



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 15, 2023 at 5:00 PM

94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370

(209) 532-4541

AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the City of Sonora Council Chambers located at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370.

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

1. Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Government Code §54957); Consultation with: Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

*The public may address the Council on any item of public interest not otherwise on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the City. No action may be taken. Matters to be addressed may be referred to City Staff or placed on a subsequent meeting Agenda. Speakers are limited to a three (3) minute presentation. If participating via Zoom, please raise your hand using the Raise Your Hand feature or dial *9 (*6 to unmute).*

PRESENTATIONS

2. Introduction and Swearing in of Police Corporal Michael Paulsen; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
3. Receive a presentation from Visit Tuolumne County, provide comment and input into the scope of services, and direct staff to execute an Agreement effective July 1, 2023; Lisa Mayo, Executive Director.
4. Receive testimony from members of our local LGBTQ+ community, mental health experts, legal experts, and the public on issues currently facing the LGBTQ+ community, what Pride Month means to them, and consider drafting a City resolution recognizing the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Sonora, thus standing in solidarity with the County Board of Supervisors; Andy Merrill, City of Sonora Councilmember.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be voted on in one motion unless a Council member or member of the public has a question or wishes to discuss an item. In that case, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

5. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$167,255.35 for payroll, including employee salaries, employer and employee taxes, retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay, and other adjustments, including retro-pay; Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer.
6. Consider authorization to accept a BSCC's Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant program application not to exceed \$15,000 and approve associated budget adjustments for use of the funding; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
7. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 05-15-2023-A approving a list of projects to receive Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funding (RMRA); Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. Introduce by title Ordinance No. 891, amending Section 17.04.010, Definitions, amending Section 17.32.065, Additional Activities Requiring Design Review, and adding Chapter 17.44, Cargo Containers, under Title 17, Zoning, of the Sonora Municipal Code, and waive the first reading; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Consider approval of award to Burton's Fire Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of \$315,000 to purchase a Type 6 Wildland Urban Interface Fire Engine and authorize the City Administrator to sign the purchase contract and all related project documents; Aimee New, Fire Chief, Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.
10. Provide staff direction regarding the use of City sidewalks under the new Encroachment Permit Ordinance; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.

MONTHLY REPORTS

11. Receive the Sonora Administration Department monthly report for March 2023; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
12. Receive the Sonora Community Development Department report for April 2023; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.
13. Receive the Sonora Fire Department monthly report for April 2023; Aimee New, Fire Chief.
14. Receive the Sonora Public Works Department monthly report for April 2023; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director, Mike Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor.
15. Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for April 2023; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

COMMUNICATIONS

16. Receive a letter supporting the League of California Cities' participation in an informational hearing calling on the Legislature to provide solutions to the fentanyl and substance abuse crisis.
17. Receive letters sent to the California State Assembly and Senate opposing Assembly Bill 742, a bill eliminating the use of canines in Policing.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

18. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section § 54956.9: One (1) Potential Case; Doug White, City Attorney, Melissa Eads, City Administrator.
19. Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Government Code §54957); Consultation with: Aimee New, Fire Chief; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION [City Council Chambers]

OPEN SESSION

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Introduction of Newly Promoted Police Corporal

RECOMMENDATION

Introduction and Swearing in of Police Corporal Michael Paulsen.

DISCUSSION

Michael Paulsen was born and raised in the Bay Area and joined the US Navy as a Military Police Officer in 2007. He completed his tour of service in 2015 after having achieved a leadership position and attended the University of Wyoming, graduating with a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice. Mr. Paulsen is now finishing the requirements for a Masters in Public Administration through the University of Wyoming.

We hired Michael in September 2019 and sponsored him to attend the San Joaquin Delta College Police Academy. Earlier this year, he was selected as a Field Training Officer and is the recipient of the Sonora Police Departments Pandemic Service Ribbon, the Washington Fire Service Ribbon, and a Commendation Ribbon in 2021.

The City held testing for Corporal in March, and Michael was officially promoted on April 1, 2023. Corporal is a junior leadership position established to expand our agency's supervisory and leadership oversight. Paulsen is the second Corporal in the Sonora Police Departments History.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund as this position was previously funded.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Melissa Eads, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Receive a presentation from Visit Tuolumne County on the Scope of Services proposed for the City of Sonora and provide direction to execute an agreement with Visit Tuolumne County effective July 1, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council receive the Presentation from Visit Tuolumne County, provide comment and input into scope of services and direct staff to execute an Agreement effective July 1, 2023.

DISCUSSION

The City of Sonora has contracted for Tourism Marketing services with Visit Tuolumne County (VTC) and the County of Tuolumne for the past 40 years. This is the first year the City is exploring an independent contract and detailed specialized services aimed solely at the marketing and branding of the City of Sonora and its locations, businesses, and community attractions.

The Transient Occupancy Tax is a tax collected from lodgers when they rent a room, campsite, or vacation rental when traveling for less than 30 days.

The City Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) rate is currently 12%. This rate recently increased by the Sonora voters in 2020 from 10%. Last year, the City budgeted \$550,000 in TOT revenue. Revenue estimated for FY 23/24 is \$570,000. The allocation of TOT to VTC has historically been 25% of the 10% rate. The City proposes to compensate the VTC \$142,500 for FY 23/24, or 25% of the total TOT collected. The balance of all TOT revenue collected goes directly to support essential city services.

For more information on TOT, please refer to Attachment No. 1

The scope of services to be presented by VTC include the following:

Tourism Marketing Scope of Work for The City of Sonora

Proposed Campaigns:

Small Towns and Wellness- Market and industry research suggests that two of the top travel trends for 2023 and 2024 will be small towns and wellness. Travelers are looking for authentic Americana small towns and they are prioritizing wellness during their travels. These trends align with the City of Sonora's assets. Visit Tuolumne County will design marketing campaigns around these trends and will focus on the audiences of families, millennials, and boomers.

Special Projects:

Visit Sonora Logo- \$550

- Aligning with the Visit Tuolumne County Brand our graphics team will design and create a Visit Sonora-specific logo that will be used to promote the City of Sonora on any advertising efforts.

Sonora Selfie Trail- \$5,000

- The VTC team will work with the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the City of Sonora to identify “Social Media and Selfie” spots. VTC will then work with the technology platform, Bandwango, to create a mobile-friendly pass.

Photo Shoot- \$1,500-\$2,000

- VTC will work with a local photographer to capture content for marketing and promotional purposes. We will work to source talent that aligns with previously defined target audiences of families, millennials, and boomers. We will also focus the content on our proposed campaigns of Small Town Travel and Wellness.

Awards Submissions- \$450

- VTC will craft and submit for the annual Sunset Travel Awards. The City of Sonora will qualify for three categories: Where to Visit, Where to Eat, and Where to Stay.

Community Investment Project-\$2,500

- VTC will develop a marketing campaign to support the community. VTC will work on a project that will help to invest in the well-being of the community. This project would be something along the lines of a community awareness project, public art installation, or a clean-up day.

Newsletter Template and Social Media Optimization - \$2,500

- VTC will design a newsletter template for the City of Sonora. The City of Sonora will draft newsletters to send to the community. VTC will work with its social media agency to strategize on how to optimize the City of Sonora’s social media outlets. VTC will also work to drive traffic to the City’s social media platforms.

Advertising:

Print Ads- \$20,000

- VTC will secure print ads in key markets including the East Bay Area and Sacramento. Some outlets include Diablo Magazine, Sacramento Magazine, Sactown Magazine, and the Visit California Travel Guide Co-op.

Digital Ads- \$15,000

- VTC will work with Visit California and utilize their Leveraged Media Co-op Plan to secure pre-negotiated rates for digital ads placed in our key markets.

Social Ads- \$1,500

- VTC's social team will run dedicated Sonora social media ads that inspire extended visitation and overnight stays.

Familiarization Tours

Media Familiarization Tour- \$1,000

- VTC will dedicate one domestic media familiarization tour to the City of Sonora. The VTC staff will vet the journalist and create a Sonora specific itinerary. This cost includes travel, meals, lodging, and any activities for the journalist.

Meetings Familiarization Tour- \$1,000

- VTC will identify and vet a meeting planner that specializes in organizing small meetings. VTC will work with the City of Sonora and our partners in Sonora to tour meeting facilities, hotels, and restaurants. This cost includes travel, meals, lodging, and any activities for the meeting planner.

Influencer Partnership- \$3,500

- VTC will source and vet an influencer partnership for the City of Sonora. This cost includes a negotiated partnership rate and costs associated with travel.

Shared Marketing Costs – Costs Shared with Tuolumne County

International Markets-\$17,200

- VTC will continue our international marketing in Mexico, Canada, and the UK. This cost includes 10% of the international contracts.

Public Relations-\$2,900

- This cost includes the technology platform, Muck Rack, that VTC uses to send out media pitches and press releases. Also included in this cost is media conferences, VTC will attend key conferences to meet with media and pitch Tuolumne County and the City of Sonora to key media representatives.

Creative Design- \$2,700

- VTC works with a contracted graphic designer for all creative designs for advertising.

Travel Guide- \$7,000

- Every year VTC puts out a travel guide and distributes it across California. This cost includes a small portion of printing, distribution, and mailing costs.

Education Conferences- \$1,400

- To keep up with industry and marketing trends VTC attends industry conferences. These conferences introduce the team to new products, ways of doing business and of course the latest in market research and tourism trends.

Trade and Meetings Conferences- \$6,400

- To continue growing our groups and meetings initiatives, VTC will attend travel trade and meeting conferences to meet with key tour operators and meeting planners to pitch Tuolumne County and the City of Sonora.

Dues and Subscriptions- \$1,500

- To leverage our partnerships and marketing reach, VTC belongs to several important industry associations. Each association is relevant to the success and growth of VTC.

Research-\$3,600

- VTC utilizes research technologies to identify key audiences and track return on investment (ROI) on marketing campaigns.

Office Expenses- \$11,500

- These costs include rent, utilities, office expenses, and other costs associated with operating the VTC Visitors Center and staff offices which are located in downtown Sonora.

Pay Roll- \$45,000

- This cost is associated with the staff time that will be dedicated to the City of Sonora. This includes salary, benefits, payroll services, and any tax-associated costs.

It should be noted that promotion for the City of Sonora is woven throughout Visit Tuolumne County's marketing and promotions. Things like the Community Investment Funds that support Sonora-based events like 2nd Saturday Art Nights and Concerts, Christmas Town, and the Mother Lode Round-Up will still be available in addition to the Scope of Work above.

FISCAL IMPACT

The allocation to VTC would increase \$10,000 next fiscal year from \$132,000 to \$142,500, based upon estimates, if Council supports the allocation of 25% of the total TOT collected. This change appears to be supported by the voters with the passage of the TOT increase based upon the marketing materials as presented in Attachment No. 1.



TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX

The Lodging Tax



WHAT DOES **TOT** MEAN?

- **TRANSIENT:** Someone who doesn't live here permanently (usually a tourist or business visitor).
- **OCCUPANCY:** Staying at a professionally run lodging property like a hotel, motel, B&B or other short term rental.
- **TAX:** A mandatory financial assessment.

A visitor staying at a city lodging property is assessed a tax that goes to the city to pay for important, needed services.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER



Q: Does the TOT cost local residents?

A: NO. Locals do not get taxed by TOT (unless they stay in a professionally run, lodging properties located within the City).



Q: Does the TOT cost local businesses?

A: NO. This tax is considered a pass-through tax because it doesn't tax local residents or businesses. Only the visitor staying at the lodging property pays the tax.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER



Q: Does a higher TOT rate deter visitors?

A: NO. When the City's TOT rate was raised from 8% to 10%, occupancy rates increased, and there is zero evidence to suggest that a higher TOT rate will deter visitors from coming to the City of Sonora.



