

# **Priority Setting Update**

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## **BOS Priority Setting – April 18, 2023**





## **BOS Priority Setting - Categories**

- August 22, 2023 Board of Supervisors
- Board identified priorities in the following categories:
  - Economic Development
  - Agriculture Preservation and Development
  - Housing
  - County Workforce Development
  - County Services Regulations and Policies



## **Department Status Updates**

#### BOS Confirmed August 22, 2023

#### September 26, 2023 - Updates

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Board of Supervisors Priority Setting Status Update - September 26, 2023							
Category		Priorities	Lead Department		Priority Detail	Timeline	Current Status / Next Steps
Economic Development		Engage the community members, cities and the Solano EDC on the need for economic development in the County.	CAO	E1-A	Strengthen the County's resources in planning, engaging and executing of economic development efforts throughout the County.	Ongoing	This priority encompasses an ongoing effort to attract and retain businesses to Solano County that provide job growth and create employment opportunities with a "livable wage." The FY2023/24 Adopted Budget included an Economic Developmen position to expand the County's resources in this area.
				E1-B	Create a County economic development plan.	TBD	Staff will be working to take the initial steps to create an economic development plan for unincorporated areas. These steps may include, but are not limited to engaging the services of a Futurist or other consultants to assist in this effort.
				E1-C	Evaluate the need to update County Zoning and other necessary policy language in support of economic development.	Ongoing	The Board has made changes to zoning to increase opportunities for agricultural businesses and for highway commercial zoning at the freeway interchange. Further zoning changes are being contemplated and may be recommended to the BOS.
				E1-D	Continue to coordinate with the Solano EDC on ongoing projects.	Ongoing	Additional updates on efforts to engage in economic development in the County will be brought back before the Board throughout the fiscal year.
	E2	Update the County General Plan to identify potential areas for economic development within the jurisdiction of the County.	CAO / Resource Management	E2-A	Update the General Plan with policy language, diagrams, and study areas that supports economic development.	CY 2027	Identify the necessary updates and the required process to update the general plan (Board approved text amendments or voter approved ballot measure), including associated public outreach process.     Evaluate potential updates to the Suisun Valley Strategic Plan to support the General Plan update.     Hire consultant(s) to assist in identification and development of potential updates and public process, including stakeholder input and, if necessary, voter ballot initiative.
					Work with various entities countywide to assist in assessment of		<ul> <li>As approved by the Board, ARPA funding is being used for a consultant team to perform outreach and research around a "One Water" framework to evaluate the integration of water source, use, discharge and recharge together.</li> <li>Many cities and districts are currently in the process of performing assessments of</li> </ul>



### **Next Steps**

#### **Today:**

 Recommendation: Receive an update of Board Priority Setting and the next steps in implementing related department work plans.

#### **Ongoing:**

- Staff will return in connection with action items addressing BOS Priorities throughout the year.
- Staff will provide a full priority status update in connection with the FY2023/24 Midyear Budget report and the FY2024/25 Recommended Budget.