

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Chair Peña called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Meserve.

- Absences: None
- Dickey: Late arrival to meeting
- Present: Councilmembers Moretti, Meserve, Newhouser, Peña, Stark, Nardo-Morgan
- Staff:
 - i. Anna Tamayo Madarieta, Field Representative, Supervisor Hermosillo's Office

Chair Peña confirmed a quorum and welcomed attendees.

2. Approval of July 15th 2025 Minutes

- No corrections were offered.
- **Motion:** Nardo-Morgan
- **Second:** Stark
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

3. Public Comment

- None

4. First District Update

Supervisor Hermosillo began by thanking Councilmembers and the public for their continued participation as the MAC transitions to hosting meetings in both Kenwood and Glen Ellen. She noted that staff are continuing to evaluate hybrid technology options for Mayflower Hall to ensure future meetings are accessible online.

Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) Redevelopment

Supervisor Hermosillo shared that the County continues to work closely with Dyett & Bhatia and the Department of General Services (DGS) on the next phase of the SDC redevelopment process. The revised Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is currently in preparation, with a Notice of Preparation (NOP) expected in late fall. The County remains committed to transparency and regular updates to the community. She encouraged the public to subscribe to the new monthly SDC Newsletter for ongoing updates and confirmed that her office continues to meet biweekly with County staff to track project milestones and community concerns.

Fire Safety and Vegetation Management

Hermosillo reported active coordination with Sonoma Valley Fire Chief Steve Akre and the Department of General Services on vegetation management around SDC and surrounding areas. She noted that, although the site remains under State jurisdiction, DGS has authorized limited vegetation clearing. The County is also pursuing external funding, including through the Coastal Conservancy, for fuel reduction work.

Community Investment and Tourism Impact Funds (CIF/TIF)

The Supervisor shared that the latest CIF/TIF grant cycle has closed, and staff are working with the County Administrator's Office to process reporting from funded projects. She encouraged local organizations to apply during the upcoming cycle and emphasized the County's goal of equitable geographic distribution of funds.

Countywide Updates

- **County Campus Redevelopment:** The County continues planning for modernization of its 70-year-old administrative campus.
- **Public Safety and Preparedness:** Residents were reminded to sign up for SoCo Alerts and review evacuation zone maps before fire season.
- **New Resource Hub:** The Aging & Disability Resource Hub has launched to provide centralized information for caregivers, older adults, and residents with disabilities.

During Q&A, Councilmembers asked clarifying questions regarding fire mitigation funding sources, DGS jurisdiction, and how residents could receive SDC updates.

No public comment was offered.

5. Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Presentation

Presenters: Caitlin Cornwall, GSA Advisory Committee Chair, and Mark Estrada, GSA Staff

Cornwall and Estrada provided an overview of the Sonoma Valley Subbasin and current implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Topics covered included basin conditions, recharge efforts, and the Agency's timeline for developing Projects and Management Actions (PMAs).

Key points:

- The Sonoma Valley Subbasin remains in "sustainable" status but requires continued monitoring and conservation.
- GSA staff are prioritizing groundwater recharge, water conservation, and drought resilience projects.

- The GSA Board is evaluating fee structures to ensure long-term funding for monitoring and data collection.
- Rural well owners are being engaged through new outreach materials and translation efforts.

Councilmembers asked questions about recycled water expansion, well metering, and cost recovery options. Cornwall emphasized that the Agency's focus remains on transparency and early public engagement before any new funding mechanisms are proposed.

No public comment was received.

6. Reports and Announcements from Councilmembers and Ad Hoc Committees *(Receive)*

Glen Ellen Pedestrian Safety / Walkability

Councilmembers discussed ongoing concerns about pedestrian safety in Glen Ellen.

Members reported increasing resident interest in better crosswalk visibility, consistent speed limits, and potential traffic-calming measures.

The MAC acknowledged the need for Public Infrastructure (SPI) staff engagement at a future meeting.

General Plan Ad Hoc

Councilmembers reviewed the status of the County's General Plan Update.

Members noted that Permit Sonoma has selected a consultant and that broader community engagement is expected as the update progresses.

An internal MAC meeting is planned to clarify priorities and identify what information or guidance the MAC will need from County staff.

Community Outreach Discussion

Councilmembers expressed continued interest in improving community outreach. Suggestions included:

- strengthening the MAC's public-facing communication,
- coordinating announcements with the Glen Ellen Forum and Kenwood Press,

- re-establishing consistent messaging for meeting notices,
- encouraging residents to join the MAC's email list to receive agendas and minutes.

Venue & Attendance

Members noted that meeting in Glen Ellen may help increase attendance and participation. Chair Peña suggested continuing to evaluate meeting location options and communication strategies.

No public comment.

7: Consideration of Future Agenda Items (*Receive*)

The Council briefly reviewed existing and potential future topics, including:

- Sonoma Water Agency presentation
- Sonoma Land Trust operations
- Jack London Park operations
- SVGSA follow-up presentation
- Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance
- SOS (Sonoma Overnight Support)
- La Luz Center
- County Legislative Affairs / Legislative platform
- Countywide Active Transportation Plan (SCTA)
- Vacation Rental Ordinance update (PRMD)

Additional Council suggestions included:

- Ongoing conversation around community outreach strategy
- Updates on General Plan timing and public engagement
- A listening-session format meeting to hear directly from residents

- Coordination with Glen Ellen Forum and other community partners

No public comment.

8: Adjournment (*Resolution*)

Motion to adjourn:

- First: Newhouser
- Second: Nardo-Morgan
- Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

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