Q: How common is a TOT tax?

A: Every county / municipality in the state charges a TOT tax.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER



Q: Does a TOT increase benefit local residents?

A: YES. Local residents benefit from better roads, shorter response times for police & fire departments, plus increased employment, leisure, and recreational opportunities from a thriving tourism economy.



Q: Does a TOT increase benefit local businesses?

A: YES. In addition to the other benefits listed above, businesses also benefit from increased foot traffic and increased tourism and destination marketing services from 'Visit Tuolumne County' who receive 25% of the Cities TOT tax.

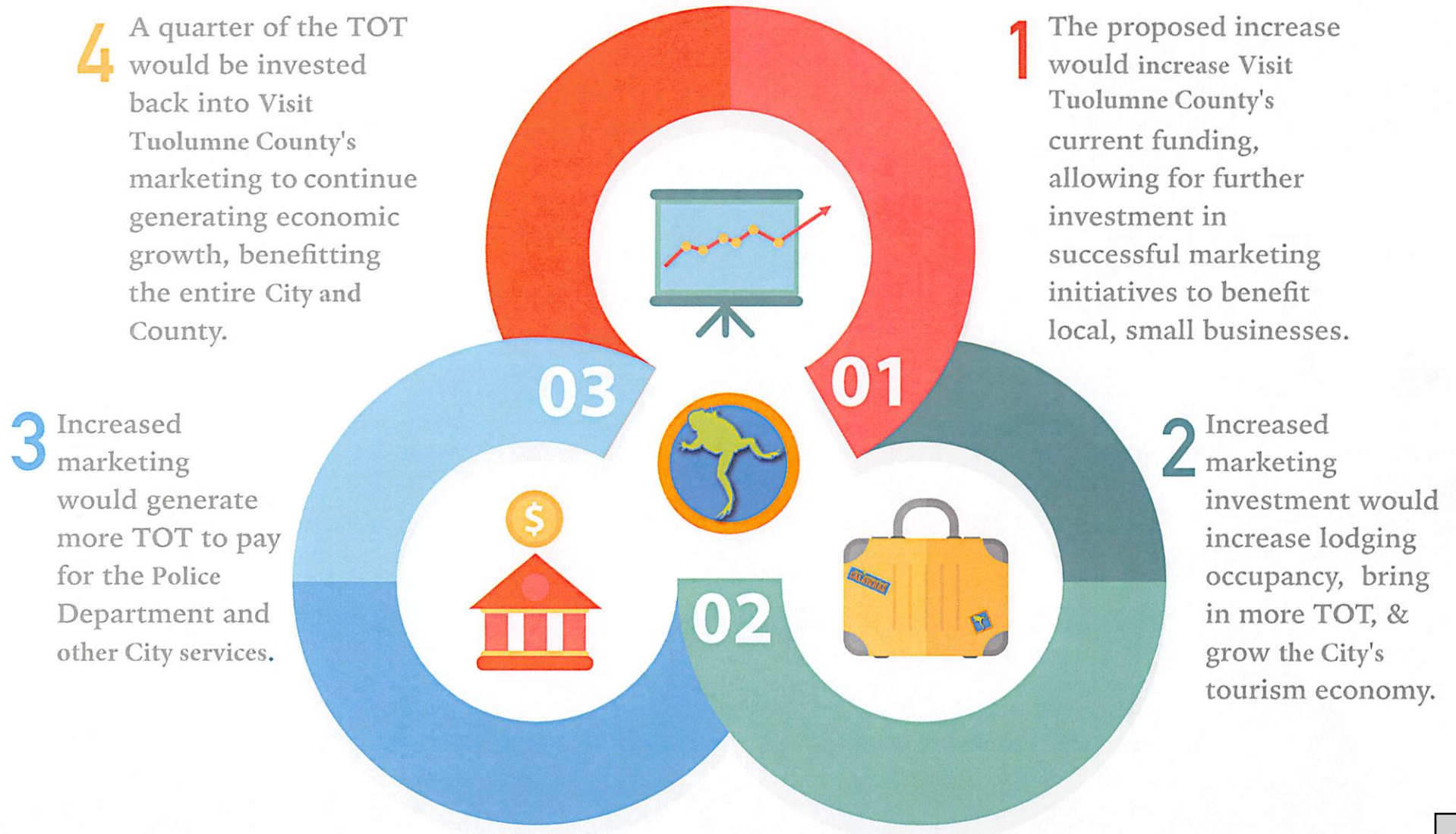
WHERE DOES THE TOT GO?

- **75% of the TOT goes towards mitigating the impact of tourism on the city in the form of increased demand on roads and emergency services.**
- **The 25% remaining is reinvested into marketing the city through the Visit Tuolumne County visitor bureau to bring in more visitors, generating more tourism dollars to support the tourism industry and increasing the City's TOT revenue.**



FINANCIAL IMPACT TO VISIT TUOLUMNE COUNTY

An increase in TOT from 10% to 12% would add in excess of \$20,00 to the Visitors Bureau's Budget.





Tourism Marketing Plan for the City of Sonora

Data: Target Markets

Website Demographics



◆ Metro	◆ Sessions	◆ Sessions	◆ New Users
Sacramento-Stockton-Modesto CA	36%	51,740	41,858
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose CA	28%	40,580	34,244
Los Angeles CA	8%	11,976	10,294
Fresno-Visalia CA	6%	7,996	6,850
Seattle-Tacoma WA	2%	2,452	2,060
Monterey-Salinas CA	1%	1,904	1,634
San Diego CA	1%	1,750	1,546
Reno NV	1%	1,648	1,414
Phoenix AZ	1%	1,440	1,270
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-San Luis Obispo CA	1%	1,052	944
Dallas-Ft. Worth TX	1%	1,000	862

Data: Target Markets

Visitors to Downtown Sonora



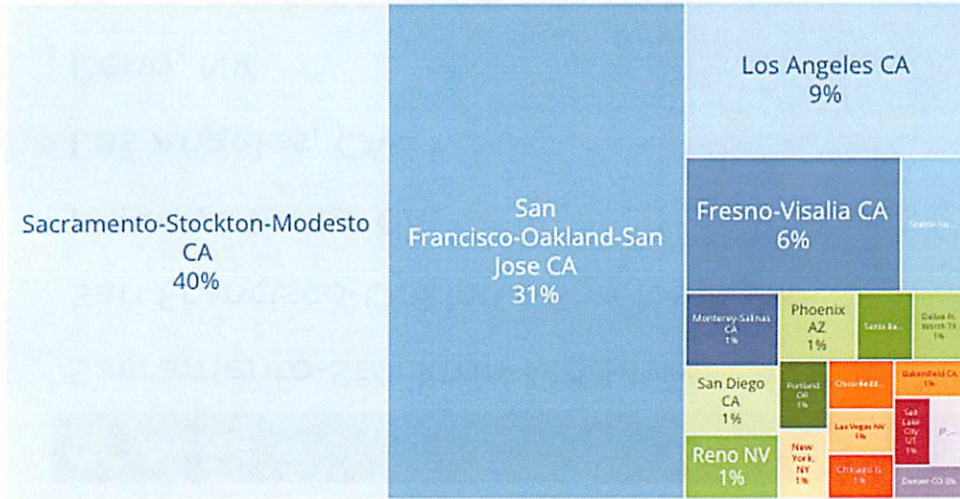
↕ Metro	↕ Visitation Share	↕ Avg LOS (Days)
Sacramento-Stockton-Modesto, CA	48%	2.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	18%	2.4
Fresno-Visalia, CA	11%	2.0
Los Angeles, CA	3%	3.8
Reno, NV	3%	2.7
Monterey-Salinas, CA	3%	2.4
Chico-Redding, CA	1%	2.6
San Diego, CA	1%	4.1

Data: Target Markets

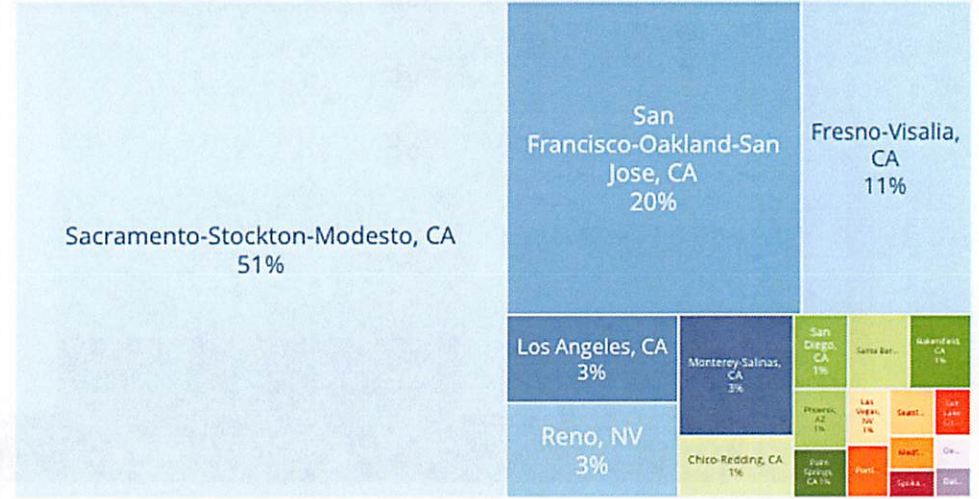
Website Visits vs Visitors to Area



Top 20 Metros, Sonora Website Traffic



Top 20 Metros, Sonora CA



Data: Target Markets

Average Length of Stay



Avg LOS
2.5
 '22 vs '19
 ↩ -5%

'22 vs '20
 ↗ 10%

'22 vs '21
 ↗ 3%

DMA	Avg Length of Stay					Pct Chg
	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.1		
Sacramento-Stockton-Mod...					▲	6.9%
	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.5		
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA					▲	9.3%
	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.0		
Fresno-Visalia, CA					▲	9.6%
	2.4	2.5	3.5	2.8		
Reno, NV					▼	-18.2%
	3.7	3.7	4.0	4.0		
Los Angeles, CA					▼	-0.0%

2019

2020

2021

2022

Special Projects

Logo Design



Cost: \$550

Special Projects

Sonora Selfie Trail



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The Destination Experience Engine

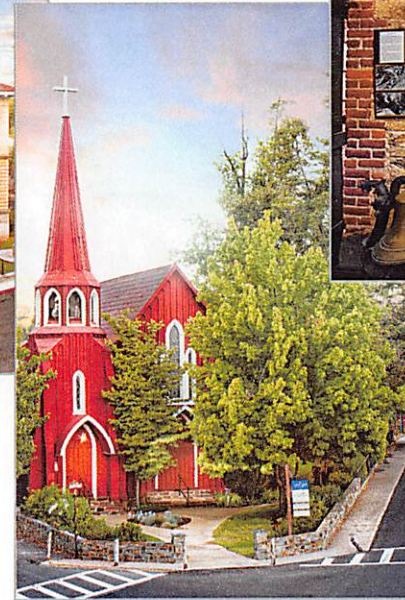
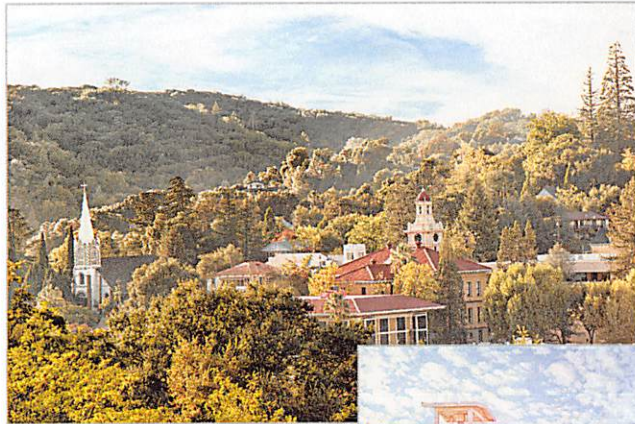


