

THE SCMOA REPORT

Protecting Our Rights and Lifestyle with Education, Communication and Integrity



Next Meeting

Saturday, Aug. 5 @ 1:30 pm

Zoom Video Meeting
Meeting ID: 853 1401 6861
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President's Message

SCMOA hopes you are all able to stay healthy and cool as the summer heat has arrived.

Just like last quarter, please **DO NOT RENEW** your SCMOA Membership at this time. No one's membership will expire until we send out notices asking for your support again.

Rohnert Park & the City of Sonoma set the tone for lower allowable rent increases. Santa Rosa and Windsor recently followed suit. Kudos to Petaluma MH residents in lowering their rent cap to 4% or 70% of the SF CPI! Mobilehome owners in Sebastopol, Cotati and Healdsburg are working to influence their City Councils.

Tuesday, August 15, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (BOS) begins the process of reviewing the County Ordinance! Residents of Seven Flags, Colonial Park; Rancho Vista, Santa Rosa Mobile Estates, Mobile Home Estates, El Portal Mobile Estates, Lamplighter, Mountain View Mobile Estates, Rancho Santa Rosa, Stonegate, Redwood Village, Lazzarottos, and the other 35 parks that have more than one space are affected.

If you live in one of those parks, the time has come to influence the BOS on your own behalf! Please send your district supervisor an email or letter to voice your concerns. Better yet, come to the BOS meeting on August 15 to tell them in person, or via Zoom. You will get 2 minutes to speak. By doing this you can take pride in helping all the other MH residents that are under the County rent control jurisdiction. If you plan to speak, write up some notes so you don't run out of time.

At our August 5th meeting we'll give an update on 2023 GSMOL legislation, look at the latest trend in the SF CPI, install the 2023/2024 SCMOA Board Officers, discuss the push to update the rent control ordinances of Sonoma County, Sebastopol, Cotati, and Healdsburg, and take reports from parks around the County.

For the convenience of many, we continue to meet via Zoom. If you'd like to attend an in-person meeting, there's the 4th Friday Mobilehome Owners Luncheon at Petaluma's Boulevard Café. Networking and no-host lunch begin at 11 am, with the meeting getting underway at about 11:45 am. You may also attend the luncheon in our Zoom room at around 11:30 am.

As always, SCMOA thanks all of you for your support and participation!

Thank You and take care.

~ Dan J Drummond. SCMOA President

REDUCE YOUR SPACE RENT INCREASE!

Please attend the SCMOA meeting on Aug 5th for updated information on this very important and rapidly changing action to revise the County RSO formula for increasing mobile home space rents.

Everything you need to make public comment is here: 1) model email letter, 2) Board of Supervisor email addresses, and 3) how to find your supervisor.

ACT NOW!

Our supervisors need to hear from YOU!

Write to: bos@sonoma-county.org

Here is a model message (*include any example of personal hardship in paying rent/bills*)

Subject: Mobilehome Rate of Increase Adjustment

I write to you as a (mobilehome owner in park name, located in ____). Mobilehomes are one of the last forms of affordable home ownership in Sonoma County. There are at least 50 mobilehome parks located in the County, many that are specifically for seniors. For seniors on a fixed income, yearly rent increases that do not take into account changes, or a lack of change, in Social Security benefits can make space rent unaffordable.

I urge you to consider a cap which is consistent with historical trends, of no more than 3%, or 50% of the change in CPI (whichever is less). This will ensure continued affordability and prevent seniors having to choose between, heat, medicine or rent.

Thank you.

If you know your supervisor, please send a copy to them or look up supervisor district at the link below.

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david.Rabbitt@sonoma-county.org District 2

district3@sonoma-county.org Chris Coursey

district4@sonoma-county.org James Gore

district5@sonoma-county.org Linda Hopkins

[Sonoma District Map](#) scroll to bottom of page, enter your address to find your district supervisor.

Instructions to join and comment on Zoom®, and the meeting agenda for the August 15th meeting will be emailed to all SCMOA members when they are made available.

