



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING**

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on July 23, 2019 in the Loyalton Social Hall, Loyalton City Park, Loyalton, CA. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor Dryden

ROLL CALL

Present: Lee Adams, Supervisor, District #1
Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, District #2
Paul Roen, Supervisor, Chair, District #3
Jim Beard, Supervisor, Vice-Chair, District #4
Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, District #5

Staff: Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder
Amanda Uhrhammer, Deputy County Counsel
Van Maddox, Auditor/Treasurer Tax-Collector
Tim Beals, Director of Planning and Transportation
Lea Salas, Director of Behavioral Health
Vickie Clark, Director of Health and Social Services

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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of Clerk on behalf of Behavioral Health, Consent Items 14.C. and 14.E. were moved to the Regular Agenda as Items 6.B. and 6.C.

14.C. Resolution/Findings authorizing appointment of Retired Annuitant to a temporary position. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

14.E. Approval to hire a Behavioral Health Associate at a 60% Full Time Equivalent (FTE). (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

APPROVED. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

14. CONSENT AGENDA

14.A. Professional services agreement between Placer County Department of Health & Human Services and Sierra County for Locked Acute Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Services and Technical Guidance. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2019-087

14.B. Rescind Agreement 2019-073 and approve professional services agreement between Granite Wellness Centers and Sierra County for substance use disorder services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2019-088

14.D. Amendment to Agreement 2019-057 between Clean & Sober Recovery Services, Inc. and the County of Sierra to include recovery home services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2019-089

14.F. 2019 Medi-Cal Privacy and Security Agreement (PSA) between Department of Health Services and Sierra County. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

APPROVED, Agreement 2019-090

14.G. Resolution authorizing increase in payment limit amounts established by Ordinance 993 specific to payments for solid waste tipping fees to Intermountain Disposal. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2019-105

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14.H. Authorize payment of invoice 196982 to Intermountain Disposal for tipping fees for waste that has been diverted to Delleker Transfer Station. (PUBLIC WORKS)

14.I. Resolution extending the date to file an inventory oath from July 10th of each year to July 31st of each year. (AUDITOR)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2019-106

14.J. Minutes from the regular meeting held on June 4, 2019. (CLERK-RECORDER)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

APPROVED. Motion: Huebner/Beard/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:05 a.m. Chair Roen opened the public comment opportunity.

Comments were received by Kristi Jamason regarding the Art and Ag Trail in September.

Supervisor Beard commended the Sheriff's office for their professionalism and compassion during times of sorrow.

At 9:08 a.m. Chair Roen closed the public comment opportunity with no further persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Adams reported on the NACo conference he attended.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on the meeting of the Association of Behavioral Health Directors regarding ten counties, not including Sierra County, which have been sanctioned by the State Department of Health Care Services for not providing services timely.

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The Director of Health and Social Services reported on the hiring of a new Public Health Community Outreach Coordinator and a large invoice the Department will have to pay for the Tobacco Reduction Program for an outside evaluator that conducted surveys for 2017/18 for the state report.

The Clerk reported on the change in funding allocation for new voting systems wherein the county no longer has to provide a match and will receive full funding for the system.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood reported on various projects going on in the district.

6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - LEA SALAS

6.A. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the County Noncompetitive Allocation Award under the No Place Like Home Program.

The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the resolution authorizing the acceptance of the county noncompetitive allocation award under the No Place Like Home Program which is similar to a letter of intent and the County has a long way to go before the funds can be accepted.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the acceptance of the County Noncompetitive Allocation Award under the No Place Like Home Program.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2019-107. Motion: Adams/Beard/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

6.B. Resolution/Findings authorizing appointment of Retired Annuitant to a temporary position. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH) **(Consent Item 14.C.)**

The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the difficulty of hiring positions in the county and the request to hire an individual who has been retired for more than 10 years.

Deputy County Counsel read into the record additional findings to the proposed resolution.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution/findings authorizing appointment of a retired annuitant to a temporary position.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2019-108. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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- 6.C. Approval to hire a Behavioral Health Associate at a 60% Full Time Equivalent (FTE). (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH) (**Consent Item 14.E.**)

The Director of Behavioral Health background on the request to hire an intern/associate to provide mental health services under the oversight of the Clinical Director.

The Board moved to approve hiring a Behavioral Health Associate at 60% Full Time Equivalent (FTE).

APPROVED. Motion: Beard/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES - VICKIE CLARK

- 7.A. Discussion regarding Sierra County's continued participation in Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) housing programs.