Cost: \$5,000

Special Projects

Photo Shoot

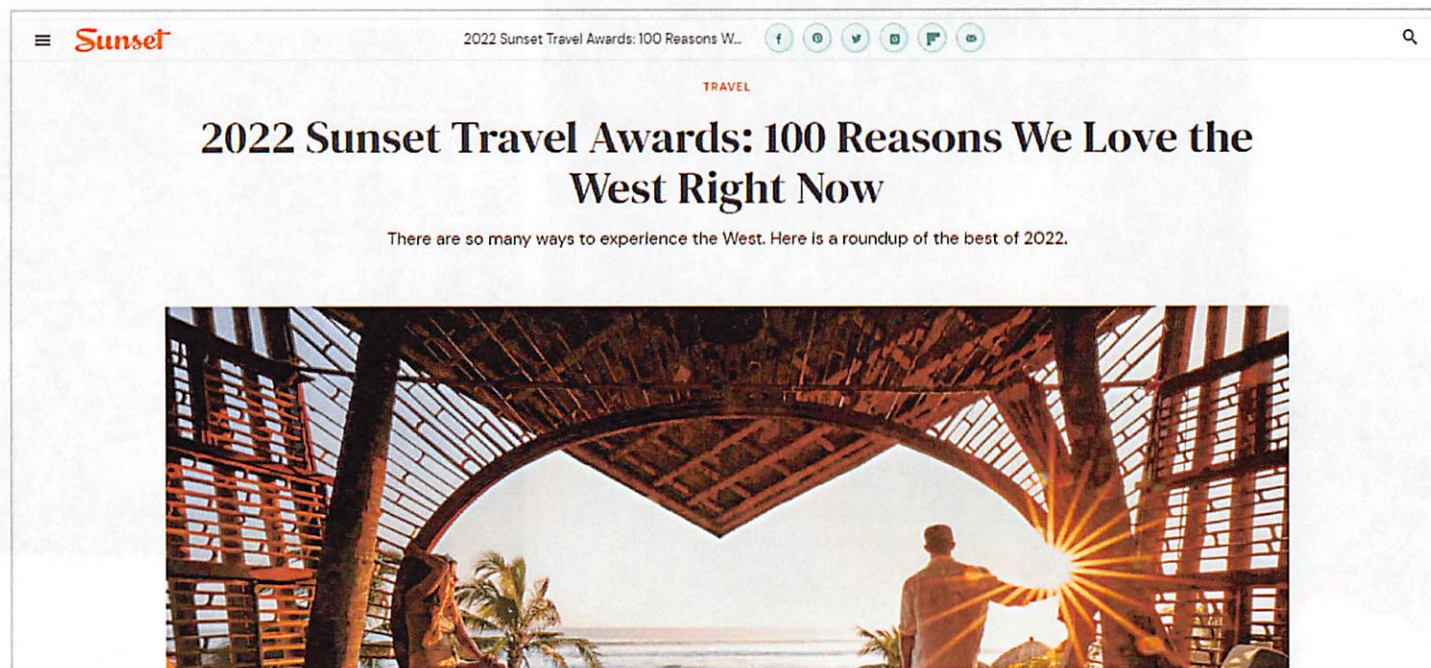
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Cost: \$1,000-\$2,000

Special Projects

Awards Submissions



Cost: \$450

Special Projects

Community Investment Project



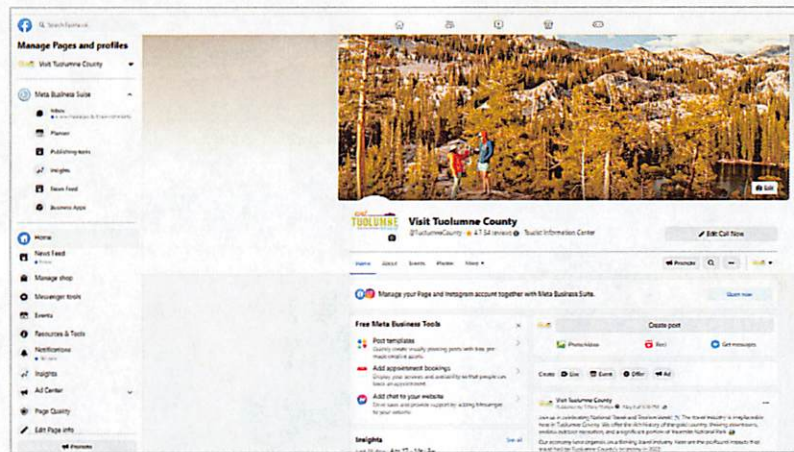
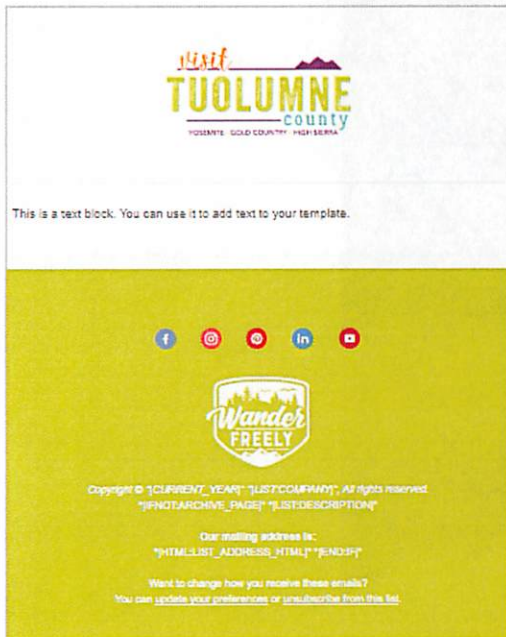
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ART WEEK



Special Projects

Newsletter Template and Social Media Optimization



Cost: \$2,500

Advertising

Print Ads



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Kennedy Meadows*

Wander FREELY

The towering beauty of Yosemite, authentic history of California Gold Country and endless adventure of the High Sierra, all beckon you to lose your to-do list and let nature lead the way. So lace 'em up, explorers and set your compass to Tuolumne County, good times are calling and you must go.

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EVERGREEN LODGE
LODGE & SPA

Evergreen Lodge is a newly expanded historic resort nestled in 23 acres of woods. Boasting Yosemite, with easy riding in the woods, restaurant, tavern, pool, hot tub, activities and guided adventures.

EvergreenLodge.com

RUSH CREEK LODGE & SPA

Located at the Highway 120 West entrance to Yosemite, Rush Creek Lodge & Spa includes a restaurant, tavern, pool, daily activities, guided trips throughout Yosemite, and now a brand new indoor/outdoor spa!

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OARS

Join OARS for one to three days of rafting new Yosemite on the Tuolumne River - California's premier whitewater rafting trip.

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HIGH SIERRA GOLD COUNTRY YOSEMITE

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WANDER LEADS TO Wonder

Dodge Ridge Mountain Resort, Pinecrest*

Wander FREELY

The majestic beauty of Yosemite, authentic history of California Gold Country and endless adventure of High Sierra, all beckon you to lose your to-do list and let nature lead the way. So slip on explorers and set your compass to Tuolumne County, good times are calling and you must go.

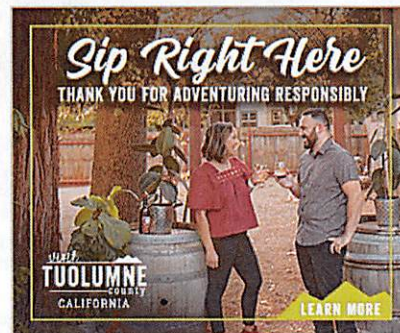
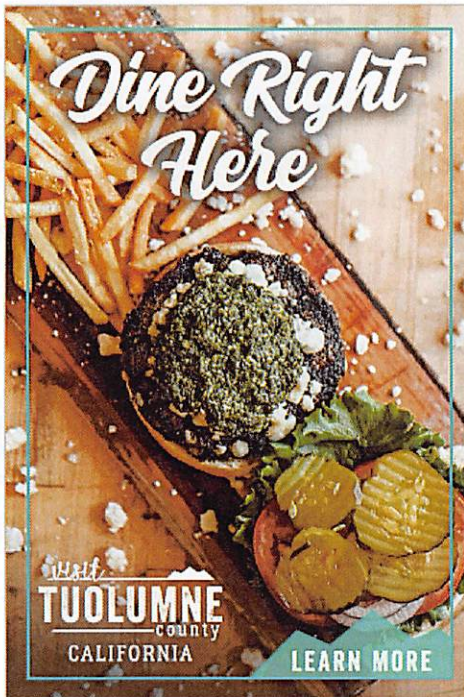
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HIGH SIERRA GOLD COUNTRY YOSEMITE

Cost: \$20,000

Advertising

Digital Ads



Cost: \$15,000

Advertising

Social Ads



Visit Tuolumne County Sponsored · 📍

Dining options from farm-to-fork to 5-star make Tuolumne County a crave-worthy destination.



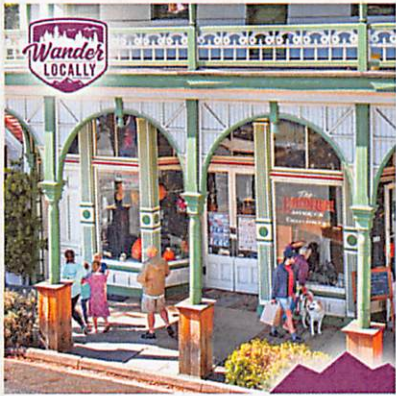
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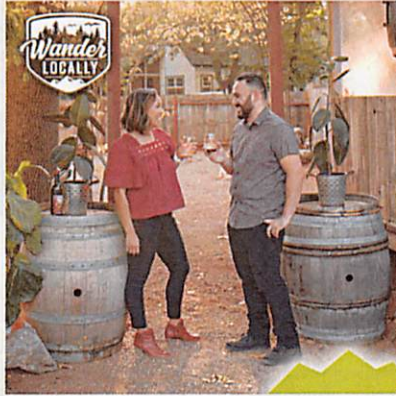
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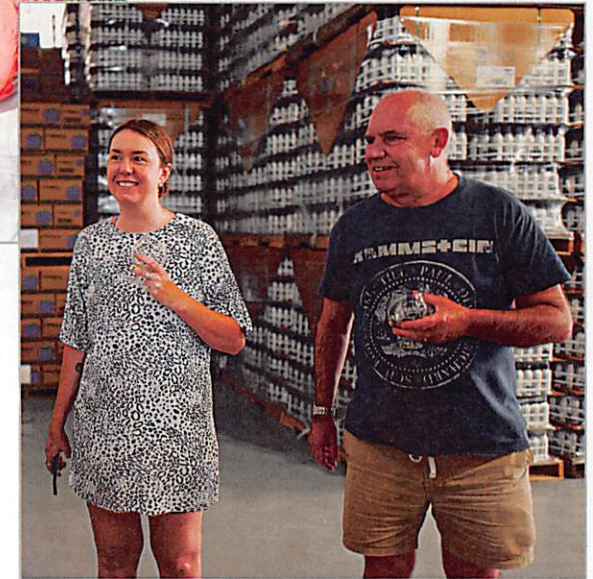
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Cost: \$1,500

Familiarization Tours (FAM)

