



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
REGULAR/TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on September 5, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Courthouse, Downieville, CA. This meeting will be recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor Roen

ROLL CALL

Present: Lee Adams, Supervisor, District #1
Lila Heuer, Supervisor, District #2
Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3
Terry LeBlanc, Supervisor, District #4
Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, Chair, District #5

Staff: Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder
Scott McLeran, Assistant County Counsel
Van Maddox, Auditor/Treasurer Tax Collector
Bryan Davey, Director of Public Works/Transportation
Brand Pangman, Director of Building and Planning
Sheryll Prinz-McMillan, Director of Behavioral Health
Rhonda Grandi, Interim Director of Public Health

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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

APPROVED. Motion: Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

14. CONSENT AGENDA

14.A. Agreement for Collaborative Court Medical Advisory Services between the county of Sierra and Daniel Barry, PA-C. (PROBATION)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-105

14.B. Cash audit report for the quarter ended June 30, 2023. (AUDITOR)

14.C. Treasurer's investment report and statement of liquidity for period ending June 30, 2023. (TREASURER)

14.D. Resolution declaring one (1) County owned vehicle as surplus and transferring one (1) County owned vehicle from the Sheriff's Office to the Department of Information Systems. (SHERIFF)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-097

14.E. Agreement for Indemnification and Reimbursement for Extraordinary Costs for Frank Schenkhuizen applicant and landowner. Consideration for a special use permit for property located at 15 Pine Drive Loyalton: APN 016-230-004-000. (PLANNING)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-106

14.F. Amendment to Agreement 2022-072 between Bennett Engineering Services, Inc. and the County of Sierra for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Guardrail Replacement projects. (PUBLIC WORKS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-107

14.G. Amendment to Agreement 2023-104 between Sierra Valley Enterprises and the County of Sierra for Mechanical Biomass Treatment, Tree Removal, and Mechanical and Hand Fuel Reduction for the Upper North Yuba Forest Health & Resilience Project, SNC#1063. (PUBLIC WORKS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-108

14.H. Amendment to Agreement 2022-047 between State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation and the County of Sierra for Per Capita Grant Program, 2018 Parks Bond Act. (PUBLIC WORKS)

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APPROVED, Agreement 2023-109

- 14.I. Resolution authorizing a correction to the spelling of Patrica Lane as adopted in Resolution 1968-038 on September 16, 1968. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-098

- 14.J. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2022-052 between Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC and Sierra County to provide a Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) to Sierra County Residents. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-110

- 14.K. Minutes from the regular meeting held on July 18, 2023. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)
- 14.L. Minutes from the regular meeting held on August 1, 2023. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:01 a.m. Chair Dryden opened the public comment opportunity.

Mr. Greg Johnson, Downieville Improvement Group (DIG) commented on the county neglecting the Downieville Community Hall and the \$100,000 donation by DIG 25 months ago to go towards this project. Mr. Johnson continued to express concerns with the county negotiating with the same contractor for the last 6 months, which ended in failure and the community not believing they'll see this project completed before they die.

Supervisors Roen and Adams commented on the continued work on the Downieville Community Hall project.

At 9:05 a.m. Chair Dryden closed the public comment opportunity with no further members of the public addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Roen reported on the Highway 49 North Yuba project starting.

Supervisor Heuer reported on the Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting regarding the reintroduction of salmon and the floating platforms/screw devices placed in the river below Goodyears Bar and Rocky Rest Campground, which devices have proven to be safe to animals and people.

Supervisor Adams commented that the salmon devices will be placed from October to May and will be pulled every year to not interfere with tourism. Supervisor Adams also reported on attending the CSAC meeting and having nothing to report from the meeting.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Transportation reported on the issues with Downieville Community Hall project including working to get the roof repaired immediately, looking at other contractors to negotiate the revised scope of work on the project, and the extension of the grant funding to 2028 for the project.

In response to the Supervisor Adams's inquiry, it was clarified that the county's match to the Downieville Community Hall Project is \$200,000.

Supervisor Adams commented on the county having significant skin in this game as well as those who have donated funds and the county also supporting the Calpine Community Hall and Sierraville School projects. Supervisor Adams continued to express concerns with having until 2028 to use the grant for the Downieville Community Hall project and indicated that he would like to see this done well before the 2028 deadline.

The Director responded that they are working diligently to complete the project and won't back off.

Chair Dryden commented on the factors hindering public works projects including prevailing wages, increased costs in supplies, etc.

Following discussion, the Board directed adding an item on the status of the Downieville Community Hall project to every Downieville meeting agenda, so the public stays informed.

