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Introduction Highlights

Planning and Building Services ("PBS") continues to advance several initiatives supporting effective county government, community safety, and long-term resilience. Efforts include improving transparency through monthly performance reports, expanding staff certifications and professional development, and preparing potential data center regulations with opportunities for community input. The Code Enforcement Division is maintaining its established enforcement priorities, while Planning staff began collaborating with the Housing Ad Hoc Committee to explore solutions to housing challenges and barriers. Under the County's resilience priorities, work continues on the Sea Level Rise Resiliency Strategy and Local Coastal Program updates, including the Board of Supervisors' adoption of draft baseline sea level rise policies on October 20, 2026.

I. Effective County Government Organization

- Monthly performance metrics have been reconfigured to illustrate the Department's overall productivity in a more visually accessible format. These reports provide an overview of permit and project application submittal volumes, current workloads, and processing timeframes for each division. The most recent reports can be accessed here: https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/All-Departments/Planning-And-Building-Services/PBS-Administration-and-Grants/Department-Metrics-and-Issued-Permits.
- PBS now has a second certified Permit Technician who successfully completed the required coursework through California Building Officials (CALBO) and certification testing through the International Code Council (ICC). An additional Permit Technician is planned to attend courses beginning in January 2027 to pursue their certification.
- Both PBS Senior Planners attended the 95th Annual County Planning Commissioners' Association General Conference. This year's conference focused on preservation of agricultural activity in the face of mounting pressure for development.
- Planning staff will seek direction from the Board of Supervisors regarding the preferred regulatory approach to Data Centers, including whether data centers should be addressed through a stand-alone chapter in Division I of the Zoning Code or as a new commercial use type. This policy direction will guide the preparation of draft regulations addressing site selection, operational standards, infrastructure requirements, and potential community impacts. Staff are also preparing for stakeholder meetings to collect community input.

II. A Safe and Healthy County

- The Code Enforcement Division presented to the Board of Supervisors ("Board") on October 7, 2026, and received direction to maintain its current enforcement priorities, consistent with the Board's previous guidance.
- PBS provided a presentation to the Board on October 20, 2026, and received direction to work with the Housing Ad Hoc Committee to perform case studies from the County's previous permit

amnesty program and participate in community and stakeholder workshops to identify solutions to address housing concerns and barriers within the County.

III. A Thriving Economy

- No specific activities were reported under this priority area during this reporting period.

IV. A Prepared and Resilient County

- The County of Sonoma, in partnership with the County of Mendocino and Sonoma Clean Power, has received funding through the California Energy Commission's Geothermal Grant and Loan program to support proactive regional planning for geothermal energy development in the Sonoma-Lake-Mendocino Region. Planning Division staff have been working to build a better understanding of geothermal resource potential while identifying environmental, cultural, and community considerations.
- Progress continues on the Mendocino County Sea Level Rise Resiliency Strategy project. Following a series of six public workshops along the coast from September 29 to October 5, public input is being incorporated into the final draft Resiliency Strategy document, including initial draft policies for consideration in the LCP update.
- PBS continues to advance the Sea Level Rise Baseline Policy LCP Update (GP_2026-0001). Draft baseline policies were adopted by the Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2026. Next, PBS staff will submit an LCP amendment application to the California Coastal Commission seeking certification of the adopted baseline policies.

Other/Additional Information

- The Planning and Building Services Online Customer Survey is now available! Click the link below to complete our confidential customer survey. https://forms.office.com/g/UjZnVN4eHe