



AGENDA

Sonoma Mendocino Economic Development District Board of Directors Meeting - Friday, October 20, 2023, at 1:00 pm PST

Remote Attendance Link:

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

In Person Meeting Locations:

West Business Development Center - (707) 964-7571
345 North Franklin Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437
and

West Business Development Center (707) 964-7571
185 East Church Street, 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 Appointments made to the SMEDD Board of Directors by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting of October 17, 2023

ROLL CALL by Norma Alley

- Chairperson Robin Bartholow
- Vice Chairperson Paul Garza
- Board Member Lisa Badenfort
- Board Member Tim Karas
- Board Member Jeff Kelly
- Board Member Jim Mayfield
- Board Member Mary Anne Petrillo

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.

CEREMONIAL MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION - Action Item

Presentation

- Item 2** Proclamation recognizing Jon Frech for his service as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Mendocino Economic Development District during the period February 25, 2020, to September 26, 2023

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 3 Approval of Check Register as of September 30, 2023

Item 4 Approval of Minutes for Board Meeting of July 26, 2023

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION - Action Items

Item 5 Update on Status of the Recruitment and Appointment of a new SMEDD Board Member from the County of Sonoma, and Discussion and Consideration of Recruitment and Appointment of a new SMEDD Board Member to the At-Large Seat Appointed by the SMEDD Board

Item 6 Review and Approval of Narrative Report for the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Planning Grant No. ED22SEA3020033

Item 7 Review and Approval of Narrative Report for the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Supplemental Grant No. ED20SEA3070045

Item 8 Review and File Budget-to-Actual Report for EDA Planning Grant and EDA Supplemental Grant

Item 9 Adopt Resolution Authorizing Amendment #2 of an Agreement with Regional Government Services

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

UPDATES

- Business Friendly Communities Status Report: the Business Friendly Communities Survey Tool for City and County Distribution **Webinar delivered: 9/28/23**
<https://www.smedd.org/business-friendly-check-up-webinar>
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office for Coastal Management's Climate Resilience Regional Challenge Grant Program Letter of Intent Submittal. **Declined 10/13/23**
- FY 23-24 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update Process Report
 - Jobs First coordination
 - Full SMEDD Board seated
 - Aiming for Goal 1 Workshop in Q4 2023

Letters of Support

Issued:

- Regenerative Forest Solutions, Woody FeedStock Pilot Project, CalFire, Submitted 9/27/2023
- Regenerative Forest Solutions, Woody FeedStock Pilot Project, Bay Area Council, Submitted 9/27/2023
- Regenerative Forest Solutions, Woody FeedStock Pilot Project, USDA Forest Service, Submitted 8/9/2023
- Mendocino Forest Products, CalFire Biomass-to-Hydrogen Grant Application, Submitted 9/15/2023
- West Business Development Center, CalOSBA Blue Economy iHub, Submitted 8/31/2023
- Regenerative Forest Solutions, NCRP Woody FeedStock Pilot Project, USDA Forest Service, Submitted 8/9/2023
- Sonoma County Meat Company, USDA Local Meat Capacity grant, Submitted 6/21/2023
- Noyo Harbor 4/24/23

EDA Supplemental Work Plan Status & Budget Update

- Work Plan Almost Complete; Final Report in November; Now Operating on Planning Grant Budget
 - EDA Supplemental Grant extension was granted to June 30, 2024

- Estimated EDA Planning Grant and Supplemental Grant Funds Remaining

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Jobs First Catalyst Funds
- ARCHES Award

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.

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

November 16-17, 2023 Forest Innovation Summit, SF <https://www.forestinnovationsummit.com/>

ADJOURNMENT by Robin Batholow, Chairperson

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