The Director of Planning reported on the successful turnout on the salmon reintroduction meeting; the next Planning Commission meeting will be held at the Masonic Hall on September 14th followed by a trip to the Bullards Bar Reservoir; and a meeting held last Friday with California Water Board regarding the new drought legislation and planning to create a drought advisory group to address measures going forward to mitigate prolonged droughts in the future.

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The Director of Behavioral Health reported on the status of the Medi-Cal contracting application with the state. The Director further commented on several documents she’s found that were signed by the Board over the years regarding this issue and whether she should obtain approval again as it’s been some time since this process started.

Following brief discussion, the Clerk suggested the Director draft a resolution ratifying the actions taken by the Board with respect to the Medi-Cal billing over the years.

The Auditor expressed his appreciation in getting this done as the county is burning up funding that could be used elsewhere including realignment funding.

Brief discussion ensued.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Yuba River District Ranger Tom Parrack introduced himself to the Board as the new District Ranger and provided updates on PG&E’s work clearing powerlines; the North Yuba project continuing to move forward; and staffing.

Yuba River Deputy District Ranger Andrew Mishler provided an update on seasonal hiring and staffing in the district; tree hazard removal; and the quiet Labor Day holiday weekend.

Frank Lang, Downieville Fire Protection District Commissioner introduced himself to District Ranger Parrack.

Carson District Ranger Matt Zumstein reported on the quiet Labor Day holiday weekend; doing markings for a spring timber sale; the need to continue conversations with the county regarding an agreement for road work and treatment to the main road into Dog Valley; the status of removal of salvaged vehicles in the district; and pile burning continuing in Dog Valley once the weather changes.

6. PERSONNEL DIRECTOR - Rhetta Vander Ploeg

6.A. Resolution adopting the revised Sierra County Lunch and Break Policy to include on duty meal breaks.

Assistant Director of Personnel Judi Behlke explained the only change to the policy is the addition of on duty meal breaks.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution adopting the revised Sierra County Lunch and Break Policy to include on duty meal breaks.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-099. Motion: Adams/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Roen ABSENT)

7. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

7.A. Professional Services Agreement between Community Behavioral Health and County of Sierra for Behavioral Health Services.

The Director of Behavioral Health clarified this contract is for the same psychiatrist and is only a change in the company the county contracts with for the psychiatrist.

The Board moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement between Community Behavioral Health and the County of Sierra for Behavioral Health Services.

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-111. Motion: Adams/Heuer/Unanimous (Supervisor Roen ABSENT)

8. PUBLIC HEALTH / SOCIAL SERVICES

8.A. Sales agreement between Patagonia Health, Inc. and Sierra County Public Health for implementation of Electronic Health Record (EHR).

The Interim Director of Public Health provided background on the agreement with Patagonia Health, Inc. for the implementation of electronic health records for Public Health due to no longer being able to submit prescriptions via facsimile. The Interim Director added this also gives them the opportunity to archive all public health records rather than store them with Iron Mountain and to have a system to input the information for the Senior Outreach program.

Following brief discussion, the Board moved to approve the sales agreement Patagonia Health, Inc., and Sierra County Public Health for implementation of Electronic Health Record (EHR).

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-112. Motion: Adams/Heuer/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8.B. Resolution authorizing the Sierra County Auditor to make certain changes to the Public Health Department's 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget for purchase of upgrading the phone system and approval to pay DGI Invoice N24571 in the amount of \$55,463.14, and DGI Invoice N24587 in the amount of \$20,549.00.

The Interim Director of Public Health provided background on the presentation of the phone system upgrade to the Finance Committee and the ability to have this funded under public health, however the funds must be used by September 15th. The Interim Director added that the state has indicated that this is an allowable expense under the proposed funding, and this is before the Board today as the purchase is not allocated in the current budget.

The Auditor indicated that if approved today his office will cut a check this week.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the Sierra County Auditor to make certain changes to the Public Health Department's 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget for purchase of upgrading the phone system and approval to pay DGI Invoice N24571 in the amount of \$55,463.14, and DGI Invoice N24587 in the amount of \$20,549.00.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-100. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

9. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

9.A. Discussion/direction regarding ambulance and emergency medical services for portions of western Sierra County. (SUPERVISORS HEUER & ROEN)

Supervisor Heuer provided background on the Downieville Fire Protection District providing an ambulance to Alleghany and the need to update the agreements for service. Supervisor Heuer added that upon the review of the agreements for services it was determined that the county didn't need to be involved in the agreement, rather it could be a mutual aid agreement between the districts. The concern now is the county continuing to provide funding for the ambulance.