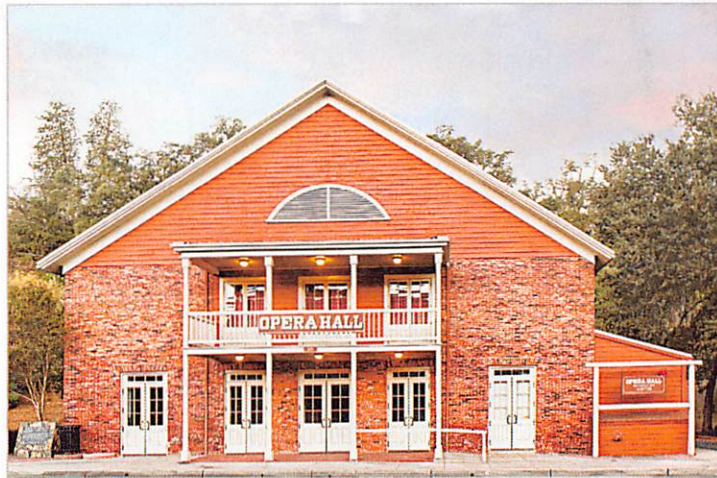
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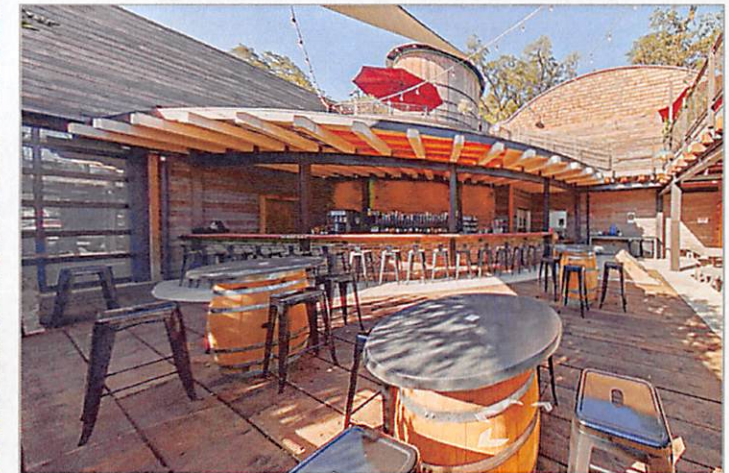
Cost: \$1,000

Familiarization Tours (FAM)

Meetings FAM



Cost: \$1,000



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Familiarization Tours (FAM)

Influencer Partnership



Chey Chey From The Bay

YOUR RIGHT HAND FOR ALL THINGS FUN WHETHER AWAY OR IN THE BAY

Why You Need To Visit Sonora This Holiday Season

One of my favorite regions to explore is my backyard of **Northern California**. As a **San Francisco** native, I've been lucky to have an endless amount of natural beauty and charming towns full of character to explore, all within a few hours of home. Located just two and a half hours from San Francisco is **Sonora** — a true Northern California gem that offers history, small town hospitality and a lot of Christmas spirit during the holidays.




Thanks for stopping by Chey Chey From The Bay! I'm excited to share the things I love in life with you! From exceptional travel experiences and adventures, delicious food and drink, think of me as your right hand when it comes to having the most fun whether away or in the Bay.

The historic town of Sonora is known as the "Queen of the Southern Mines". Located in Tulare County (pronounced "to-ill-o-mie"), this gold rush town is nestled in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada and is conveniently located about an hour away from Yosemite National Park, as well as, Stanislaus National Forest. Named after the miners from Sonora Mexico who settled in the city in 1848, Sonora is a quaint town that has successfully managed to continue to evolve into a wonderful destination while maintaining its historic



Cost: \$3,500

Thank You



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Andy Merrill, City Councilmember

SUBJECT: Consider authorization of a Resolution recognizing the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month

RECOMMENDATION

Hear testimony from members of our local LGBTQ+ community, mental health experts, legal experts, and the public on issues currently facing the LGBTQ+ community, what Pride Month means to them, and consider drafting a City resolution recognizing the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Sonora, thus standing in solidarity with the County Board of Supervisors.

DISCUSSION

Last year, the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 to recognize the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Tuolumne County. This was a monumental resolution that recognized the rights to self-expression and self-determination of an historically discriminated and underrepresented demographic of our community.

It has never been easy to identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community. The recent study done by the Tuolumne County Review Council, *Discrimination in Tuolumne County: Amplifying the voices of the marginalized 2021-2022*, sums up the effects of discrimination:

“When intolerance prevents individuals from exercising their talents, there tends to be widespread, long lasting effects. Discrimination affects people’s opportunities, their well-being, and their sense of agency. Persistent exposure to discrimination can lead individuals, especially youth, to internalize the prejudice or stigma that is directed toward them, manifesting in shame, low self-esteem, fear and stress, self-isolation, and poor health. The economic effect results in an astonishing loss of revenue (Cost of Racism: U.S. Economy Lost \$16 Trillion Because of Discrimination, Citibank says.” Adedayo Akala, NPR, September 23, 2020.). In contrast, social inclusion harnesses our diversity as a fuel for small business formation, creativity, public interest, tourism, and innovation.”

For the most part, current national ideologies have trended toward recognizing the rights of all Americans to love and be loved by who they choose, and express themselves without fear of discrimination and/or punishment. “Live and let live” has long been a cornerstone of an ideal American Democracy. However, recent regressive and constitutionally unsound legislation has been introduced in numerous states, effectively censoring the citizen’s right to freedom of expression and public gatherings. More locally, Supervisor Anaiah Kirk overstepped his authority as a Government Official and tyrannically requested peaceful, legal, and county authorized events to be shut down due to their associations with LGBTQ+ community members and organizations. He has cited his Christian religious beliefs as the reason behind his oppressive demands, which by any reasoning is completely inappropriate behavior by a representative of the public.

This issue is brought before the council primarily due to the language included in the recently passed Social Equity Resolution:

“WHEREAS, the City of Sonora is committed to seeking a thoughtful and inclusive way to heal the wounds and inequities, reconcile the divide, and take steps to make sure that acts of violence, aggression, and exclusion will not happen against any marginalized groups, including but not limited to, Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), those living in poverty, and those unhoused, those with mental or physical disabilities, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community...

WHEREAS, the City of Sonora proclaims that it is committed to diversity, equity, and an atmosphere of inclusiveness and it respects the dignity of every person without regard to race, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, immigration status, marital status, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or political affiliation. The City denounces all hate and discrimination in any form...”

The views expressed by Supervisor Anaiah Kirk, and other misguided individuals in our community do not represent the values enshrined in our Social Equity Resolution, nor do they reflect the ideologies of our community at large. They were intended to stoke fear, raise alarm over straw-man ideologies, and sow division amongst our community. It is the responsibility of this council, acting as elected representatives of all our community members, to recognize the voices wishing to speak freely and openly, and ensure an inclusive and safe environment for all.

This agenda item is intended to be educational, informative, and inspire thought and positive solutions to hate speech and ideology. I’m excited to welcome our honored guest speakers and members of our community to speak before this Council today.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the General Fund.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023
TO: City Council Members
FROM: Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer
SUBJECT: Disbursements in the amount of \$167,255.35 for payroll

RECOMMENDATION

Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$167,255.35 for payroll, including employee salaries, employer and employee taxes, retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay, and other adjustments, including retro-pay.

DISCUSSION

This payroll was the second (1st) payroll of the month, which was an expected amount.

This payroll is the 22nd payroll of 26 for FY22-23, we would have expected to expend 84.62% of the budgeted amount. In total, we have expended 77.47% of the Salaries and Wages for the FY 22/23 budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

Disbursements are part of the approved FY22-23 Budget.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Jennifer Hannula, Lieutenant

SUBJECT: BSCC's Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program Application

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Sonora Police Department, to accept a BSCC's Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant program application not to exceed \$15,000 and approve associated budget adjustments for use of the funding.

DISCUSSION

The Sonora Police Department is requesting the City Council authorize the Police Department to accept grant funding from the BSCC's Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant program. The Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program, established in the 2022 Budget Act (Assembly Bill 178, Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022), provides \$50 million for city and county law enforcement agencies for the purpose of improving officer wellness and expanding mental health sources. The allocation of funds was determined by the number of peace officers described in Penal Code section 830.1. If awarded, the Police Department wishes to utilize an officer wellness app, that gives Police Department staff mental health guidance at their fingertips. The funding would also be used by department staff for in person mental health services as needed.

There is no required match, however, the expectations are for a commitment from the City of Sonora to support the mental health of its officers and support staff. The Police Departments' operating budget would absorb ancillary operating expenses such as officer's on-duty time to attend to mental health services.

FISCAL IMPACT

The attached budget adjustment would increase the overall budget appropriation of the Police Department by approximately \$15,000.

Date **5/15/2023**

Fiscal Year **FY 2022-2023**

Department **POLICE**

Budget Transfer #

Transfer From			
Fund	Department	Account #	Amount
BSCC	Officer Wellness	Mental Health	Grant program
Total			\$0.00

Transfer To			
Fund	Department	Account #	Amount
001	5000	52010-503	\$15,000.00
Total			\$15,000.00

REQUIRED: Please provide justification to support the need for the budget transfer.

Budget Adjustment to Award of the BSCC (Board of State and Community Corrections) Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Award

Finance Use Only	
Transaction Date	_____
Document Number	_____
Entered By:	_____

Authorization	
Department Head	_____ (Date)
Finance Director	_____ (Date)
City Administrator	_____ (Date)

DATE: December 21, 2022
TO: Police Chiefs and Sheriffs
FROM: Linda Penner, Chair
SUBJECT: OFFICER WELLNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANT AWARD

I am pleased to let you know that the BSCC has begun processing the Officer Wellness and Mental Health grants, which were included in the Budget Act of 2022. All eligible law enforcement agencies will receive their payment by February 15, 2023. This memorandum provides further information about the purposes of the grant, and requests your assistance in identifying the person in your agency who will be responsible for required data reporting.

This disbursement is being made in accordance with Assembly Bill 178, Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022, Item 5227-121-0001. This funding is available to all city and county law enforcement agencies employing officers described in Section 830.1 of the Penal Code. The Officer Wellness grant is for the purpose of improving officer wellness and expanding mental health sources as follows:

1. Establishing officer wellness units or expanding existing officer wellness units.
2. Establishing peer support units or expanding peer support units.
3. Services provided by a licensed mental health professional, counselor, or other professional that works with law enforcement.
4. Expanding multiagency mutual aid programs focused on officer wellness and mental health.
5. Other programs or services that are evidence based or have a successful track record of enhancing officer wellness.

For further information about this funding and to identify the amount of funding allocated to your agency, please visit the Board of State and Community Corrections' webpage for the Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant available at <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/officer-wellness-and-mental-health-grant-program/>.

Provision 2 of the Budget Act requires each grant recipient to submit an expenditure report and a final impact report no later than December 1, 2025. Additionally, grant recipients will submit a brief annual expenditure report. Reports will be provided to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Detailed information regarding reporting requirements and reporting requirement webinars will be sent out in early 2023.

Please send the name and email address of the individual(s) within your agency who will be responsible for the implementation and reporting requirements for this grant to OfficerWellnessGrant@bscc.ca.gov by February 28, 2023 so they may receive additional information regarding detailed reporting requirements, webinars, and deadlines.

If you have any questions regarding this funding distribution, please email OfficerWellnessGrant@bscc.ca.gov and a BSCC staff member will respond.

Sincerely,



LINDA PENNER

Chair

Board of State & Community Corrections



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director

SUBJECT: SB1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funding

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 05-15-2023-A approving a list of projects to receive Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funding (RMRA).

DISCUSSION

On April 28, 2017, the Governor signed Senate Bill 1 (SB1), which is known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. To address basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety needs on both State and Local roads, SB1 increased per gallon fuel excise taxes, diesel fuel sales taxes and vehicle registration fees; and provided for inflationary adjustments to tax rates in future years.

