



Human Services Department Representative: Michelle Bendyk | Tenant Representatives: Judith Morgan, Naomi Campbell
1st District: Rena Wang | **2nd District:** Jake Mackenzie (Chair) | **3rd District:** Chris Borr (Vice Chair)
4th District: Teddie Pierce | **5th District:** VACANT | Executive Director: Michelle Whitman

**Sonoma County Community Development Committee
Concurrent Regular Meeting**

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
141 Stony Circle, Suite 210, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chair Mackenzie. Community Development Commission (CDC) staff conducted the roll call:

Community Development Committee Members

Rena Wang - District 1	Present
Jake Mackenzie, Chair – District 2	Present
Chris Borr, Vice Chair – District 3	Present
Teddie Pierce – District 4	Present
VACANT – District 5	VACANT
Judy Morgan – Tenant Representative	Present
Naomi Campbell – Tenant Representative	Absent
Michelle Bendyk – Human Services Representative	Absent

CDC and Sonoma County Housing Authority Staff Present

Michelle Whitman, Executive Director
Rhonda Coffman, Deputy Director
Martha Cheever, Deputy Director
Valerie Johnson, Community Development Program Coordinator
Jenna Schmidt, Community Development Program Technician II
Matthew Burns, Administrative Aide

2. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

None.

3. Approval of February 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Public comments: One member of the public made a comment

Action: The committee moved to approve the meeting minutes.

Motion: Pierce

Second: Borr

Ayes: Wang, Mackenzie, Pierce, Morgan, Borr

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bendyk

Motion Passed.

4. Executive Director's Report

Michelle Whitman provided a report to the committee regarding recent agency business. Director Whitman touched on a few different housing projects and noted any recent, significant progress, and she also invited the committees to a grand opening ceremony that will be held on Thursday, April 17th. Director Whitman concluded her presentation by sharing some recent photos of the ongoing construction at the Tierra de Rosas project site, and she then explained that a number of Sonoma County projects recently received funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Public comments: None.

5. PUBLIC HEARING: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment

Valerie Johnson, Community Development Program Coordinator, presented a proposed substantial amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan. Staff explained that one of the funding awards for the previous fiscal year has been rescinded, primarily due to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requirements associated with federal funds. In order to meet spending requirements stipulated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), these funds will be reprogrammed and awarded to the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program with the Sonoma County Housing Authority.

Chair Mackenzie opened the public hearing.

Public comments: None.

Chair Mackenzie closed the public hearing.

Action: The committee moved to recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed substantial amendment to the FY 2024-2025 Action Plan.

Motion: Wang
Second: Borr

Ayes: Wang, Mackenzie, Pierce, Morgan, Borr
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bendyk

Motion Passed.

6. PUBLIC HEARING: Sonoma County Housing Authority Five Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-2030 and Annual Plan for FY 2024-2025

Martha Cheever, Deputy Director for the Sonoma County Housing Authority, presented the new Five-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-2030 and then discussed the Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Ms. Cheever explained that the Five Year Plan is a document that sets the goals for the Housing Authority over the next five years, and the Annual Plan is a document that is released on a yearly basis which provides progress updates related to the Five Year Plan. Ms. Cheever noted a variety of major accomplishments that the Housing Authority has realized over the past five years, and she concluded her presentation by stating the goals for the new Five-Year Plan.

Chair Mackenzie opened the public hearing.

Public comments: One member of the public made a comment.

Chair Mackenzie closed the public hearing.

Action: The committee moved to recommend approval of the Five-Year Plan and Annual Plan to the Board of Commissioners.

Motion: Borr
Second: Wang

Ayes: Wang, Mackenzie, Pierce, Morgan, Borr
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bendyk

Motion Passed.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.