Mr. Frank Lang, Downieville Fire Protection District provided considerable background on the 1995 agreement for providing ambulance services and Nor-Cal EMS recently finding out that there was an ambulance in Alleghany that they were unaware of, which prompted the draft agreement and the determination that the county doesn't need to be a party to the agreement rather it can be between the districts.

Mr. Lang continued to comment on the availability of funding as there was never a line in the budget for the ambulance replacement and suggested codifying this in an agreement with the county.

Supervisor Roen clarified that there was an ongoing agreement for ambulance funds on both sides of the county, however they have recently eliminated the need on the east side of the county. The county has already agreed to help fund a new ambulance if the district can show the need and a budget deficit to support it.

Supervisor Roen also commented on the availability of Title III funding to public agencies that respond to emergencies on federal lands and the district needing to take advantage of this funding if they haven't been.

In response to Supervisor LeBlanc's inquiry, Mr. Lang indicated that the last purchase was in 2015 for box ambulance which isn't available for off road responses. Mr. Lang added that Alleghany needs a new ambulance.

Chair Dryden suggested Mr. Lang distribute the proposed agreement for review by the Ad Hoc Committee and County Counsel.

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In response to Supervisor Adams' inquiry, Mr. Lang clarified that the extension from Nor-Cal EMS is through October 31, 2023. Mr. Lang added that the agreement with Nor-Cal EMS is up in the air at this point with respect to what their role is going to be. Nor-Cal EMS did do a site visit which went well.

Supervisor Roen indicated that he is happy to facilitate the use of the funds available in the county budget for an ambulance so long as there is documentation of the need and reiterated the availability of Title III funding for emergency responses by a public agency on federal lands.

Supervisor Adams indicated that previously the county sought to get out of the ambulance business. He doesn't believe the rate payers should have to subsidize the ambulance and would like to see what the Ad Hoc Committee finds out with respect to what the cost benefit is and make a recommendation to the Board if it is determined the county needs to help with the ambulance replacement.

Supervisor Adams further suggested the Ad Hoc Committee bring back a recommendation to the Board that is fair to the district and the county taxpayers.

By consensus, this matter was referred to the Ad Hoc Committee.

9.B. Resolution of Appreciation on the 50th anniversary of the Agency on Aging Area 4 (AAA4) and recognition for their contribution to the senior citizens in Sierra County. (SUPERVISOR DRYDEN)

Chair Dryden provided background on the resolution of appreciation which will be presented at the next AAA4 meeting.

Chair Dryden further requested the Clerk add an item to the next agenda to change the Board of Supervisor alternate on AAA4 Governing Board from Supervisor Adams to Supervisor Heuer.

The Board moved to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation on the 50th anniversary of the Agency on Aging Area 4 (AAA4) and recognition for their contribution to the senior citizens in Sierra County.

ADOPTED. Motion: Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

9.C. Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Sierra County Solid Waste Task Force. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Timothy H. Beals to the Sierra County Solid Waste Task Force.

Brief discussion ensued.

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The Director of Transportation commented on Mr. Beals having expressed interest in serving on the committee to assist with the completion of the agreement with Plumas County and Intermountain Disposal for solid waste services.

It was clarified that this is Brown Act committee which requires posting and assigning tasks.

Supervisor Adams indicated that he agrees with the appointment considering Mr. Beals' background.

APPROVED. Motion: Roen/Heuer/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

12. TIMED ITEMS

12.A. 10:00 AM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY SERVICE AREAS JOINT MEETING

At 10:21 a.m. Chair Dryden convened the joint meeting of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors and Sierra County Service Area Board of Directors.

12.A.i. Conduct public hearing on setting Appropriation Limits for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year for County Service Areas 2, 3, and Sierra Brooks 5A.

The Auditor provided brief background on the appropriation limits for the County Service Areas 2, 3 and 5A.

At 10:23 Chair Dryden opened and closed the public hearing with no members of the public addressing the Board.

12.A.ii. Conduct public hearing on setting Appropriation Limits for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year for County of Sierra.

The Auditor provided brief background on the appropriation limits for the County of Sierra.

At 10:24 Chair Dryden opened and closed the public hearing with no members of the public addressing the Board.

12.A.iii. Conduct public hearing on the 2023/2024 Final Budget for County Services Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 4B, 5, 5A (Sierra Brooks Water).

At 10:24 Chair Dryden opened and closed the public hearing with no members of the public addressing the Board.

