

MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY
Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Windsor

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Swiss Hotel
18 W Spain Street
Sonoma, CA 95476
Thursday, June 12, 2025
6:00 P.M.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gerard Giudice (City of Rohnert Park)

2. ROLL CALL

Cloverdale		Petaluma		Sebastopol	
Cotati		Rohnert Park		Sonoma	
Healdsburg		Santa Rosa		Windsor	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2025
- B. Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2025

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

If members of the public would like to provide public comment, we encourage you to submit them via email to the Association Clerk, Lauren Berges, by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting: scmcaclerk@gmail.com

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Board of Directors Appointment

Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board - 2 Seats (to fill the expiring terms of Susan Adams of Rohnert Park and Stephen Zollman of Sebastopol). 1 primary seat and 1 alternate seat. 2-year term starting in June.

Letters Received for Primary Seat: Susan Adams, Rohnert Park
Frank Quint, Petaluma

Letter Received for Alternate Seat: Stephen Zollman, Sebastopol

B. Funding Update from the Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authorities

Guest Speakers: Tanya Narath, Chief Deputy Executive Director SCTA/RCPA and James Cameron, Executive Director SCTA/RCPA

C. Strategic Collaboration: Aligning Priorities for Unified Actions
Chair Gerard Giudice

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on August 14, in the City of Cloverdale

Upcoming 2025 BOD Meetings

July 10, 2025	Cancelled
August 14, 2025	Cloverdale
September 11, 2025	Petaluma
October 9, 2025	Windsor
November 13, 2025	Healdsburg
December 11, 2025	Rohnert Park

Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available for public review the Monday prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on the Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' website:

<https://sonomacountylocalleaders.org/> or by email upon request at scmcaclerk@gmail.com. Any documents subject to disclosure that are provided to all, or a majority of all, of the members of the Association regarding any item on this agenda, after the agenda has been distributed, will be made available for review. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Rohnert Park City Clerk's Office at 707-588-2227. Notification 72-hours prior to the meeting will enable the Association to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Cotati Police Department Community Room

203 W. Sierra Ave.

Cotati, CA 94931

Thursday, May 8, 2025

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Association Chair Gerard Giudice at 6:00 PM.
2. **ROLL CALL:** In attendance were the cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol, Sonoma and Windsor.

Absent: Santa Rosa
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chair Giudice introduced the approval of the April 10, 2025 meeting minutes. Sebastopol Mayor Zollman motioned to approve the minutes, Cloverdale Mayor Lands seconded; unanimous vote to approve the minutes.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Deborah Doyle, Sonoma County Library Commissioner

Several public comments were received via email and posted the Association website.
5. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

A. Rescheduling the October 9, 2025 General Meeting

Mayor Lands motioned to reschedule the October 9, 2025 General Meeting to October 2, 2025; Mayor Ford seconded the motion; unanimous vote to reschedule the meeting.

B. Connecting Communities through the Master Plan on Aging

Guest Speakers: Angela Struckman, Human Services Department Director, Paul Dunaway, Adult and Aging Division Director, Jonie Huntsperger, Master Plan for Aging Implementation Coordinator.

The guest speakers provided a presentation and responded to questions from the members.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Call for Letters of Interest:
ABAG Executive Board

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Giudice adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM

/s/ Lauren Berges, Association Clerk

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SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Rohnert Park Burton Recreation Center

7421 Burton Avenue

Rohnert Park, CA

Thursday, May 22, 2025

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: The special meeting was called to order by Association Chair Gerard Giudice at 6:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL: In attendance were the cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma and Windsor.

Absent: Healdsburg

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Strategic Collaboration: Unifying Goals for Collective Success

Chair Giudice presented the item. Members discussed their jurisdictional priorities. Three top priorities were determined to move forward:

- Mental Health and Homelessness Services
- Emergency Preparedness
- Shared Facilities and Resources

The Board agreed to establish an ad hoc committee in collaboration with the County Board of Supervisors to streamline efforts and foster a unified regional strategy. The committee will consist of the Association's chair and vice chair, along with select supervisors, to ensure effective coordination and representation.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Giudice adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM

/s/ Lauren Berges, Association Clerk

Strategic Collaboration: Aligning Priorities for Unified Actions

Recommendation

It is recommended that each Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association Board Member, or their designated representative, continue the discussion of advancing regional collaboration.

Background

At the May 22, 2025, special Board of Directors meeting, members identified three key topics to guide a meaningful and inclusive dialogue with the County Board of Supervisors. This effort aims to ensure that the most pressing issues affecting our communities are effectively conveyed and thoughtfully addressed in countywide decision-making. The three identified priority topics are as follows:

- Mental Health & Homelessness Services – We emphasize that these priorities should be considered as co-equals, recognizing their interconnected nature. A comprehensive approach to both issues will allow for more effective strategies in providing support, services, and solutions.
- Emergency Preparedness – Ensuring readiness for natural disasters, crises, and unforeseen challenges is essential. We encourage cities to establish clear objectives for enhancing resilience, coordination, and response capabilities.
- Shared Facilities & Resources – Strengthening interagency collaboration through shared resources, facilities, and services fosters efficiency and effectiveness. Identifying opportunities for cooperation will contribute to greater community impact.

The Board agreed to establish an ad hoc committee in collaboration with the County Board of Supervisors to streamline efforts and foster a unified regional strategy. As outlined in discussions, the committee will consist of the Association's chair and vice chair, along with select supervisors, to ensure effective coordination and representation.

Analysis/Discussion

A strategic, unified approach to local issues strengthens our ability to drive meaningful change and advocate for essential resources. To maintain momentum, a standing agenda item will be established for each Board meeting to review progress and refine priorities. While certain concerns may be widely shared, each jurisdiction brings unique perspectives and priorities shaped by its specific challenges and needs. Recognizing these differences is essential to

developing well-rounded strategies that serve our communities effectively. Members are encouraged to provide additional information to ensure strategies reflect the diverse needs of each jurisdiction. The Board Chair and Vice Chair will take the compiled priorities and insights from these discussions to engage directly with the Board of Supervisors, ensuring that the concerns and recommendations of our communities are clearly presented and advocated for at the County level.

Financial Consideration

None.

Environmental Issues

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.