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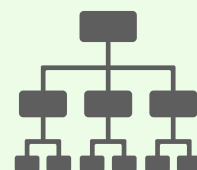
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Redwood Credit Union
Financial Statement
June 30, 2023

Business Checking

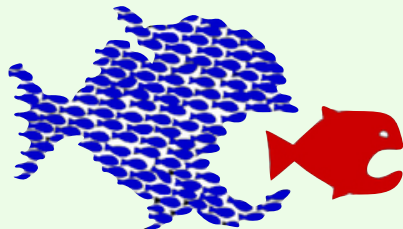
Ending Balance 3/31/2023	10,711.56
Beginning Balance 4/1/2023	10,711.56
Transfers to Legal (MM)	(75.00)
Deposits Dues & Legal	215.00
CA Franchise Tax	0.00
Membership Expense	0.00
Postage/Office Supplies	0.00
2023 CARA Dues	(200.00)
Office Supplies	0.00
Bank Fees	0.00
Returned Dues Check	0.00
GSMOL 60th Birthday	0.00
Ending Balance 6/30/2023	10,651.56

Money Market (Legal)

Ending Balance 3/31/2023	5,466.12
Beginning Balance 4/1/2023	5,466.12
Legal Donations	75.00
Dividends	10.20
Transfer to Checking	0.00
Ending Balance 6/30/2023	5,551.32

Business Share

Ending Balance 3/31/2023	106.17
Beginning Balance 4/1/2023	106.17
Dividends	0.04
Ending Balance 6/30/2023	106.21



MINUTES, SCMOA MEETING via Zoom® 5/6/23

Call to Order
Meeting recording will begin at 1:30 pm
Pledge to Flag
Presidents Greeting
Meeting Minutes 2/4/23 seconded & approved
Treasurer's & Membership Reports accepted & filed

Agenda:

1. OPEN MIC: Park reports from members and guests
Report of pass-through attempt at Pueblo Serena
2. New GSMOL 2023 legislation
New Bill: MRLPP Renewal
3. SF CPI % for Feb 2023 – 5.3%
4. SCMOA 2023 Election: Dan Drummond, President,
John Kyle, Vice President & Interim Treasurer
Approved by acclamation
5. Bylaws Revision: Moved, Seconded and Carried
6. Review of County and Local RSO ordinances
7. Committee Reports: None
8. New Business: None

Announcements:

Meeting Video will be on Website
4th Friday Meeting at Boulevard Cafe 5/26, 6/23 & 7/28
SCMOA Board Meeting 7/17 @ 4:30p on Zoom
SCMOA Membership Meeting 8/5 @ 1:30p on Zoom

Motion to Adjourn @ 3:00p

In Attendance: SCMOA Board: Dan, John, Ann, Eshawn
and Members: Lin Marie, Dave, Roberta, Katy, Dick, Mark
Lisa, Jean Marie, Melissa, Missywill and Susan via Zoom®

SCMOA online history <https://tinyurl.com/SCMOA-History>

Legal Aid of Sonoma County Letter

Written Comment, Item #73, County Board of Supervisors:

Legal Aid of Sonoma County (LASC) provides this comment to request consideration of two important issues for your calendar of significant items. First, we urge the Board to find a place for protecting the housing of some of our most precariously housed folks, those residing in mobile homes. Please follow Windsor, Santa Rosa, and Petaluma, and lower the allowable rent increase for mobilehome park residents in the unincorporated areas of the County. This action could not only protect vulnerable seniors, but also strengthen your Housing Element Plan.

As you know, LASC helps low-income renters, mobilehome owners and unhoused folks in Sonoma County with legal issues including eviction, tenant rights, rent increases and access to housing/benefits. LASC encourages the Board to take bold action to ensure the long-term affordability of mobilehome parks and stability for their residents.

Mobilehomes are one of the last forms of affordable home ownership in Sonoma County. There are at least fifty mobilehome parks located in the County, many of which are specifically designated for seniors. These parks house the most vulnerable members of our community, specifically persons with disabilities and seniors who live on a fixed income. For those living on a fixed income, yearly rent increases that do not consider changes, or a lack of change, in Social Security benefits can make space rent unaffordable.

We urge you to consider amending the existing Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Ordinance to lower annual allowable rent increases to no more than 3%, or 50% of the change in CPI (whichever is less). At a minimum, please consider the recent cap put in place by Petaluma, of 4% or 70% of the percent change in CPI, whichever is less. This will ensure that residents are able to afford to continue living in the County's mobilehome parks and prevent erosion of park affordability. While there is a need for further amendment, the most pressing need is to protect the cost of the land underneath our last naturally occurring affordable homes.

Second, we urge you to go beyond analysis of the expiration of the County eviction moratorium scheduled for August 15th, so that the lessons of your response to the COVID-19 state of emergency do not go to waste. Please ensure that policy responses such as a permanent just cause ordinance, and/or disaster triggered community stabilization measures such as a rent freeze, hazard pay and just cause moratoriums are part of the discussion. These types of measures would also strengthen the County's Housing Element Plan that has yet to be adopted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Co-signed by SCMOA



Mobilehome Owner's Lunch

4th Friday of every month:

The next meeting will be on Aug 25th @

The Boulevard Café
1096 Petaluma Blvd. N.

Meeting starts at Noon

Come earlier to find a seat, network, and eat.

\$3.00 Donation

[or Click this link to attend via Zoom®](#)

Future Meetings
Sept 22 and Oct 27

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Information**



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Presidents Greeting

Meeting Minutes

Treasurer Report

Topics

1. OPEN MIC: Park reports from members and guests
2. Installation of SCMOA 2023/2024 Officers
3. Review GSMOL 2023 legislation
4. SF CPI % for June 2023 – 2.9%
5. Local ordinance updates
6. SCMOA Committee reports

Announcements

- 4th Friday Mobilehome Owners Luncheon at Petaluma's Boulevard Café:
Friday Aug 25, 2023 @ 11:45 am
- Next SCMOA Board meeting: Monday Oct 16, 2023 @ 4:30 pm
- Next Membership meeting: Saturday Nov 4, 2023 @ 1:30 pm
- California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA)
- SCMOA online history <https://tinyurl.com/SCMOA-History>
(Download video files before watching for best viewing experience.)

Adjournment

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Sonoma County Mobilehome Owners' Assn. Inc.
Protecting our Rights and Lifestyle

We are here to support you. Please join us!

This year more than ever, your membership can help turn the tides toward the preservation of our manufactured home communities. *With communication, education, and integrity we want you to know ...we're working on your behalf.*

- ★ Actively listen to homeowner issues
- ★ Work to help pass protective legislation
- ★ Advocate for your needs with local government
- ★ Provide perspectives on MHPs in Sonoma County
- ★ Help residents confronting unreasonable fee and rent increases or park conversion



Membership meetings are held quarterly on the first Saturday of February, May, August, and November at different parks around the County. Please visit our website SCMOA.org for more information. As a regional coalition, we promote the goals of the Golden State Manufactured-Home Owners League (GSMOL).

Our increased unity at local and state levels has attracted the support of powerful allies such as AARP, NAACP, Council on Aging and CA Association of Cities.

Please call Dan Drummond at 707-696-5077 if you have any questions.

Move forward with us!

Your \$10 membership dues are good for one year.

Send your check (payable to: SCMOA) and this attached application to our Treasurer at
SCMOA, 82 Oakcreek Ct, Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Sonoma County Mobilehome Owners' Assn. Inc.
Membership Application

Date: _____ *Renewal or New-Membership (please circle one)*
 Name: _____ Park: _____
 Address: _____
 * Email: _____ Phone: _____

Amount enclosed for Dues: \$ _____ Legal Assistance Fund: \$ _____

** Your email address is required for timely communications and to reduce postal expenses.*

∞ Thank You ∞