

**Sierra County
Board of Supervisors'
Agenda Transmittal &
Record of Proceedings**

MEETING DATE: K 2020	TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Timed <input type="checkbox"/> Consent
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DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors
APPROVING PARTY: Heather Foster, Clerk of the Board
PHONE NUMBER: 530-289-3295

AGENDA ITEM: CONTINUED COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY UPDATE: Report from Sierra County Public Health, County Office of Emergency Services, County Department Managers, Forest Service Representatives, and other local agencies on recent developments relating to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and possible action/direction to staff.

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Memo Resolution Agreement Other

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

FUNDING SOURCE:
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: No General Fund Impact
OTHER FUND:
AMOUNT: \$ N/A

ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED?

 Yes, -- --
 No

IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET? Yes No

IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED? Yes No

SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE

<p>BOARD ACTION:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken	<input type="checkbox"/> Set public hearing For: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Direction to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Continued to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization given to: _____	Resolution 2020- _____ Agreement 2020- _____ Ordinance _____ Vote: Ayes: Noes: Abstain: Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> By Consensus
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COMMENTS:

CLERK TO THE BOARD _____ DATE _____

Melissa Kinneer

From: irina rivkin <irinarivkin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 2:24 PM
To: Clerk-Recorder; Lee Adams; Peter Huebner; Paul Roen; Jim Beard; Sharon Dryden
Subject: Covid-19 concerns about drawing non-local overnight visitors, Lakes Basin Family Campground

- Hello Sierra County Board of Supervisors,
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- Thank you for honoring the state prohibition on non-essential vacation travel, to prevent the spread of Covid-19. This is especially crucial during these times that Covid-19 is surging again in more populous counties.
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- I want to thank and applaud you for the steps you have been taking to protect the community from Covid-19 during these difficult times. When listening to a recording of the most recent meeting, I appreciated when I heard "Our position is just that we are complying with the governor's stay at home order and I don't know how anyone can think opening a campground and encouraging folks from hundreds of miles away to camp outside of their immediate area as somehow complying with the Stay at Home Order, and I would think the Forest Supervisor would get to that conclusion without a letter from the County" I appreciate that, as a result of Sierra County advocacy, PNF and TNF closed the campgrounds in Sierra County.
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- I'm concerned because the Lakes Basin Family Campground is open, which impacts both Sierra and Plumas Counties (just a mile from Sierra County, and the gateway to a large number of single-track Sierra County trails).
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- PNF said neither they, nor their Nevada-based vendor who manages the campgrounds, can "limit access to lands or facilities based on where a visitor comes from". This means that if a campground is open, they're not ensuring people making reservations are honoring the state and local laws (and must accept reservations from anywhere).
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- I'm very concerned about the Sierra County community being put at risk at a time that cases are still continuing to spread and grow in California and nationwide, with 1.8 million cases, and over 100K deaths nationally, and 110K cases in California (with another surge likely mid-June).
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- Our own lower-than-average Covid-19 rates are meaningless for vacation rentals and leisure camping, which primarily draw in visitors from higher-Covid-rate counties and states.
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- Covid-19 is growing again in California, and encouraging travel to Lakes Basin Family Campground, from other counties and states, puts Sierra County residents at risk.
- <https://www.ktvu.com/news/surge-in-bay-area-coronavirus-infections-california-expects-to-hit-100000-cases>
- <https://www.dailybreeze.com/2020/05/22/coronavirus-cases-in-california-hit-new-peak-deaths-nearing-new-high>
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- Even rural counties have had some surges due to too-early reopenings and had to re-close again:
- <https://www.yahoo.com/huffpost/california-county-reopen-close-again-232617636.html>
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- Can Sierra County ask PNF to close the Lakes Basin Family campground if they can't assure that, consistent with the State SIP prohibition on leisure travel, and both Plumas and Sierra County public health orders to recreate locally, reservations aren't made by those breaking that prohibition? Is it possible to also please ask TNF and PNF to put up signs on single-track trailheads regarding the county mask ordinance (including carrying a mask when exercising and putting it on when getting near people), and also asking visitors not to smoke in the forest (as that puts our community at risk of fire at a time that fighting fires is hazardous for the hardworking firefighters)?
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- The Lakes Basin Family campground, is the gateway to a large network of single-track trails in Sierra County, and draws visitors to Sierra County from far-away places. People going to that campground from the Bay Area, Sacramento, Southern California, Yuba and Butte counties, etc., would pass through Sierra County, and go into

Sierra County. This area has no hospitals within an hour, and a medically vulnerable population, so Covid-exposure can be especially tragic here. Cases don't show up until 2-3 weeks after infection, so proactive action saves many more lives than reactive action. Thank you for your consideration.

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- Thank you!
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- Sincerely, Irina Rivkin, immunocompromised full-time Sierra County resident, with a partner struggling with cancer