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Sonoma County Board Meetings to Begin Live Streaming on Internet

SANTA ROSA, Calif. – Beginning on January 26th, Sonoma County residents will be able to watch Board of Supervisors meetings live on the internet. Viewers with internet access will be able to watch live meetings, view the Board’s agenda, and access relevant support documents such as staff reports and board resolutions. The internet streaming will include live captioning for the hearing impaired. In addition, meetings will be archived and available for replay at the viewer’s convenience. This project is a continuation of the County’s commitment to making government transparent and accessible to its residents.

“This will enhance the public’s access to their county government,” said Board Chair and 1st District Supervisor Valerie Brown. “This is a smart use of technology that moves the county closer to being paperless, and also complements our sustainability efforts.”

Residents interested in using this new service may visit the Board of Supervisors website at <http://supervisors.sonoma-county.org/meetings/>. The meetings will be listed by date. The meeting archive will begin with the January 26th meeting, and will grow over time as future Board meetings occur.

The new online service is provided through a contract with Granicus, Inc., a San Francisco company and a leading provider of government webcasting and public meeting management solutions throughout the U.S.

The County of Sonoma comprises 26 departments and agencies that provide a full range of services to the community. It encompasses over 1600 square miles and is home to almost 500,000 residents. Sonoma County government has a history of providing excellent and responsive public service while operating under sound fiscal principles.

Located less than one hour north of San Francisco, Sonoma County combines in one location the beautiful Pacific coastline, award-winning wineries, majestic redwoods, historic towns, fine dining, and a wide variety of entertainment and cultural activities.

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