Review Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. The focus of the review was the Planning and Partnership Grant #ED22SEA3020033, which supports the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The current grant period 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2025 will end one quarter early on March 31, 2025. This revises the Planning and Partnership Grant’s Completion Deadline. Going forward, all new grants have a start date of April 1. SMEDD Inflation adjustment request.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- NCRP RFP for Project Technical Assistance
- Jobs First Catalyst Funds
- EDA PWEAA Assistance
- 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
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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 ▾
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	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*

- **November 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 Paul Garza Jr., Chairperson

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