Following brief review of program, the Director of Health and Social Services indicated she would bring a resolution on the continuation in the participation in the Golden State Finance Authority housing programs to the next meeting for approval.

8. AUDITOR / TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - VAN MADDOX

- 8.A. Discussion/possible adoption of a resolution memorializing what expenses can be charged to the Grand Jury budget.

Following a brief overview of the resolution by the Auditor, the Board moved to adopt the resolution memorializing what expenses can be charged to the Grand Jury budget.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2019-109. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Majority Roll Call Vote: 4/1 (Supervisor Beard NO)

9. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

- 9.A. Resolution commemorating Sierraville School's placement on the National Historic Register.

Supervisor Adams provided background on the placement of the Sierraville School on the National Historic Register and the Native Sons of the Golden West having donated \$500 towards placing a commemorative plaque on a rock in front of the building.

Brief discussion ensued with the Board.

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The Board moved to adopt the resolution commemorating Sierraville School's placement on the National Historic Register.

ADOPTED. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

10. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) -TIM BEALS

10.A. Discussion regarding emergency services and authorization to expend up to \$2,000 from Emergency Services Budget for promotion of the CodeRED Emergency Notification System.

The Director of OES provided background on their concerns regarding the CodeRED system not reaching the public as they have not signed up for notification and the need to promote the importance of registering with the system.

Comments were received by the Sheriff regarding the Verdi fire and the need for the County to take a proactive approach to inform citizens that this system is in place.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Board moved to authorize expending up to \$2,000 from Emergency Services Budget for promotion of the CodeRED Emergency Notification System.

Comments were received by Kristi Jamason.

APPROVED. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

13. TIMED ITEMS

13.A. 10:00AM HILL AND POTTER RANCH AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROJECTS

Resolution supporting the proposed easements supported by the California Department of Conservation's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program for the Hill and Potter Ranch Agricultural Conservation Easement projects.

Comments were received by Shelton Douthit, Executive Director of the Feather River Land Trust, in support of Potter and Hill's conservation easement efforts as he believes the projects are consistent with the general plan and the protection of agricultural lands.

Supervisor Adams expressed his support for public lands and also commented on his concerns with the impact these and other projects have on the County's economy.

Mr. Douthit explained that these easements are to protect future viable agriculture and doesn't believe this will hinder a viable agricultural industry in the county.

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Discussion ensued with the Board.

In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry, Mr. Douthit explained that \$9 million of the funding for the conservation easements within the Sierra Valley comes from the USDA Farm Bill with matching funds from the Department of Conservation; it is all state and federal money and is driven by the landowner's interest.

Chair Roen expressed concerns with the process and suggested revisiting the resolution with the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District (RCD) in order to have these easements reviewed by the RCD before they come before the county for support.

Supervisor Beard commented on his opposition to use taxpayer's funds for easements; however, he is still a firm believer in private property rights and would have to support the easements on the basis of the request of the property owners.

Comments were received by Dave Goicoechea, adjacent property owner from the Potter Ranch and Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District Director, in support of the Potter easement.

In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry, Mr. Goicoechea indicated that he believes the RCD would be in support of the Hill application.

Comments were received by Rick Roberti, Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District Vice-Chair and President of the Plumas County Cattlemen's Association, in support of proposed easements and also having future conservation easements come before the RCD.

Additional comments were received by Linda Sanford, Valley View Angus Ranch and Lucy Blake, Lemon Canyon Ranch in support of the proposed conservation easements.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution supporting the proposed easements supported by the California Department of Conservation's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program for the Hill and Potter Ranch Agricultural Conservation Easement projects.

The Director of Planning recommended adding an item to the next meeting regarding continuing the discussion pertaining to forwarding the review of conservation easements to the RCD.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2019-111. Motion: Huebner/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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13.B. 10:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING - UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT

Conduct public hearing regarding formation of a underground utility district as part of the proposed Sierra City Main Street Improvement Project, and adoption of a resolution forming the Sierra City Main Street Underground Utility District.

At 11:43 a.m., Chair Roen opened the public hearing.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the proposed Sierra City Main Street Improvement Project which involves road and drainage restoration and some parking improvements on Main Street; the funding available through Rule 20A to convert overhead utilities to underground service along Main Street; and today being the deadline to file a request with PG&E to show Sierra County has a project so the Rule 20A funds are protected from being swept by the CPUC.

