

City of Sonoma
2023 COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
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#	BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION	LEAD AGENCY	2023 CITY REPRESENTATIVE	2023 ALTERNATE	SEI REQUIRED?
CITY COMMITTEES - ADHOC / STANDING					
1	City Finance Committee (Meets as Needed)	City of Sonoma	John Gurney	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	N
PURPOSE: Two Council Members; Serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to finance. Confirm findings at Council Meeting when considered on Consent.					
2	Sonoma Disaster Council (Mayor and Vice Mayor per Muni Code) *	City of Sonoma	Sandra Lowe	John Gurney	N
PURPOSE: To develop and recommend for adoption of the city council emergency and mutual aid plans and agreements and such ordinances and resolutions and rules and regulations as are necessary to implement such plans and agreements.					
3	Sonoma Housing Corporation (Mayor and Vice Mayor) Meets as needed *	City of Sonoma	Sandra Lowe	John Gurney	Y
PURPOSE:					
4	Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Authority Oversight Committee (Mayor and Vice Mayor) *		Sandra Lowe	John Gurney	N
PURPOSE: The SVFRA Oversight Committee may convene in the event that the Parties are unable to come to agreement on budget, service level, or other issues that cannot be resolved at the staff level.					
AGENCY CONTACT: Steve Akre, Fire Chief, (707) 933-2303, stevea@svfra.org					
5	Sonoma Tourism Improvement District Board 2nd Thursday of each month, 9 AM	Sonoma Valley Visitors Bureau	John Gurney	City Manager	N
PURPOSE: To oversee the TID which was formed to provide a stable source of funding for a sustained marketing program with the goal of increasing occupancy and room revenues at lodging properties in the City of Sonoma.					
AGENCY CONTACT: Tim Zahner, Executive Director, Sonoma Valley Visitors Bureau, (707) 531-7702, tim@sonomavalley.com					
6	Sonoma Valley Library Advisory Committee Meets second Thursday, 4 p.m. (even numbered months)	Sonoma Valley Regional Library	John Gurney	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	N
PURPOSE: To advise the Library Commission on issues affecting each branch.					
AGENCY CONTACT: Sabine Salek, (707) 996-5217 x1111, sonomavalley@sonomalibrary.org					
7	Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors	Sonoma Valley GSA	Jack Ding	Ron Wellander	Y
PURPOSE: To sustainably manage groundwater in the Sonoma Valley groundwater basin.					

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	AGENCY CONTACT: Bill Keene, GSA Administrator - SCWA, (707) 524-8378, administrator@sonomavalleygroundwater.org				
	SONOMA COUNTY				
8	Sonoma Clean Power Authority	Sonoma Clean Power	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	Jack Ding	Y
	PURPOSE: To exercise general governance and oversight over the business and activities of the Authority, consistent with the Agreement and applicable law. To provide general policy guidance to the CCA Program				
	AGENCY CONTACT: Darin Barlow, Clerk of the Board, meetings@sonomacleanpower.org, (707) 890-8491				
9	Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC)	Sonoma County Community Development Commission	Ron Wellander	Jack Ding	
	PURPOSE: Sonoma County Continuum of Care addresses the problems of housing and homelessness by having a countywide, community-informed, and person-centered CoC system that is compassionate, inclusive, financially responsible, equitable, coordinated, and outcomes based.				
	AGENCY CONTACT: Michael Guase, Ending Homelessness Program Manager, (707)565-1977. michael.gause@sonoma-county.org				
10	Sonoma County Mayor and Councilmembers Association Board of Directors (Mayor and Vice Mayor) *	City of Sonoma	Sandra Lowe	John Gurney	N
	PURPOSE: To connect and plan for the future.				
	AGENCY CONTACT: Rebekah Barr, City Clerk, City of Sonoma, (707) 933-2216, rbarr@sonomacity.org				
11	Sonoma County Mayor and Councilmembers Association Legislative Committee	City of Sonoma	Sandra Lowe	John Gurney	N
	PURPOSE: To review and respond to bills that impact Sonoma County Cities consistent with principles as outlined in the Legislative Platform.				
	AGENCY CONTACT: Nancy Hall Bennett, Regional Public Affairs, North Bay Division, LOCC, (415) 302-2032, nbennett@cacities.org				
12	Sonoma County Transportation Authority & Regional Climate Protection Authority Monthly Monday meetings, Santa Rosa	Sonoma Co Trans Authority	Sandra Lowe	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	Y
	PURPOSE: Acts as the countywide planning and fund programming agency for transportation and performs a variety of important functions related to advocacy, project management, planning, finance, grant administration and research.				

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	AGENCY CONTACT: Drew Nichols, Admin Assistant, (707) 565-5369, drew.nichols@scta.ca.gov				
13	Zero Waste Sonoma (Sonoma County Waste Management Agency) Monthly morning meetings, third Thursday, Santa Rosa, 9 - 11 AM	Sonoma County Waste Mgmt Agency	Jack Ding	Ron Wellander	Y
	PURPOSE: To implement waste diversion programs as required by State law AB939 and to inform local residents and businesses of ways they can help reduce, reuse and recycle their solid waste and properly dispose of hazardous materials.				
	AGENCY CONTACT: Zero Waste Program Manager, Sloane Pagel, Sloane.Pagel@sonoma-county.org and Administrative Manager Thora Collard, Thora.collard@sonoma-county.org				
14	Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission Monthly, fourth Wednesday, in Sonoma, 6:30 PM	Sonoma County Supervisor Gorin	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	Ron Wellander	
	PURPOSE: To provide a regular forum for citizen participation in the formation of public policy, consider issues concerning the Sonoma Valley, evaluate solutions of these issues, advise elected officials and other decision makers, and form a bridge for communication between the various governmental agencies and the general public.				
	AGENCY CONTACT: Arielle Kubu-Jones, District Director, Supv Gorin, County of Sonoma, (707) 565-2241, arielle.kubu-jones@sonoma-county.org				
15	Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District Board of Directors (Mayor & Vice Mayor) Meets as needed, Tuesday mornings *	Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District	Sandra Lowe	John Gurney	Y
	PURPOSE: Provide wastewater treatment, reclamation, and disposal for residences and businesses.				
	AGENCY CONTACT: Noelle Francis Noelle.Francis@sonoma-county.org / Marcie Woychik Marcie.Woychik@sonoma-county.org, Administrative Office, (707) 526-5370				
16	Economic Development Steering Committee Monthly morning meetings; first or second Monday	Sonoma Chamber of Commerce	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	Ron Wellander	
	PURPOSE: Initiated in 2004 to support the local economy. Over the years, the Partnership has worked to expand assistance for small businesses, streamline local regulatory processes, and improve downtown vitality.				
	AGENCY CONTACT: Mark Bodenhamer, CEO, mark@sonomachamber.org				
17	Water Advisory Committee Quarterly morning meetings; first Monday, in Santa Rosa		Ron Wellander	Jack Ding	Y
	PURPOSE: The main purpose of the WAC is to advise the Water Agency's Board of Directors on policy and fiscal matters affecting the Water Contractors. The explicit powers of the WAC are spelled out in the agreement. (Sonoma County Water Agency)				
	AGENCY CONTACT: Melissa James, melissa.james@scwa.ca.gov, (707) 543-3350				
	BAY AREA / NORTH BAY				

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18	Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly Annual meeting in S F	Association of Bay Area Governments	Sandra Lowe	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	N
	PURPOSE: Determine policy annually, adopts the annual budget and work program, and reviews the policy actions of ABAG's Executive Board. AGENCY CONTACT: Fred Castro, (415) 820-7913, fcastro@bayareametro.gov				
19	State Route 37 Policy Committee First Thursday of every other month (odd-numbered months)	Transportation Authority of Marin	Sandra Lowe	Ron Wellander	N
	PURPOSE: Attend meetings with the Transportation Agency to stay abreast of the issues they are discussing on Highway 37 - Not a committee member. AGENCY CONTACT: Drew Nichols, Admin Assistant, (707) 565-5369, drew.nichols@scta.ca.gov				
20	North Bay Watershed Association Board of Directors Monthly morning meetings, first Friday of Month, in Novato	North Bay Watershed Association	Ron Wellander	Jack Ding	
	PURPOSE: To work cooperatively on water resources issues and go beyond traditional boundaries to promote good stewardship of the North Bay watersheds AGENCY CONTACT: Andy Rogers, Executive Directgor, northbaywa@gmail.com				

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