In order to be eligible for RMRA funding, statute requires cities to provide basic annual projects reporting to the California Transportation Commission. All projects proposed to receive funding must be included in an approved budget and list adopted by the City Council at a regular public meeting.

Eligible projects include:

- Road maintenance and rehabilitation
- Safety projects
- Traffic control devices

FISCAL IMPACT

SB 1 will provide the City with Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account funding totaling approximately \$128,000 in FY 2023-24 bringing total balance in the RMRA Fund to approximately \$525,000.

ATTACHEMENTS:

- Resolution No. 05-15-2023-A



RESOLUTION NO. 05-15-2023-A

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 FUNDED BY
SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) was passed by the Legislature and Signed into law by the Governor in April 2017 to address the significant multi-modal transportation funding shortfalls statewide; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 includes accountability and transparency provisions that will ensure the residents of our City are aware of the projects proposed for funding in our community and which projects have been completed each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City must adopt by resolution a list of projects proposed to receive fiscal year funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), created by SB 1, which must include a description and the location of each proposed project, a proposed schedule for the project's completion, and the estimated useful life of the improvement; and

WHEREAS, the City, will receive an estimated \$128,000 in RMRA funding in Fiscal Year 2023-24 from SB1; and

WHEREAS, this is the seventh year in which the City is receiving SB 1 funding and will enable the City to continue essential road maintenance and rehabilitation projects, safety improvements, repairing and replacing aging bridges, and increasing access and mobility options for the traveling public that would not have otherwise been possible without SB 1; and

WHEREAS, the City used a Project Priority List to develop the SB 1 project list to ensure revenues are being used on the most high-priority and cost-effective projects that also meet the communities priorities for transportation investment; and

WHEREAS, the funding from SB 1 will help the City maintain and rehabilitate active transportation infrastructure throughout the City this year and similar projects into the future; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment found that the City's streets and roads are in an "poor" condition and this revenue will help us increase the overall quality of our road system and over the next decade will bring our streets and roads into a "at-risk" condition; and



WHEREAS, the SB 1 project list and overall investment in our local streets and roads infrastructure with a focus on basic maintenance and safety, investing in complete streets infrastructure, and using cutting-edge technology, materials, and practices, will have significant positive co-benefits statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, ORDERED AND FOUND by the City Council of the City of Sonora, State of California, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The following list of proposed projects will be funded in-part or solely with fiscal year 2023-24 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account revenues:

- 1. Location: Snell Street (City Limits to Bonanza)**
Project: Overlay and Striping
Useful Life: 20 Years
With an estimated completion date in FY23/24
- 2. Location: Linoberg Street and Bradford Street**
Project: Repair Failed Retaining Wall and Curb
Useful Life: 20 Years
With an estimated completion date in FY23/24.

The foregoing Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonora was PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council, State of California, at a public hearing held on this 15th Day of May, 2023, by _____, who moved its adoption, which motion was duly seconded by _____, and the Resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

EXCUSED:

APPROVED:

Mark Plummer,
Mayor of the City of Sonora

ATTEST:

Tracy Skelly, Clerk City of Sonora



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Ordinance 891 – Chapter 17.44, Cargo Containers

RECOMMENDATION

Introduce by title Ordinance No. 891, amending Section 17.04.010, Definitions, amending Section 17.32.065, Additional Activities Requiring Design Review, and adding Chapter 17.44, Cargo Containers, under Title 17, Zoning, of the Sonora Municipal Code, and waive the first reading.

DISCUSSION

There have been multiple complaints submitted to the Community Development Department regarding cargo containers being placed unpermitted, within parking areas, and in a way that would create a negative impact on the image of the neighborhood. The current code regulating cargo container placement is found in Section 17.32.065, Additional Activities Requiring Design Review, and is limited to the Design Review boundary. The section lacks specific requirements and standards for placement leaving staff to ambiguously interpret implementation of the code. Due to this lack of current standards, staff has struggled to address these concerns.

In response to this staff prepared Ordinance 891, Cargo Containers, for the City Council's consideration which addresses the placement of cargo containers within City limits. The purpose of this ordinance is to allow cargo containers to be placed on private property in a manner that is safe and secure and will not create adverse impacts to either the property on which they are located or to the immediate neighborhood. With the rising popularity and use of cargo containers and similar structures, the goal is to allow the benefit to property owners while achieving standards that will prevent them from becoming a nuisance to the community and creating any unsafe conditions.

As stated above, the proposed ordinance takes into consideration design aesthetics, safety, and zoning regulations so as not to create an adverse effect on surrounding areas. The proposed ordinance establishes a procedure for staff to follow in reviewing cargo containers proposed in the City by requiring submittal of a Use Permit Application pursuant to Chapter 17.62. This would require applications for cargo containers to be conditionally approved at the discretion of the Planning Commission after demonstrating compliance with the ordinance.

The ordinance outlines the requirements in placement, design, and safety to ensure the container will not provide for any negative impacts to the area or unsafe conditions. It includes standards regarding design and aesthetics to reduce the visual impact to surrounding areas. Many of the cargo containers are worn, have branding from freight use, missing paint, and surface rust. Standards for screening, location, setbacks, height, and painting will alleviate much of these concerns. Further, a permanent cargo container must acquire a building permit and be secured on a permanent foundation to prevent hazards. Also, door modifications to allow exiting cargo containers from the inside must be verified in the building

permit. Fire safety and right-of-way access must be maintained as well. The storage of hazardous materials and combustible or flammable liquids is also addressed under the proposed ordinance.

While not all cargo container proposals may follow within the specific standards and parameters of the proposed ordinance, with cargo containers requiring a use permit, unique situations can be analyzed individually. Through this, staff can present their recommendations for best implementation of standards in the ordinance to minimize impacts.

At their April 10, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting, Commissioners reviewed the Title 17 text amendment related to Cargo Containers and approved Resolution No. 04-10-2023-A recommending to the Sonora City Council approval of an ordinance as described within the attached Resolution and included within the draft Ordinance No. 891.

CEQA DETERMINATION:

The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(3), Common Sense Exemption, of the CEQA Guidelines, which exempts an activity that has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Public Hearing Notice
2. Planning Commission Resolution #04-10-2023
3. Draft Ordinance 887

Attachment 1 -**PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION NO. 04-10-2023-A

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SONORA RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17, ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE SONORA MUNICIPAL CODE, INCLUSIVE OF THE FOLLOWING: AMENDING SECTION 17.04.010, DEFINITIONS, AMENDING SECTION 17.32.065, ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRING DESIGN REVIEW, AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.44, CARGO CONTAINERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Sonora Planning Commission is officially formed by Chapter 2.32 of the Sonora Municipal Code (SMC); and,

WHEREAS, Section 2.32.010 of the SMC states that the purpose of the Planning Commission is to promote and insure the comprehensive and adequate planning of the City, and Section 2.32.080(B) of the SMC prescribes that the Planning Commission investigate and make recommendations to the City Council upon reasonable and practicable means for putting the general plan into effect, in order that it will serve as a pattern and guide for the orderly physical growth and development of the City; and

WHEREAS, zoning is one of the primary means for promoting the comprehensive and adequate planning of the City and for implementing the general plan; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting conducted on April 10, 2023, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider the Text Amendments to Title 17, Zoning Ordinance of the Sonora Municipal Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SONORA PLANNING COMMISSION HEREBY RECOMMENDS to the Sonora City Council adoption, by ordinance, a Text Amendment to Title 17, Zoning, of the Sonora Municipal Code, inclusive of the following: amending Section 17.04.010, Definitions, amending Section 17.32.065, Additional Activities Requiring Design Review, and adding Chapter 17.44, Cargo Containers, as contained in the attached Ordinance No. 891 and based on the following findings:

The proposed text amendments:

- A. Are consistent with the objectives, policies, and general land uses and programs specified in the General Plan;
- B. Are in conformity with public convenience, general welfare, and good land use practice;
- C. Will not be detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare;

- D. Will not adversely affect the orderly development of property or the preservation of property values; and
- E. The project has been reviewed in compliance with CEQA and is exempt from further review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a resolution by the Sonora Planning Commission on this 10th day of April 2023, by the following vote:

Members of the Commission:

AYES: Anderson; Ghiorso; Levine; Morales

NOES: Opie

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

SIGNED:



Kevin Anderson, Chair
Planning Commission

ATTEST:



Rachelle Kellogg, Secretary
Planning Commission

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Sonora City will conduct a public hearing at 5:00 PM, or shortly thereafter, on the 1st day of May, 2023, in the Sonora City Council Chambers, 94 North Washington Street, Sonora, CA for the purpose of considering the following:

1. **Code Amendment. Title 17 Text Amendment – Cargo Containers** Text amendment to Title 17, Zoning, of the Sonora Municipal Code, amending Section 17.04.010, Definitions, amending Section 17.32.065, Additional Activities Requiring Design Review, and adding Chapter 17.44, Cargo Containers.

This meeting is physically open to the public or members of the public may participate in the meeting via video conferencing. The posted meeting agenda will include the phone number and passcode needed to participate in the teleconference. Pursuant to State law, challenges in court to actions on the above proposal may be limited to issues raised during public hearings or meetings conducted on the matter, or in correspondence submitted prior to the start of the meeting.

At its meeting of April 10, 2023, the City of Sonora Planning Commission held a public hearing on said project. Subsequent to the hearing the Commission voted to recommend approval by the City Council. The above text amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15282(h) and Public Resource Code Section 21080.17 which exempts the adoption of an ordinance regarding second units.

The project staff report will be available for review at the City of Sonora Community Development Department, 94 North Washington Street, Sonora CA 95370, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00PM or on the City's website at www.sonoraca.com.. Questions regarding the project may be directed to Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg at (209) 532-3508 ext. #2.

Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call 209-532-4541 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Rachelle Kellogg
Community Development Director

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Publication Date: April 21, 2023

The Union Democrat
Sonora, CA

ORDINANCE NO. 891

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA AMENDING SECTION 17.04.010, DEFINITIONS, AMENDING SECTION 17.32.065, ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRING DESIGN REVIEW, AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.44, CARGO CONTAINERS, TO THE SONORA MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, due to rising popularity of cargo containers used on private property, the City of Sonora should strategically implement into the municipal code standards and requirements regarding such; and

WHEREAS, the existing cargo container regulations in Section 17.32.065, Additional Activities Requiring Design Review, are lacking, ambiguous, and difficult to implement; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed ordinance amendments, including the addition of Chapter 17.44, Cargo Containers, is to establish procedures for regulating cargo containers including design, location, safety, and construction standards; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new Chapter 17.44 clearly outlines the standards for cargo containers, making it easier for both property owners in the City and staff to interpret and process applications for cargo containers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new Chapter 17.44 provides standards to safeguard life, health, property, and public welfare in keeping with the character of the City and its historic area.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SONORA CITY COUNCIL DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 17, ZONING.

- 1. Section 17.04.010, Definitions, of Title 17, Zoning, of the Sonora Municipal Code shall be amended to include the following text in alphabetical order:**

“Cargo container” means a pre-manufactured metal shipping container or standardized, reusable vessel, designed without axle or wheels, that was originally designed and fabricated for, or used in, the packing, shipping, movement or transport of freight, articles, goods, or commodities from one location to another and that is delivered to a site as a fully assembled unit. The term “cargo container” shall not include a storage shed that is assembled at the site or a trailer with wheels used in the transport of freight. This term shall only apply to those containers that are accessory to the primary use of the property for the storage of directly related nonflammable, noncombustible, nonhazardous materials, and supplies. This definition means also terms

including “shipping container”, “c-train”, “conex box”, and similar verbiage for means of implementation.