The Director further suggested the adoption of the resolution today and continue the hearing to the August 6, 2019 board meeting to provide an additional opportunity for public comment and to reaffirm the resolution or cancel the project.

Comments were received by Gunnar Ellsmore, Sierra City recommending creating a pedestrian walkway between Sierra Pines and Sorracco's Saloon along with reducing the 35 mph speed limit.

Board discussion ensued.

The Director commented on the speed zones and the process to change speed limits through speed surveys.

Comments were received by Cindy Ellsmore, Sierra City with respect to the speed issue and whether there is an opportunity to move the speed feedback signs in Sierra City further out.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution motion to adopt resolution forming the Sierra City Main Street Underground Utility District and to continue the public hearing to August 6, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in Downieville with the option to reaffirm or rescind the resolution forming the Sierra City Main Street Underground Utility District.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2019-112. Motion: Huebner/Beard/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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13.C. 11:00 A.M. NORTH YUBA FOREST WATERSHED RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP

Discussion/action regarding Memorandum of Understanding by and among the Nature Conservancy, South Yuba River Citizens League, Yuba Water Agency, National Forest Foundation, Blue Forest Conservation, Camptonville Community Partnership and the USDA, Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest regarding the North Yuba Watershed Restoration Partnership. (CHAIR ROEN)

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood provided background on the North Yuba Forest Watershed Restoration partnership which is a group effort focused to treat restoration along the alignment from Camptonville to the Yuba Pass and is not inclusive to just national forest system lands, but also private and federal lands along this alignment. Ranger Youngblood added that the MOU defines the parameters on how folks will work together, does not obligate funding and is very formative.

Supervisor Adams suggested changing under "Purpose" on page 1, second sentence, to read national forest system lands.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Director of Planning suggested changes to the proposed MOU including clarifying that the MOU includes private land; clarifying the obligations of local agencies to comply with CEQA; including American Renewable Power at the table as they are an active biomass plant in Sierra County; and not limiting the parties to just existing science.

In response to the Director's inquiry, Ranger Youngblood clarified that this is for communication and the Master Stewardship Agreement is an avenue for how the work would be done with specificity.

The Director further suggested adding language with respect to the 25% receipts as he doesn't want to restrict this funding.

Following discussion, the Board moved to approve the MOU Memorandum of Understanding by and among the Nature Conservancy, South Yuba River Citizens League, Yuba Water Agency, National Forest Foundation, Blue Forest Conservation, Camptonville Community Partnership and the USDA, Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest regarding the North Yuba Watershed Restoration Partnership and authorized the Chair, County Counsel and the Director to make suggested edits to the MOU.

APPROVED, Agreement 2019-091. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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12. COUNTY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting of the County Service Area (CSA) Board of Directors.

At 12:20 p.m. Chair Roen recessed the Regular Board meeting and reconvened as the County Service Area Board of Directors.

At 12:32 p.m. Chair Roen adjourned as the County Service Area Board of Directors and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

11. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

11.A. Update/discussion regarding the status of the Loyalton Mobile Home Park. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

At 12:32 p.m. Chair Roen stepped down from the Board.

Deputy County Counsel provided an update on the status of the Loyalton Mobile Home Park and a continued hearing on August 23, 2019 wherein the Judge will be entertaining bids.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed County Counsel to encourage the Court to sell the property/accept a bid.

At 12:51 p.m. Chair Roen reconvened with the Board.

11.B. Continued discussion/action with respect to the closure of the Downieville branch of Wells Fargo Bank. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

Supervisor Adams provided background on a number of conversations he's had with representatives from Wells Fargo Bank regarding this issue and read a letter received by Wells Fargo Bank into the record.

Supervisor Adams added that the Bank informed him that they are interested in hosting community workshops to explain online and mobile banking; the ATM is going to stay; and they are hoping to provide an enhanced ATM.

Chair Roen indicated that Plumas Bank is informally discussing possible options.

Discussion ensued with the Board and staff regarding continuing to reach out to Wells Fargo Bank.

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- 11.C. Request to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to work with Plumas County on the Plumas-Sierra County Library Agreement. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

Following brief discussion, the Chair appointed Supervisor Dryden and Huebner to an Ad Hoc Committee to work with Plumas County on the Plumas-Sierra County Library Agreement.

15. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

- 15.A. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License submitted by Boomtown Lounge.

No action taken.

- 15.B. Letter of resignation from Gretchen Selfridge for the Cemetery District No. 5.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 1:03 p.m., with no further business, Chair Roen adjourned the meeting.

PAUL ROEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD