

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date **Held Until**
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Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item No:**
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Department: Community Development Commission

() **4/5 Vote Required**

Contact:
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Board Date:
4/07/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Sonoma County Housing Authority Public Housing Agency Annual Plan

REQUESTED COMMISSION ACTION:

Resolution approving the Sonoma County Public Housing Agency (PHA) Annual Plan for the period of July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 and authorizing its submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD

Estimated Cost \$

Contingencies \$
(Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted \$

Unanticipated Revenue \$
(Source:)

Other Avail Approp. \$
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s) \$
(Source:)

Additional Requested: \$

Add'l Funds Requested: \$

Explanation (if required):

Prior Commission Action(s):

4-08-08: Commission approved Resolution No. 08-0323 approving current PHA Annual Plan.

4-05-05: Commission approved Resolution No. 05-0299 approving current PHA 5 Year Plan.

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:

The PHA Annual Plan is required of all Housing Authorities in order to be in compliance with federal regulation. Non-approval could result in the delay of funding allocations and possibly in the loss of approximately \$22 million in Housing Choice Voucher Housing Authority funds.

Background:

[PHA Certifications of Compliance are on file with Clerk of the Board.]

The Community Development Commission, acting as the Sonoma County Housing Authority (SCHA), administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program under contract with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of the program is to assist very low-income households in obtaining decent, safe, and sanitary housing by providing rental subsidies.

Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998 requires that all housing authorities prepare a Public Housing Agency Plan (PHA Plan). The PHA Annual Plan is for the period of July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. The PHA Plan provides a source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the SCHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the SCHA's mission and strategies for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families. It is consistent with the Consolidated Plans of the County of Sonoma and the City of Petaluma, the two HUD entitlement jurisdictions in which the SCHA operates the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

A notice was published in the Press Democrat on February 13, 2009, informing the public that the Draft Annual PHA Plan was available for public review. The notice included the date that the required public hearing would be held before the Board of Commissioners, and stated that written comments would be considered until April 7, 2009. The Community Development Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the revised draft PHA Plan on February 10, 2009. The plan will be submitted to HUD electronically by April 17, 2009.

The attached Resolution will approve the FY 09-10 PHA Plan, authorize the Chairman of the Commission to sign the required certifications, and authorize the Executive Director to submit the PHA Plan to HUD.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. PHA Plan

On File With Clerk:

PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations form

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

Background information is on file at:

County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors Office
575 Administration Drive, Room 100A
Santa Rosa, CA 9540

It can be viewed and/or copies requested during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call (707) 565-2241 for more information.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Dated: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE SONOMA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CDC), IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SONOMA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY, APPROVING THE SONOMA COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY (PHA) ANNUAL PLAN 2009-2010 AND AUTHORIZING ITS SUBMISSION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998, the Sonoma County Community Development Commission (CDC) must approve a Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan for the Sonoma County Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, a notice was published in the Press Democrat informing the public that the Draft Annual PHA Plan was available for public review. The notice included the date that the required public hearing would be held before the Board of Commissioners, and stated that written comments would be considered until April 7, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently administers a Housing Choice Voucher Program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Annual PHA Plan has been reviewed and considered by the CDC and is consistent with the Consolidated Plans of the County of Sonoma and the City of Petaluma; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires that Annual PHA Plans be formally approved by the CDC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the CDC that:

1. The Sonoma County Annual PHA Plan for fiscal year 2009 - 2010 on file at the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, is hereby approved.
2. The Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to execute the PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations form.
3. The Executive Director is directed to submit to HUD the Annual Agency Plan.
4. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to submit to HUD a copy of this resolution as evidence of formal action by the CDC.

5. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to respond to requests for additional information from HUD as may be required to be in compliance.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

COMMISSIONERS:

BROWN_____ KERNS_____ ZANE_____ CARRILLO_____ KELLEY_____

AYES:_____ NOES:_____ ABSTAIN:_____ ABSENT:_____

SO ORDERED.