2. **Section 17.32.065(B), Additional Activities Requiring Design Review, of Title 17, Zoning, of the Sonora Municipal Code shall be amended as follows (a deletion of text is shown as a strike through):**

B. The placement of nonresidential manufactured or modular buildings, ~~storage or cargo containers.~~

3. **Section 17.44, Cargo Containers, of Title 17, Zoning, of the Sonora Municipal Code shall be added to the Sonora Municipal Code as follows:**

Chapter 17.44 Cargo Containers

17.44.010 Purpose

The purpose of this section is to allow cargo containers, as defined in this Title, to be placed on private property in a manner that is safe and secure, will not create adverse impacts to either the property on which they are located or to the immediate neighborhood, will achieve community architectural and design standards, and will not become a nuisance to the community.

17.44.020 Temporary Use

Temporary use of cargo containers shall be allowed as follows:

- A. No cargo container permit shall be required when the cargo container is used during construction and a valid building permit is active for the property; provided, that use and placement is approved by the Building Official and Fire Department.
- B. No cargo container permit shall be required to place a cargo container on private property for a period of ten (10) days or less; provided, that all applicable conditions of approval listed in section 17.44.080 of this chapter are met. For residential uses only, such temporary cargo containers are not required to be screened and may be placed in the front yard on a paved driveway so long as the cargo container does not encroach into the landscaped area, onto sidewalks, or into public rights-of-way, and there is sufficient room to open the garage door to allow access and egress in case of emergency.
- C. A temporary use of land permit shall be obtained from the Community Development Department for a period of greater than ten (10) days but no more than three (3) months each year; provided, that all of the conditions of approval applicable in section 17.44.080 of this chapter are met, with the exception that cargo containers screened from public view from the public right-of-way or an adjacent property shall not be required to meet the design requirements of section 17.44.080(K) of this chapter. The complete application shall be provided with a fee in the amount of \$100.

- D. The cargo container must be removed immediately upon completion of the temporary term or upon expiration or finalization of the building permit.

17.44.030 Exceptions

City-owned property and City Uses. For city-owned property and city uses (regardless of the underlying zoning district), one or more cargo containers for storage use may be permitted with approval of the Community Development Director. The number of cargo containers allowed and the time period for which a cargo container may be used under this subsection shall be established by the Community Development Director.

17.44.040 Extended and Permanent Use of Cargo Containers

A use permit shall be required prior to placing a cargo container on any private property for more than three (3) months. The approval shall be specific to a location and shall not be transferable to other locations or property. An application for a use permit shall be submitted for approval of a cargo container not less than sixty (60) days before the use is intended to begin. The application shall be on a form prescribed for that purpose by the Community Development Department and shall include the written consent of the owner of the property on which the use is to be located.

17.44.050 Public Right-of-Way Restriction

No cargo container may be placed in the public right-of-way unless an encroachment permit is approved and issued by the Community Development Department.

17.44.060 Cargo Container Use Permit Application Review and Approval

All procedures for processing cargo container use permit applications shall be in accordance with those outlined in Sonora Municipal Code 17.62, Use Permit and Variance Procedure.

- A. Once the use permit application has been accepted as complete, the Community Development Director or designee shall refer the use permit application to City Departments and any other agencies deemed appropriate by the Community Development Director for comment.
- B. In considering application for a use permit pursuant to this section, the Planning Commission shall approve the permit only if the following findings are made and subject to the limitations and conditions of this section:
 1. The proposal is consistent with the General Plan, the zoning ordinance, the design guidelines, and any other applicable plans or standards applicable to the property; and
 2. The proposal meets all applicable design standards and provisions of this section; and
 3. The proposal is in harmony with the existing or proposed development in the general area or neighborhood and will be compatible with adjacent structures and uses, including those on adjoining properties; and
 4. That the site for the proposed use is adequate in size and shape to accommodate such uses, all yards, open spaces, walls, fences, parking, loading, landscaping, and other features required by the Sonora Municipal Code or the Planning

Commission to make sure such use is compatible with the land and uses in the vicinity; and

5. Any structural element contained within the proposal is of high-quality design consistent with the intent of the Sonora General Plan and the exterior design, appearance, materials, and colors will not cause the nature of the neighborhood to materially depreciate; and
6. The proposal will not otherwise constitute a nuisance or be detrimental to the public safety, health, and welfare of the neighborhood and community.

17.44.070 Fee

A fee shall be paid by the applicant according to the fee schedule set by the City Council for use permit applications.

17.44.080 Conditions of Approval

In authorizing any use permit for a cargo container, the Community Development Director shall include as conditions of approval the following minimum provisions:

- A. **Accessory use.** A cargo container may be erected on a property when the use thereof is clearly incidental and secondary to the primary use of the property: For purposes of this section, a cargo container shall not be issued for a property where there is no approved primary use. The primary use of the property shall dictate which development standards are applicable to placement of the cargo container.
- B. **Height.** Cargo container(s) shall not be stacked and shall not be greater than ten (10') feet in height including the foundation system, as measured from the property grade.
- C. **Setbacks.** Cargo container(s) shall meet all applicable side and rear setback requirements. Cargo container(s) shall not be permitted in any front yard setback or areas adjacent to front yard setbacks visible to the public.
- D. **Location.** The proposed location shall not interfere with other uses, pedestrian/vehicular visibility, required parking, landscaping, or circulation on the property, or create any other safety problem. The cargo container(s) shall not be placed in a "fire lane" or other fire access lanes. The cargo container(s) must be accessible by a paved drive aisle. Cargo containers are not allowed to be placed permanently within the historic area as defined in Sonora Municipal Code Section 17.32.030(B).
- E. **Contents.** Cargo containers permitted pursuant to this Chapter are for permitted for storage purposes only. Human occupancy is prohibited. No hazardous materials and combustible or flammable liquids may be stored in the container.
- F. **Screening.** Cargo container(s) shall be screened from view from the public right-of-way and from view of adjacent residential uses or districts using methods such as, but not limited to, line of sight behind buildings or walls with landscaping and construction of walls with vines.

- G. **Number and size.** The number shall be limited to one (1) container per property, no greater than forty (40') in length. Lot coverage cannot exceed the allowed amount for the specific zone district.
- H. **Signs.** No advertising or directional signs shall be mounted, painted, or displayed on the container except that temporary containers may display the rental or leasing company name and/or logo permanently affixed or painted on the container.
- I. **Building permit.** A building permit shall be required for all permanent cargo containers. Doors shall be modified to allow persons to freely exit the cargo container.
- J. **Foundation system.** All permanent cargo containers must be structurally secured to a foundation system approved by the Building Official.
- K. **Design.** All applicable development standards and design guidelines for the zoning district shall apply. Permanent cargo containers must be painted to match the primary building to achieve architectural compatibility.

17.44.090 Amortization

All cargo containers existing in the city as of the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section shall conform to the following:

- A. Cargo containers for which prior approval was granted by the city or another agency with jurisdiction over the permit issuance shall be allowed to remain, subject to continued compliance with their original conditions of approval, if any.
- B. Cargo containers that have been installed without prior approval of the city shall be removed within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this ordinance or shall be brought into conformance with the requirements of this chapter.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after its final passage and adoption, provided it is published in a newspaper of general circulation at least within fifteen (15) days after its passage or a summary of the Ordinance is published in a newspaper of general circulation at least five (5) days prior to adoption and again at least within fifteen (15) days after its passage.

SECTION 4. CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL ADOPTION AND APPROVAL. This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 1st of May, 2023, and passed and adopted as Ordinance No. 891 at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 15th of May, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT OR ABSTAIN: _____

Mark Plummer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Tracy Skelly, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Douglas L. White, City Attorney

Publish: The Union Democrat, Sonora
_____, 2023



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Type 6 Wildland Urban Interface Fire Engine - Contract Award

RECOMMENDATION

Consideration of award to Burton's Fire Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of \$315,000 to purchase a Type 6 Wildland Urban interface Fire Engine and authorize the City Administrator to sign the purchase contract and all related project documents.

DISCUSSION

On April 18, 2022 the City Council authorized staff to submit a grant agreement to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to utilize a portion of the City's existing CDBG Program Income to purchase a Type 6 4x4 Wildland Urban Interface Fire Engine. Following Council's approval staff coordinated the application submittal and approval by the State. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the project was issued on March 24, 2023 with a proposal submittal date of April 21, 2023. The RFP was widely circulated to suppliers and included the Fire Department's required vehicle specifications as well as delivery deadlines.

The City received one proposal from Burton's Fire Inc. for a Rosenbauer Type 6 4x4, Wildland Urban Interface fire Engine meeting the required specifications. Rosenbauer manufactures a complete line of fire apparatuses and is the second largest manufacture in the United States. Burton Fire Inc. is located in Modesto and along with sales has a full line service and repair facility. The proposal has been reviewed by staff and has been found to be in compliance with the RFP requirements and would like to move forward with the purchase of the engine. The engine will be delivered to the Fire Department within 90 days of contract award.

FISCAL IMPACT

The \$315,000 in costs for this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City Council approved budget.

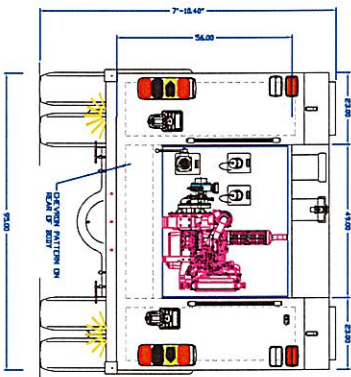
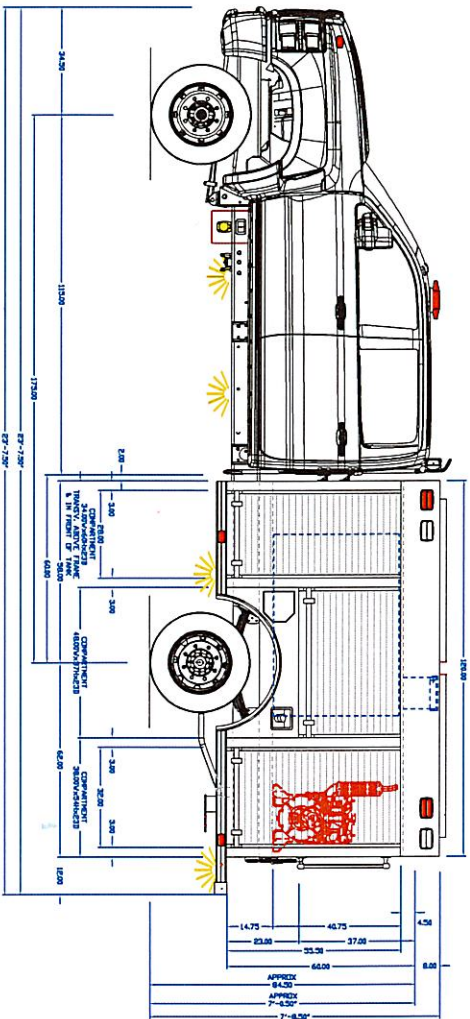
ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Schematic Drawing of Engine

INITIALS: BH
JOB NUMBER: 31045
DATE: 6/6/2022

MAIN FILE: -
DEPT: -
DEALER: -

PRODUCTION APPROVED



- NOTES:
1. OVERALL HEIGHT IS IN LOADED CONDITION. UNLOADED HEIGHTS MAY BE 4" ABOVE HEIGHTS SHOWN.
 2. DO NOT SCALE DRAWING.
 3. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO ENGINEERING CHANGES.
 4. DRAWING MAY OR MAY NOT SHOW ALL ITEMS AS DESCRIBED IN THE WRITTEN DETAIL SPECIFICATIONS.
 5. INCLUSION OF AN ITEM ON THE DRAWING DOES NOT CONSTITUTE INCLUSION OF THAT ITEM WITH THE FINAL DELIVERED UNIT.
 6. THE EFFECTIVE DOOR OPENINGS WILL BE APPROX. 2" LESS THAN THE NOTED COMPARTMENT OPENING FOR ROLL UP DOORS AND UP TO APPROX. 4" LESS FOR HINGED DOORS

APPROVED BY:

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BODY WIDTH	95"

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Staff Direction – Use of Sidewalk (Encroachment Permits)

RECOMMENDATION

Provide staff direction regarding the use of City sidewalks under the new Encroachment Permit Ordinance.

DISCUSSION

City staff is in the process of drafting a new Encroachment Permit Ordinance which will include regulations related to the use of the City's public places including sidewalks. This Ordinance will also include provisions for outdoor dining on public property. In order to finalize the draft ordinance for Council consideration, staff is requesting direction as to how the City Council would like the sidewalks to be utilized and regulated thus providing guidance in establishing regulations.

Especially in the downtown area, many businesses have utilized City sidewalks for display of merchandise for many years. Most have utilized the area directly in front of their building but some have placed items along the curb as well. Also businesses have placed planters on sidewalks and just like merchandise, some are small and near the entrance to their businesses but some are larger and have been placed closer to the curb of the sidewalk. Another issue on the back streets is that businesses are also using sidewalks to permanently house their waste receptacles. Most items can be easily removed from the sidewalk if needed.

Currently staff is processing an Encroachment Permit requesting the approval of two, very large, planter boxes in front of the Sonora Fly Co. The concern related to these particular boxes is the size and once filled with soil and plants movability will be very limited. In regards to this particular application staff did receive some complaints and also the attached letter from the Tuolumne Heritage Committee encouraging the City not to approve the placement of these planter boxes on the sidewalk.

Items placed on the sidewalk can impact the public access to the sidewalk either from exiting their car or just walking down the sidewalk in general. Accessibility also has to be considered with sidewalks are being utilized for merchandise, planters, receptacles, etc. Items should be able to be easily moved for maintenance of the sidewalk by the City. And finally, items placed on the sidewalk can benefit or detract from the ambience of the downtown. Attached are pictures of the current use of the sidewalks.

FISCAL IMPACT N/A

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Photos and Tuolumne Heritage Committee Letter



Item 10.



Tuolumne Heritage Committee

Item 10.

Sonora, California 95370

April 29, 2023

Rachelle Kellogg
Community Development
Director
City of Sonora
94 N. Washington St.
Sonora, CA 95370

Re: Large wooden containers on S. Washington St.
in vicinity of 84 S. Washington St.

Rachelle:

Staff has advised me that the two large wooden boxes put together with heavy duty aluminum hardware at the above-referenced location are under review by the city for an encroachment permit.

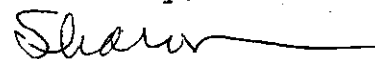
Please do what you can to either have these large boxes, which I presume are planters, removed from the sidewalk or scaled way back in size. The city has worked over the years to ensure that the historic streetscape of Sonora remains in an old fashioned mode, especially since the downtown area is so historic and so many people over the years have followed design review principles and have done restoration or good maintenance on their buildings.

The city has had planter boxes before, but they were much smaller and had the appearance of planter boxes that could easily have been found in an historic downtown or in an old fashioned neighborhood.

The Cultural Resources Element of the General Plan clearly recognizes the importance of preserving Sonora's cultural resources as well as the context in which they are located. The above-referenced boxes may have been placed on the street with good intentions, but they fail to convey the ambience and historic design our residents and visitors have come to expect.

Thank you for your attention to the above.

Sincerely,



Sharon Marovich, Chair



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023
TO: City Council Members
FROM: Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director
SUBJECT: Administrative Services Department Report for March 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Administrative Services Department Report for March 2023

DISCUSSION



Administrative Services

The Administrative Services Department provides a wide range of comprehensive support services which include: accounting, finance administration and reporting, budgeting, audit, compliance, treasury management, payroll, human resources, recruitments, accounts receivable, local tax collection, accounts payable, procurements, business license management, risk management, information technology for the City.

Monthly Report to the City Council

March 2023

Highlights of General Fund Revenues:

	Current Period	YTD	FY22/23 Budget	% of Budget
Property Tax	\$ -	\$ 884,343	\$1,374,800	64.3%
Sales Tax	\$ 271,686	\$ 2,548,261	\$3,325,100	76.6%
Transient Occupancy Tax	\$ 64,141	\$ 451,710	\$ 550,000	82.1%
Cannabis Public Benefit Fees	\$ 58,141	\$ 453,786	\$ 585,000	77.6%
Building Permits	\$ 10,867	\$ 113,144	\$ 141,500	80.0%
Business Licenses	\$ 240	\$ 123,481	\$ 120,000	102.9%

Highlights of General Fund Expenditures:

	Current Period	YTD	FY22/23 Budget	% of Budget
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 549,046	\$ 4,953,174	\$7,337,800	67.5%
Operating Expenditures	\$ 234,625	\$ 1,622,113	\$2,419,400	67.0%
Transfers	\$ 9,213	\$ 96,135	\$ 300,000	32.0%

Total Number of Checks/DD Processed:

A/P	YTD	H/R	YTD
230	1,256	89	1015

Business License Activity:

Licenses Issued

Current Month Zone A	Current Month Zone B	YTD Zone A	YTD Zone B
3	4	26	108



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Community Development Department Report for April 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Community Development Department Report for April 2023

DISCUSSION

In addition to the day-to-day operations of the Department, staff completed the following items:

CITYGATE – Over a several day period, Staff prepared all of the documentation requested by CityGate for both the Community Development Department and Public Works Department. Staff also attending meetings and reviewed documents provided.

WASHINGTON-STOCKTON TRANSIT PROJECT – Due to ongoing weather delays, construction on the project began at the end of March. The project will be conducted in 4 phases to better accommodate both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The project contractor is Dirt Dynasty, Inc. and the Construction Engineer, who works directly with the Community Development Director and oversees daily operations, is UNICO Engineering. The current phase under constructions is along the north side of Stockton Street. Staff reviews all document submittals, labor standards, addresses issues as they arise, attends weekly meetings and on-site as needed, and submittals to Caltrans.

New ENCROACHMENT PERMIT ORDINANCE – Staff is in the process of preparing the draft Encroachment Permit Ordinance for consideration by the City Council. The ordinance will regulate the use of the City's public spaces, right-of-ways, and sidewalks. It will also address the use of public spaces for outdoor dining. Following additional direction and comments from the Council, staff will finalize the ordinance and present it to the City Council for consideration.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Due to the increase in Code Enforcement related issues throughout the City, a contracted Code Enforcement Officer has been working within the Community Development Department since September of 2022. The Officer is in the office one day per week and currently is handling 13 active cases. The nature of the cases vary but most are related to health and safety issues. By having a Code Enforcement Officer in place, oversight is now in place to address these issues and bring them to a close.

FARMERS MARKET – The first day of the Sonora Certified Farmers Market is Saturday, May 20th. Staff has reviewed all applications received and is making final preparations for the start of the Market.

CDBG PROGRAM INCOME – Proposals were due to the City on Friday, April 21st for the Type 6 Wildland Urban Interface Fire Engine. The City received one proposal from Burton's Fire Inc. which has been reviewed and found in compliance with the requirements and specifications by staff. The City Council will be considering awarding the contract at the May 15th meeting.

MONTH OF April 2023	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT		CITY OF SONORA 94 N. WASHINGTON ST. SONORA, CA 95370	
NAME	LOCATION	TYPE	VALUATION	FEES
NEW RESIDENTIAL		TOTAL UNITS <u>1</u>		
LUCCO JOETTE LOUISE TR	237 W STOCKTON ST	COMMERCIAL TO NEW SFD	\$1,500	\$896.31
SUBTOTAL <u>\$896.31</u>				
CDBG REHABS		TOTAL UNITS <u>0</u>		
SUBTOTAL <u>0</u>				
COMMERCIAL		TOTAL UNITS <u>0</u>		
SUBTOTAL <u>0</u>				

ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS		TOTAL UNITS 13		
COGNETTI JOSEPH III & KELLIE	814 SHAWSFLAT ROAD	SOLAR INSTALL, 7.9 KW, PV SYSTEM	\$169.75	\$163.99
WILLIAMSON CORY & JAIME L	346 LYONS ST	15.54 KW SOLAR ON RES HOME ROOF MOUNT	\$46,700.00	\$578.94
3AARC ENTERPRISES INC	64 SHANGRILA LN	REISSUED PERMIT TO ADD AC UNIT	\$8,000.00	\$418.55
M A C T HEALTH BOARD	940 SYLVA LANE STE F-2	INSTALL A NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	\$3,196.00	\$406.88
ROBERSON DOUGLAS TR ROBERSON ROLANDA L TR	37 CORTE DEL ENCINO	14.1 KW SOLAR RES HOME ROOF MOUNT	\$40,000.00	\$647.55
ROBERSON ALICA & SHANE	124 ROBLE ROAD	15.5 KW SOLAR RES HOME ROOF MOUNT	\$45,000.00	\$992.48
SONORA 3 LLC	1197 SANGUINETTI RD	FIRE SPRINKLERS	\$2,200.00	\$710.55
QCSI SIX LLC	855 MONO	FIRE SPRINKLERS	\$5,500.00	\$ 820.11
MC BRIDE PATRICK & MEREDITH	6 N POPLAR	6.37 KW SOLAR RES ROOF MOUNT ELECTRICAL UPGRADE	\$13,500.00	\$570.91
SMITTLE CODY & MONICA	779 E OAKSIDE	5.95 KW RES SOLAR ROOF MOUNT	\$40,936.00	\$520.18
O'CONNELL DANIEL L ETAL PINO MARY R ETAL	307 SUMMIT AVE	RPPF MOUNT SOLAR 8KW 20 PV MODULES	\$26,560.00	\$444.55

JORN JANICE M TR	506 SNELL ST	ADDING 5.6 KW TO EXISTING 4.65	\$15,000.00	\$253.67
SONORA 3 LLC	1197 SANGUINETTI RD	NEW SIGN FOR A NEW BUSINESS	\$8,419.31	\$287.54

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DEMOLITIONS		TOTAL UNITS <u>2</u>		
NAME	LOCATION	TYPE	VALUATION	FEE
SEYMOUR CHRISTINE	16 S POPLAR ST	DEMO MULTIFAMILY RESIDENCE	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 205.35
RI TIMBERHILLS LLC	1045 MONO WAY	DEMO OF STEWART PHARMACY	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 753.88
SUBTOTAL <u>\$953.23</u>				
MISCELLANEOUS REPAIRS				
NUMBER OF PERMITS	VALUATION \$		FEE	
8	\$1,046,180.00		\$7,808.58	

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED	24
TOTAL VALUATION	\$1,339,261.06
SUB TOTAL OF PERMIT FEES COLLECTED	\$16,480.02
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES COLLECTED	\$1,320.00
TOTAL TRAFFIC FEES COLLECTED	0
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FEES COLLECTED	0
TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION FEES COLLECTED	0
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	\$16,480.02

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED	69
TOTAL VALUATION	\$ 3,100,185.55
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES COLLECTED	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FEES COLLECTED	
TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION FEES COLLECTED	
TOTAL TRAFFIC MITIGATION FEES COLLECTED	\$ -
TOTAL PERMIT FEES COLLECTED	\$ 38,206.50



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Aimee New, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Fire Department Monthly Report - April 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Receive Fire Department Report – April 2023

DISCUSSION

Fire Department Monthly Report – April 2023

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

1. City of Sonora Fire Department responded to 120 calls for service in April 2023.
2. Sonora City units responded to emergency calls as follows:

113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	16
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	65
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1
510 - Person in distress, other	6
511 - Lock-out	1
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2
553 - Public service	4
554 - Assist invalid	2
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	6
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	3
631 - Authorized controlled burning	1
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
700 - False alarm or false call, other	2
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
730 - System malfunction, other	3

743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	2
Total Incidents	120

3. Monthly dollar loss in the City, resulting from fire: 0
4. The average response time during the month: 4.7
5. Automatic or mutual aid given 31



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Mike Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor

SUBJECT: Public Works Department Report for April 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Public Works Department Report for April 2023

DISCUSSION

For the month of April 2023, the City of Sonora Public Works Department performed the following activities:

Events

- Deployed changeable message boards for advance warning of pedestrians for the Home and Garden show at the Fairgrounds.
- Placed banners above Washington Street for upcoming events.

Streets

- Made repairs to sink hole on Stewart Street.
- Excavated and backfilled large sinkhole on Ponderosa Drive.
- Made repairs to eroded section of road on Bradford Street.
- Made repairs to damaged stop sign on Gold St @ Washington St.
- Spent several days potholing City Streets.
- Responded to big rig accident on Mono Way which required removal of large boulders from roadway.
- Loaded and hauled two truckloads of brush in City right of way by the Firewise Committee on Arbona circle.
- Started annual early morning roadside weed spraying.
- Installed 25 Chamber of Commerce banners on City streetlight poles.

Facilities

- Ran cat 6 cable in attic for internet connection at Sonora Police Department and mounted router.
- Made repairs to urinal at Opera Hall.
- Cleaned security camera lenses at Sonora Police Department.
- Installed window blinds in office space at Farmers Market facility.
- Ran cable for antenna from roof to office for scanner at Public Works.
- Serviced all Swamp coolers on City facilities.

Parks/Landscapes/Parking Lots

- Charged irrigation and checked all sprinklers at Rotary Park.
- Camera and cleared toilet drain in restroom at Rotary Park.
- Graffiti removal in Rotary Park ball field dugouts.
- Planted trees and shrubs in planters at the Terzich Parking Garage.
- Flushed plugged culverts on Dagoon Trail following flooding event.
- Inspected, repaired, and charged irrigations in all City Landscapes.
- Pressure wash stairs in the Terzich Parking Lot.
- Pruned and weed wacked the Columbia Way landscape island.

Storm Drains

- Fabricated new storm drain grate for inlet on Green Street.

Cemeteries

- Charged irrigation system and checked all valves and sprinklers for proper function for irrigating season.
- Patched roads at Mt Shadow following storm damage.
- Performed annual weed spraying at Mountain Shadow and Old City Cemetery.
- Daily-Check messages at Mountain Shadow and returned calls as needed.
- Daily-Cleaned irrigation filters during irrigation season.
- Marked out plots as requested by Funeral Home.
- Set headstones as requested by Funeral Home.
- Mowed and edged lawns weekly.
- Weed wacked around headstones as needed.

Miscellaneous

Burned accumulated brush pile on Southgate drive. Daily-unlock, and service all public restrooms. Garbage collection twice a week in all City parking lots, landscapes, and parks. Monthly fleet vehicle inspections. Twice weekly- Run street sweeper early morning on rotating street schedule throughout the City.

FISCAL IMPACT

None



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT – SONORA POLICE DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for April 2023.

DISCUSSION

The attached summarizes activities for April 2023.

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	April 2022
Total Incidents	1,292	1,216	1,279
Calls for Service	786	781	624
Officer Initiated	506	435	658
Total Arrests	35	46	65
Felony Arrests	4	8	15
Misd. Arrests	31	38	50
Total Reports	103	118	137
Parking Citations	17	20	31
Moving Citations	17	9	23
Domestic Violence	1	3	3
Larceny Invest.	8	9	12
Total Collisions	28	17	28
Collision Invest.	7	7	15

	Mar 2023	Mar 2023	April 2022
Homeless Activity	99	85	73
Animal Calls	23	19	29
Public Intox. / UID	4	12	8
DUI Arrests	5	4	4
Total Phone Calls / 911 Calls	2,058/363	2,262/384	2,054/232
Average Per Day	30	73	68
Vehicle Releases	5	5	11

*Homeless Activity tracking requires additional manual inputs; the actual number of associated incidents will typically be higher than the reported number.

*The Larceny Investigation category reflects only those incidents where an investigation is conducted and a case report is generated. The actual number of larcenies is considerably higher.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund

AREA 1**Violent Crimes:**

- 1 Felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon (not a Firearm)
- 2 Misdemeanor Child Abuse

Burglaries / Other Larceny:

- 4 Business Burglaries (Shoplifting)
- 1 Business Burglary

AREA 2**Violent Crimes:**

- 1 Felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon (not a Firearm)
- 1 Misdemeanor Domestic Violence

Burglaries / Other Larceny:

- 2 Business Burglaries (Shoplifting)
- 1 Business Burglary (Outbuilding)

04/01/2023 - 04/30/2023

Area 1 Monthly Report March 2023

Neighborhood Watch:

ELKS HILL:

- No updated activity.

SONORA KNOWLES:

- No updated activity.

Cases For discussion:

23-288- On 3/11/2023 at about 1745 hours, Officers were dispatched to a fire underneath a downtown business beside a creek. During the investigation, Officers discovered a transient male, 37-year-old William Vannortwick, yelling for help to be rescued from the rushing creek. Responders and fire personable had to cut a hole in the business floor to rescue Vannortwick. Vannortwick admitted to crawling down the creek and underneath the business where he started a warming fire that got out of control and caused some damage to the business. Vannortwick was arrested for causing an unpermitted fire to get out of control, causing property damage.

23-295- On 3/13/2023 at 0206 hours, an Officer was dispatched to a possibly intoxicated male subject in a vehicle, and the engine was revving. The Officer contacted the driver, identified as 32-year-old Groveland resident Garrett Maxwell. Maxwell submitted to, and failed Field Sobriety Testing and was arrested for DUI. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed the finding of a loaded and non-serialized/unregistered "Polymer 80" type semiautomatic handgun concealed within the vehicle. Maxwell was arrested for additional charges of possession of the concealed and loaded handgun within the vehicle.

Recruitments:

- 3 Full-time Police Officers
- 1 Full-time Dispatcher

Training:

- One Dispatcher attended Records training
- One Officer attended Crisis Intervention Training
- One Corporal attended Social Media Warrant writing training
- One Dispatcher attended NIBRS training
- One Command Staff member attended California Police Chief's Association training
- One Officer attended tactical patrol rifle training

Range:

- Quarterly range training will be conducted in the following month of April.

Dispatch:

- One part-time dispatcher in training; one full-time vacancy. Testing is scheduled for April 12.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sgt. Chris Johnson

Area 2 Monthly Report April 2023

Neighborhood Watch:

MYERS HILL:

- No updated activity.

NORTH STEWART:

- No updated activity.

HIGHLAND VIEW:

- No updated activity

Case(s) For discussion:

23-433—On April 21, 2023, at approximately 7:00 pm, Sonora PD officers were dispatched to an elder abuse call. The 82-year-old victim reported an unknown female knocked on the front door of his residence and asked him for money. The victim reached for his wallet and removed a small amount of cash to give to the female. The female took the money, grabbed the victim's wallet, and ran off in an unknown direction. The suspect has not been identified; however, this is an ongoing investigation.

23-454—On April 27, 2023, at approximately 7:00 pm, while on routine patrol at Rotary Park, a Sonora PD officer identified a vehicle belonging to an individual with an active Parolee at Large (PAL) warrant. The officer contacted the individual associated with the warrant and took him into custody.

Field Training Program:

- One part-time Community Service Officer in training.

Investigations:

23-381—Sonora PD detective closed unlawful sex with a minor case. The victim stated she met the suspect while visiting Sonora with her family. At the time of the crime, the victim said she was 16, and the suspect was 20. The suspect was identified, and a criminal complaint was sent to the DA's office.

Property and Evidence:

- The property room is undergoing an internal audit and reorganization. This labor-intensive effort will ensure accountability and compliance with state guidelines.

Fleet:

- One new patrol vehicle was assigned to an officer.
- One patrol vehicle was removed from service and assigned to the vehicle pool.

Reserves/Volunteers:

- No updated activity

Respectfully Submitted,
Sgt. Eric Nygard



May 15, 2023

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker, California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 8330
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable James Gallagher
Republican Leader, State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 4740
Sacramento, CA 958

RE: Action Needed on Fentanyl and Substance Use-Related Legislation

Dear Speaker Rendon and Assembly Republican Leader Gallagher,

The League of California Cities (Cal Cities) requests to participate in the upcoming informational hearing on fentanyl and urges the Legislature to take further action this year to address the fentanyl crisis.

Cities are committed to enacting legislative solutions that strike an appropriate balance between community justice and public safety. However delaying additional legislative action another year will undoubtedly result in many more preventable lives lost.

Constituents throughout California are relying on their legislators to act swiftly.

Fentanyl poisonings and the rising death toll illustrate a complex issue that requires a multi-faceted and collaborative approach. Cal Cities supports additional funding and resources to address the substance use crisis through appropriate prevention and intervention efforts, educational awareness campaigns, and increased access to life-saving overdose treatment aids such as naloxone.

Cities not only welcome increased collaboration with our state and federal partners, but we truly require it in order to meaningfully address the fentanyl crisis facing our communities.

For these reasons, Cal Cities calls on the Legislature to thoughtfully deliberate on and provide solutions for one of the most pressing issues of our time. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Elisa Arcidiacono at earcidiacono@calcities.org or Caroline Cirrincione at ccirrincione@calcities.org.

Sincerely,



Mayor, Mark Plummer



SONORA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Sonora, California 95370

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"Maintaining a Safe Community since 1851"

May 5, 2023

Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil
4th District
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El Dorado Hills, CA 95762
RE: Assembly Bill 742 – OPPOSE

Dear Senator Alvarado-Gil:

It was very much a pleasure meeting with you and your staff during your visit to Sonora on April 7th. I know we discussed AB 742; however, due to the potential negative impact this bill could have on public safety, I feel compelled to formalize my strong opposition to it. AB 742 eliminates an irreplaceable policing element that has been responsible for countless saved lives and de-escalated situations.

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Law enforcement has also recognized the power canines possess, and the need to control that force. As such, canine programs go through incredible amounts of ongoing training and review. All actions are overseen and governed by well-established department policies and held accountable by respective local governing bodies and state law. Furthermore, the use of force standards set in statute are applicable in the event of a canine deployment. Fortunately, in the overwhelming majority of situations, canines assist in de-escalating conflict and prevent force from being necessary.

As with other legislation this year, the justification for banning police canines centers on racial bias. We wholeheartedly condemn any and all racial bias, whether in policing or not. We continue to be a partner in addressing bias directly but stand against proposed laws that eliminate or ban legitimate police operations and/or powers. Working collaboratively, we can continue addressing inequity without jeopardizing public safety through these broad restrictions. For the reasons outlined above, we must strongly oppose AB 742.

Respectfully,

Turu VanderWiel
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Honorable Jim Patterson
8TH Assembly District
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Fresno, CA 93710

RE: Assembly Bill 742 – OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Patterson:

On behalf of the Sonora Police Department, I want to share my strong opposition to AB 742, which would prohibit the use of police canines in the apprehension or arrest of a suspect, to bite in any situation, or in any manner of crowd control. In doing so, AB 742 eliminates an irreplaceable law enforcement team member who has been responsible for countless saved lives and de-escalated situations.

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Honorable Corey Jackson
California State Assembly
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 742 – OPPOSE

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