

City of Sonoma  
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#	BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION	LEAD AGENCY	2024 CITY REPRESENTATIVE	2024 ALTERNATE	SEI REQUIRED?
<b>CITY COMMITTEES - ADHOC / STANDING</b>					
1	<b>City Finance Committee</b> (Meets as Needed)	City of Sonoma	John Gurney	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	N
<b>PURPOSE:</b> 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	<b>Sonoma Disaster Council</b> (Mayor and Vice Mayor per Muni Code) *	City of Sonoma	John Gurney	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	N
<b>PURPOSE:</b> 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	<b>Sonoma Housing Corporation</b> (Mayor and Vice Mayor) Meets as needed *	City of Sonoma	John Gurney	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	Y
<b>PURPOSE:</b>					
4	<b>Sonoma Valley Fire &amp; Rescue Authority Oversight Committee</b> (Mayor and Vice Mayor) *		John Gurney	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	N
<b>PURPOSE:</b> 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.					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Steve Akre, Fire Chief, (707) 933-2303, stevea@svfra.org					
5	<b>Sonoma Tourism Improvement District Board</b> 2nd Thursday of each month, 9 AM	Sonoma Valley Visitors Bureau	John Gurney	City Manager	N
<b>PURPOSE:</b> 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.					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Tim Zahner, Executive Director, Sonoma Valley Visitors Bureau, (707) 531-7702, tim@sonomavalley.com					
6	<b>Sonoma Valley Library Advisory Committee</b> Meets second Thursday, 4 p.m. (even numbered months)	Sonoma Valley Regional Library	John Gurney	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	N
<b>PURPOSE:</b> To advise the Library Commission on issues affecting each branch.					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Sabine Salek, (707) 996-5217 x1111, sonomavalley@sonomalibrary.org					
7	<b>Sonoma Vally Groundwater Sustainability Agency</b> Board of Directors	Sonoma Valley GSA	Jack Ding	Ron Wellander	Y
<b>PURPOSE:</b> To sustainably manage groundwater in the Sonoma Valley groundwater basin.					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Bill Keene, GSA Administrator - SCWA, (707) 524-8378, administrator@sonomavalleygroundwater.org					

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8	<b>Sonoma Clean Power Authority</b>	Sonoma Clean Power	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	Jack Ding	Y
<b>PURPOSE:</b> 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					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Darin Barlow, Clerk of the Board, meetings@sonomacleanpower.org, (707) 890-8491					
9	<b>Sonoma County Homelessness Coalition</b>	Sonoma County Community Development Commission	Ron Wellander	Jack Ding	
<b>PURPOSE:</b> 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.					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Michael Guase, Ending Homelessness Program Manager, (707)565-1977. michael.guase@sonoma-county.org					
10	<b>Sonoma County Mayor and Councilmembers Association Board of Directors (Mayor and Vice Mayor) *</b>	City of Sonoma	John Gurney	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	N
<b>PURPOSE:</b> To connect and plan for the future on a county and regional level.					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Lauren Berges, Association Clerk, (707) 292-4479, scmcaclerk@gmail.com					
11	<b>Sonoma County Mayor and Councilmembers Association Legislative Committee</b>	City of Sonoma	Sandra Lowe	Jack Ding	N
<b>PURPOSE:</b> To review and respond to bills that impact Sonoma County Cities consistent with principles as outlined in the Legislative Platform.					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Nancy Hall Bennett, Regional Public Affairs, North Bay Division, LOCC, (415) 302-2032, nbennett@cacities.org					
12	<b>Sonoma County Transportation Authority &amp; Regional Climate Protection Authority Monthly Monday meetings, Santa Rosa</b>	Sonoma Co Trans Authority	Sandra Lowe	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	Y
<b>PURPOSE:</b> 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.					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Drew Nichols, Admin Assistant, (707) 565-5369, drew.nichols@scta.ca.gov					
13	<b>Zero Waste Sonoma Monthly, third Thursday, Santa Rosa, 9:00 AM</b>	Sonoma County Waste Mgmt Agency	Jack Ding	Ron Wellander	Y
<b>PURPOSE:</b> 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.					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Zero Waste Program Manager, Sloane Pagel, Sloane.Pagel@sonoma-county.org and Administrative Manager Thora Collard, Thora.collard@sonoma-county.org					

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14	<b>Sonoma Valley Community Advisory Commission Monthly, fourth Wednesday, in Sonoma, 6:30 PM</b>	Sonoma County Supervisor Gorin	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	Ron Wellander	
<b>PURPOSE:</b> 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.					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Arielle Kubu-Jones, District Director, Supv Gorin, County of Sonoma, (707) 565-2241, arielle.kubu-jones@sonoma-county.org					
15	<b>Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District Board of Directors (Mayor &amp; Vice Mayor) Meets as needed, Tuesday mornings *</b>	Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District	John Gurney	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	Y
<b>PURPOSE:</b> Provide wastewater treatment, reclamation, and disposal for residences and businesses.					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Noelle Francis Noelle.Francis@sonoma-county.org / Marcie Woychik Marcie.Woychik@sonoma-county.org, Administrative Office, (707) 526-5370					
16	<b>Economic Development Steering Committee Monthly morning meetings; first or second Monday</b>	Sonoma Chamber of Commerce	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	Ron Wellander	
<b>PURPOSE:</b> 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.					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Mark Bodenhamer, CEO, mark@sonomachamber.org					
17	<b>Water Advisory Committee Quarterly morning meetings; first Monday, in Santa Rosa</b>	Sonoma County Water Agency	Ron Wellander	Jack Ding	Y
<b>PURPOSE:</b> 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)					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Melissa James, melissa.james@scwa.ca.gov, (707) 543-3350					
<b>BAY AREA / NORTH BAY</b>					
18	<b>Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly Annual meeting in S F</b>	Association of Bay Area Governments	Sandra Lowe	Patricia Farrar-Rivas	N
<b>PURPOSE:</b> Determine policy annually, adopts the annual budget and work program, and reviews the policy actions of ABAG's Executive Board.					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Fred Castro, (415) 820-7913, fcastro@bayareametro.gov					
19	<b>State Route 37 Policy Committee First Thursday of every other month (odd-numbered months)</b>	Transportation Authority of Marin	Sandra Lowe	Ron Wellander	N
<b>PURPOSE:</b> Attend meetings with the Transportation Agency to stay abreast of the issues they are discussing on Highway 37 - Not a committee member.					
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Drew Nichols, Admin Assistant, (707) 565-5369, drew.nichols@scta.ca.gov					

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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	
	<b>PURPOSE:</b> To work cooperatively on water resources issues and go beyond traditional boundaries to promote good stewardship of the North Bay watersheds				
	<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b> Andy Rogers, Executive Director, northbaywa@gmail.com				

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