

Dear Interim Council Member,

Please use this corrected version of the council models. In our rush to get the mailing out, we made an mistake in the math in Model 2. (We will also be discussing the council model proposed by Supervisors Reilly and Shoemaker, which was sent to you in the full mailing.)

FINAL COUNCIL MODEL #1: CONSENSUS/SIMPLE MAJORITY—50% + 1

Size For example, 56 Members: 42 voting members and 14 agency ex-officios.

Decisionmaking Process The goal is to achieve consensus agreements that all can live with, or that majority of each interest group can live with. Votes are taken on issues of major importance and decided by a simple majority of 22 votes (50% +1)

Representation

Mendocino	21	Environment	14
Sonoma	21	Economics	14
		Public	14
		Agencies	(14—non-voting)

FINAL COUNCIL MODEL #2: CONSENSUS/SUPER-MAJORITY (67%)

Size For example, 56 Members: 42 voting members and 14 agency ex-officios.

Decisionmaking Process The goal is to achieve consensus agreements that all can live with, or that majority of each interest group can live with. Votes are taken on issues of major importance and decided by 28 votes, which is a 2/3 majority of the 42 voting members (67% = 28 votes). This means that counties don't need to be balanced exactly evenly (21:21) because a county with up to 27 representatives would not be able decide without some support from the other county. Of course the more evenly balanced the counties are, the more support each county would need from the other, as in options F, G, and H in the table below.

Representation Options

These options would ensure that Council members from one county could not make decisions without the agreement of some members from the other county:

Environment	14
Economics	14
Public	14
Agencies	(14—non-voting)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Mendocino	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sonoma	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15
Voting Members	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42

FINAL COUNCIL MODEL #3: CONSENSUS/SUPER-MAJORITY (67%)/OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Size Undefined

Decisionmaking Process The goal is to achieve consensus agreements that all can live with, or that majority of each interest group can live with. Votes are taken on issues of major importance and decided by 2/3 majority. An option would be to allow only those who have attended the last three meetings to vote.

Representation

Mendocino	varies	Environment	varies
Sonoma	varies	Economics	varies
		Public	varies
		Agencies	varies