12.A.iv. Conduct public hearing on the 2023/2024 Final Budget for the County of Sierra.

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At 10:25 a.m. Chair Dryden opened the public hearing.

The Auditor reviewed the Finance Committee’s recommendations for inclusion in the 2023/2024 Final Budget. The Auditor clarified that the Assessor’s Assessment Technician position needs to be updated from 90% to 100% FTE.

No public comments were received.

Supervisor Adams thanked the Auditor and Department Managers for running their agencies efficiently and prudently. Supervisor Adams further questioned what the contingency balance is and the amount of COVID funding still available.

The Auditor indicated that there is a \$100,000 in the Contingencies Fund and there is approximately \$560,000 in COVID funding after the commitments that have already been made by the Board. The Auditor further clarified that the Road Fund is in the red due to reimbursements from the state not coming in yet, so the General Fund is covering this until it’s paid.

In response to Supervisor Adams’s inquiry, the Auditor clarified that there is currently \$99,000 available in the ambulance replacement fund and an additional \$20,000 appropriation from the 2023/2024 budget. The Auditor further clarified that the Board could use these funds for anything, they are not tied to ambulance replacement; however, the funds are parked there for that reason.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the 2023/2024 budget.

At 10:31 a.m. Chair Dryden closed the public hearing with no members of the public addressing the Board.

At 10:32 a.m. Chair Dryden adjourned the joint meeting of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors and Sierra County Service Area Board of Directors.

12.B. 10:30 AM BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

At 10:32 a.m. Chair Dryden convened as the Sierra County Board of Equalization.

At 10:40 a.m. Chair Dryden adjourned as the Sierra County Board of Equalization and reconvened as the Sierra County Board of Supervisors.

10. PLANNING / BUILDING - Brandon Pangman

10.A. Discussion/direction on preferred method of County-initiated Zoning Code amendments.

The Director of Planning provided background on the process for zoning amendments outlined in the County Code which can be initiated either by the property

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owners applying through the Planning Department, a resolution of intent submitted by the Board of Supervisors, or by a resolution of intent submitted by the Planning Commission. The Director further questioned when policy decisions pertaining to land use are initiated by the county, does the Board want the zone amendment initiated by the Board of Supervisors or the Planning Commission.

Brief discussion ensued with the Board.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed starting county-initiated zone amendments with the Planning Commission.

10.B. Discussion regarding request from Suzanne Pride Bryan for a county-initiated zone amendment of private property identified as APN 019-020-007-000, from Planned Development (PD) to General Forest-Scenic Highway Corridor (GF-SH) and possible adoption of resolution of intent to direct the county-initiated zone amendment of said property consistent with the Sierra County General Plan.

The Director of Planning reviewed the letter submitted by Suzanne Pride Bryan requesting a county-initiated zone amendment of her family property from Planned Development (PD) to General Forest-Scenic Highway Corridor (GF-SH) due to a prior property owner having applied to subdivide the property into five or six lots and rezoned the property to PD. The tentative subdivision map was approved but was never finalized, so the subdivision went away, but the zoning was already changed.

The Director continued to explain that the county records indicate that it was incorrectly identified as GF-SH in the quick reference zoning books and the PD zone is not consistent with the newer 1996 General Plan. The recent sale of the property brought this issue to light and brought to question as to whether the potential new owners can do what they want to with the property. The Director indicated that he informed the property owner that their plans with the property could be done under either zoning.

The Director continued to explain that there is no issue with the current zoning, however the question is whether to allow it to continue to be zoned inconsistently with the General Plan. The estimated cost of the requested county-initiated zone amendment is \$1,000 out of the General Fund and will take approximately three to four months to process.

In response to Chair Dryden's inquiry, Assistant County Counsel clarified that it is clear there was an error, and it should be corrected.

The Director also clarified that the APN was incorrect on the ordinance that rezoned the property to PD.

In response to Supervisor Adams' inquiry, the Director clarified that there was no error in the zoning, but their zoning books didn't capture it. It also should have been

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caught in the 1996 General Plan had a countywide rezone been done to correct all properties that are not consistent with the General Plan.

Supervisor Adams questioned if the Board authorizes this, is the county setting precedence.

The Director explained this has come before the Board in the past when they discover zoning inconsistent with the General Plan; he doesn't believe it creates a precedent, rather this is a case by case situation.

Ms. Suzanne Bryan commented on the ownership history of the property. Ms. Bryan further indicated she would like the zoning to be returned to GF to keep it consistent with the General Plan and to clean up any confusion with the zoning and the incorrect APN listed in the ordinance.

