



AGENDA
Sonoma Mendocino Economic Development District
Board of Directors Special Meeting - Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 4:30 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
Black Oak Coffee Roasters - (866) 390-1427
476 North State Street, **Ukiah**, CA 95482
and
Sonoma County Farm Bureau - (707) 544-5575
3589 Westwind Boulevard
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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

ROLL CALL by Norma Alley

- Chairperson Robin Bartholow
- Vice Chairperson Paul Garza
- Board Member Lisa Badenfort
- Board Member Jon Frech
- Board Member Jeff Kelly
- 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.

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.

Clicking on an Item number will link to the corresponding Item's page in the packet.

- [Item 1](#) Approval of Check Register as of June 30, 2023
- [Item 2](#) Receive and File the Business Friendly Communities Status Report and Approve the Business Friendly Communities Survey Tool for City and County Distribution
- [Item 3](#) Authorize the District Manager to Submit a Letter of Intent to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office for Coastal Management's Climate Resilience Regional Challenge Grant Program
- [Item 4](#) Approve the Draft FY 22-23 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update and Performance Report and Authorize the District Manager to submit the Report to the Economic Development Administration
- [Item 5](#) Receive the FY 23-24 Annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Process Status Report and Provide Direction As Needed
- [Item 6](#) Discuss and Consider Approving the SMEDD Team to Research and Develop a Scope of Work for a Biomass-to-Hydrogen Feasibility Study, Scope to be Provided to the Board for Consideration at a Future SMEDD Board Meeting.

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

July 31 - August 2, 2023, the California Adaptation Forum, Sheraton Fairplex in Pomona, CA
<https://www.californiaadaptationforum.org/>

September 21 & , 22, 2023, The State of the Redwood Coast Region: Our Elemental Economy, the 3rd annual regional economic development summit, Ukiah, Mendocino County (registration required)

ADJOURNMENT by Robin Batholow, Chairperson

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