SONOMA COUNTY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26-0348

SEPT 1st, 2026

County of Sonoma
State of California

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ATTEST: September 1, 2026
DAVID GUHIN, Clerk/Secretary
BY Noelle Francis

Date: September 1, 2026

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☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Concurrent Resolution Of The Sonoma County Board Of Supervisors, And The Board of Directors Of The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation And Open Space District, Sonoma County Water Agency, South Park County Sanitation District, Occidental County Sanitation District, Russian River County Sanitation District, And Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (Collectively "Boards"), Adopting The 2026 Sonoma County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Whereas, Sonoma County has exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County's economy; and

Whereas, Sonoma County is subject to various hazards including dam failure, drought, earthquake, extreme cold, extreme heat, extreme wind, flooding, landslide, sea level rise, tsunami, and wildfire; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma anticipates climate change will exacerbate the severity, frequency, and impacts of natural hazards; and

Whereas, proactive mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma is committed to increasing the adaptive capacity and resiliency of the infrastructure, health, housing, economy, government services, education, environment, and land use systems in the County; and

Whereas, the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all cities, counties, and special districts to have adopted a Hazard Mitigation Plan to receive pre-and post-disaster mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

Whereas, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available mitigation grants to state and local

governments; and

Whereas, an adopted multi-jurisdiction hazard plan is required condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre- and post- disaster mitigation grant programs; and

Whereas, in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 C.F.R § 201.6, the County of Sonoma formed a planning partnership with local governments and special districts to prepare the Sonoma County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP), which analyzes the risk of natural hazards affecting the County and specifies potential mitigation measures to address or reduce risks that the County of Sonoma and planning partners may independently implement within the next five years if funding is secured; and

Whereas, the MJHMP partnership includes the County of Sonoma, the City of Cloverdale, the City of Cotati, the City of Healdsburg, the City of Petaluma, the City of Rohnert Park, the City of Santa Rosa, the City of Sebastopol, the City of Sonoma, Town of Windsor, Bodega Bay Public Utility District, Cloverdale Fire Protection District, Gold Ridge Fire Protection District, North Sonoma Coast Fire Protection District, Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District, Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District, Santa Rosa Junior College, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, Sonoma County Fire District, Sonoma Valley Fire District, Sonoma County Water Agency, and Timber Cove Fire Protection District; and

Whereas, the MJHMP partnership completed a coordination planning process that engaged the public, assessed the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, developed a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and created a plan for implementing, evaluating, and revising the strategy; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma fully participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare the MJHMP; and

Whereas, residents of Sonoma County were awarded opportunities to comment and provide input on the MJHMP and the actions in the plan; and

Whereas, the MJHMP partnership invited public comment and conducted numerous working group meetings and public meetings to obtain countywide input; and

Whereas, the MJHMP is comprised of two volumes: Volume I (Basic Plan), and Volume 2 (Jurisdictional Annexes); and

Whereas, the Boards have reviewed the MJHMP and affirm that its actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences within our

community; and

Whereas, the MJHMP has been reviewed by the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and has been determined to be eligible for final approval pending its adoption by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma, as a fully participating jurisdiction of the MJHMP, is an eligible sub-applicant to the State of California under FEMA's hazard mitigation grant program guidance; and

Whereas, adoption by the Board of Supervisors demonstrates the jurisdiction's commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in the MJHMP as funding allows; and

Whereas, adoption of the MJHMP helps to coordinate regional agencies to carry out their independent responsibilities as funding allows and as outlined in the plan.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Boards find this action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (feasibility and planning studies) and Section 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption).

Be It Further Resolved that based on the foregoing findings, the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Sonoma County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, consisting of Volume 1 in its entirety and the following parts of Volume 2: (1) Introduction; (2) County of Sonoma Annex; and (3) appendices.

Be It Further Resolved that based on the foregoing findings, the Boards of Sonoma County Water Agency, South Park County Sanitation District, Occidental County Sanitation District, Russian River County Sanitation District and Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District hereby adopts the Sonoma County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, consisting of Volume 1 in its entirety and the following parts of Volume 2: (1) Introduction; (21) Sonoma Water Annex; and (3) appendices.

Be It Further Resolved that based on the foregoing findings, the Board of Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District hereby adopts the Sonoma County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, consisting of Volume 1 in its entirety and the following parts of Volume 2: (1) Introduction; (22) Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Annex; and (3) appendices.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors designates the

2026 Sonoma County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as the Sonoma County Hazard Mitigation Plan incorporated by reference into the Safety Element of the General Plan in accordance with the requirements of Government Code sections 65302, 65302.6, and 8685.9.

Be It Further Resolved that the Boards directs County staff to:

1. Use the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation;
2. Pursue implementation of the identified mitigation actions subject to the limitations of available funding and staff;
3. Coordinate the strategies in the plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority;
4. Continue support of ongoing countywide mitigation efforts;
5. Continue to participate in the regional planning partnership as described by the MJHMP.

Be It Further Resolved that the Boards authorizes the Director of Sonoma County Department of Emergency Management, or his designee, to submit an approved and signed copy of this Resolution to CalOES and FEMA officials to enable the MJHMP's final approval.

Board of Supervisors – County of Sonoma:

Rabbitt: Aye Coursey: Aye Gore: Aye Hopkins: Aye Hermosillo: Aye

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

So Ordered.

Directors – Sonoma County Water Agency:

Rabbitt: Aye Coursey: Aye Gore: Aye Hopkins: Aye Hermosillo: Aye

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

So Ordered.

Directors – Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District:

Rabbitt: Aye Coursey: Aye Gore: Aye Hopkins: Aye Hermosillo: Aye

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

So Ordered.

Directors - South Park County Sanitation District:

Rabbitt: Aye Coursey: Aye Gore: Aye Hopkins: Aye Hermosillo: Aye

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

So Ordered.

Directors - Occidental County Sanitation District:

Rabbitt: Aye Coursey: Aye Gore: Aye Hopkins: Aye Hermosillo: Aye

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

So Ordered.

Directors – Russian River County Sanitation District:

Rabbitt: Aye Coursey: Aye Gore: Aye Hopkins: Aye Hermosillo: Aye

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

So Ordered.

Directors – Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District:

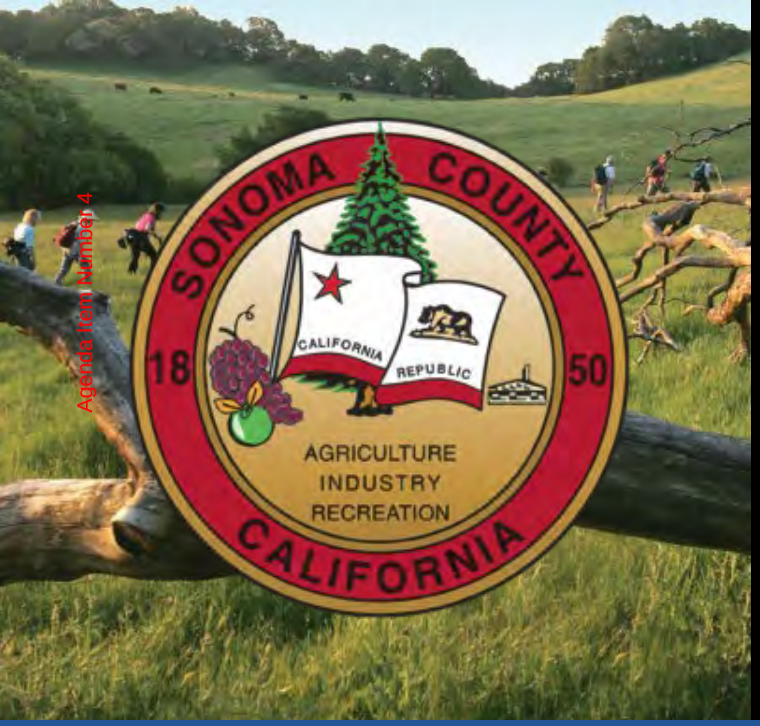
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Ayes: 2 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

So Ordered

SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPS

PRESENTATION SEPT 1st, 2026



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Hazard Mitigation Plans

Assesses risk from natural hazards

Identifies vulnerabilities across Sonoma County

Establishes mitigation priorities and actions

Guides long-term investments to reduce disaster losses

Maintains eligibility for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding



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2026 Plan Overview

22 participating jurisdictions

- **County, 9 incorporated cities and town, 12 special districts**

11 natural hazards

One plan, 22 individual annexes

410 mitigation actions identified

2026 Hazards of Concern:	Dam Failure	Drought
Earthquake	Extreme Cold	Extreme Heat
Extreme Wind	Flooding	Landslide
Sea Level Rise	Tsunami	Wildfire

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Planning Process & Public Engagement

580+ public survey responses, six public meetings across Sonoma County, and a project website all available in English and Spanish

Four Hazard Mitigation Working Group meetings, open to the public

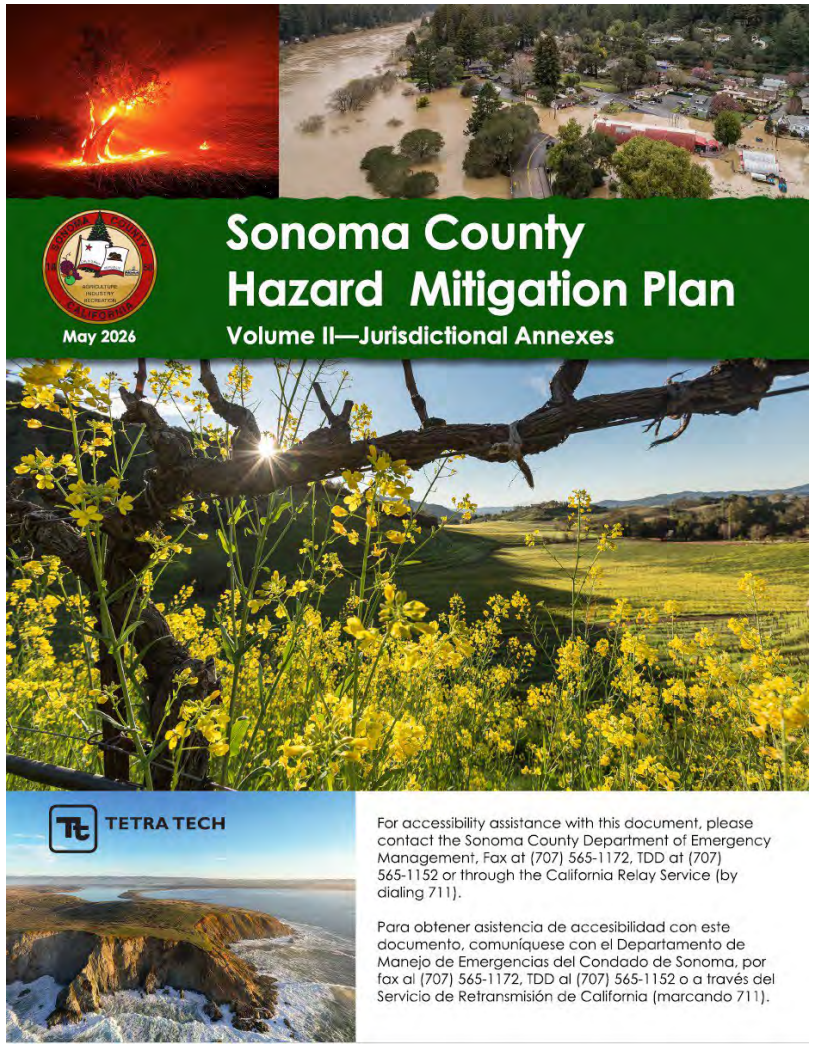
Collaboration with local agencies, community organizations, and stakeholders

FEMA and Cal OES review and Approvable Pending Adoption determination



Sonoma County Annex

- **Highest risks: Earthquake and wildfire**
- **Lowest risks: Dam failure, sea level rise, and tsunami**
- **Cross-departmental planning team**
- **57 mitigation actions across all hazards**
- **Supports General Plan Safety Element (AB 2140)**



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Ag + Open Space Annex

- **Highest risks: Earthquake and wildfire**
- **Lowest risks: Dam failure, sea level rise, and tsunami**
- **Interdisciplinary planning team with emphasis on conservation partnerships**
- **16 mitigation actions across all hazards integrating land conservation principles**
- **Supports *Vital Lands Initiative* strategic plan goals and objectives**



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Sonoma Water Annex

- **Highest risks: earthquake, flood, drought**
- **Lowest risks: dam failure, sea level rise, and tsunami**
- **Cross-division planning team**
- **63 mitigation actions across all hazards and supportive of all major functions at Sonoma Water (water, wastewater, flood control, facilities, business functions)**



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Questions/Discussion