Ms. Bryan offered to help aid this process by donating the \$1,000.

Following brief discussion, Assistant County Counsel indicated that the Board could make the exception and allow for the contribution by the property owner and still process this as a county-initiated zone amendment.

Supervisor Adams expressed his support of the resolution of intent as presented and the applicant making a donation if they choose to.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution of intent to direct the county-initiated zone amendment of said property consistent with the Sierra County General Plan.

In response to Supervisor Heuer's inquiry, Ms. Bryan clarified that the property is not in escrow, and they may take it off the market as it's very special to the family.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-101. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

10.C. Letter of support for Golden State Connect Authority to apply for Federal Fund Account grant funds on behalf of Sierra County to construct an open-access, "last mile," municipal broadband network in the communities of Calpine and Sierraville.

The Director of Planning provided background on the programs to provide broadband access and the request for a letter of support for some of the federal funding available for the "last mile".

Supervisor Adams commented on the \$25,000 the county contributed which turned into a \$500,000 grant for the county. Supervisor Adams further expressed concerns with trying to put wires in the ground for broadband services as it would be preferable if they came up with a program to provide rebates to individuals for Starlink.

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Following brief discussion, the Board moved to approve the letter of support for Golden State Connect Authority to apply for Federal Fund Account grant funds on behalf of Sierra County to construct an open-access, "last mile," municipal broadband network in the communities of Calpine and Sierraville.

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

10.D. Discussion/direction on cost proposal from Mintier-Harnish to complete General Plan/Zoning Code Update project.

The Director of Planning provided background on the county embarking on the update of the County General Plan and Zoning Code back in 2011/2012 and having contracted with Mintier-Harnish to perform the work for \$200,000. The Director continued to review the work completed by Mintier-Harnish over the years and the remaining available funds which are in a revolving account for the completion of the project.

The Director continued to review in detail the cost proposal from Mintier Harnish to complete the project and his suggested revisions to the project to reduce the cost of the proposal. The Director added that he is hoping to bring a revised proposal back to the Board at a future meeting.

Supervisor Adams expressed frustration with the amount of the proposal considering the size of the county and indicated he would like to determine what the biggest exposure for liability is and have those priorities completed first.

Supervisor Adams added that he is also interested in whether there has ever been a mandate claim filed for this and if not, why not.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

No action taken.

10.E. Agreement for Professional Services with Yuba Planning Group, LLC to provide CEQA Consulting Services for Planning Department File no. 1710 Forest Edge Mobile Home Park.

The Director of Planning provided background on the proposed agreement for CEQA consulting services, which is entirely paid for by the applicant and the master agreement with Dudek for CEQA consulting services for these types of projects.

The Director continued to explain that the proposal for this project was in an amount not to exceed \$69,000, so at the request of applicant the county put out a Request For Proposals and subsequently received two bids with Yuba Planning Group, LLC coming in with the lowest proposal.

The Director also clarified that they will not issue the notice to proceed until the deposit has been received by the applicant.

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Supervisor Adams indicated that he will not approve a mobile home park again as he believes there is a better use of the property. Supervisor Adams added that he wants the applicants to understand that they might be spending these funds for nothing.

Supervisor Roen clarified that this contract does not put the county on the hook for anything.

Assistant County Counsel clarified that the applicant has not paid the deposit and expressed concerns with the Board ratifying the agreement without the funds. Assistant County Counsel further suggested the Board approve the agreement contingent upon the receipt of the funds from the applicant and authorize the Director to sign the agreement.

The Board moved to approve the Roen to approve the agreement for Professional Services with Yuba Planning Group, LLC to provide CEQA Consulting Services for Planning Department File no. 1710 Forest Edge Mobile Home Park contingent upon receipt of funding from the applicant and to authorize the Director of Planning to sign on the agreement on behalf of the County.

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-113. Motion: Roen/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

11. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - Bryan Davey

11.A. Modification of Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA) to Master Stewardship Agreement # 20-SA-11051700-006 between the County of Sierra and the USDA, Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest, Agreement # 23-SA-11051700-033 and Sierra County Agreement 2023-103.

The Director of Transportation briefly explained the purpose of the proposed modification to the Supplemental Project Agreement due to the potential risk of going over cash reserves for the project and the Forest Service adding a provision to the contract to allow advanced funding for the project.

The Board moved to approve Modification of Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA) to Master Stewardship Agreement # 20-SA-11051700-006 between the County of Sierra and the USDA, Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest, Agreement # 23-SA-11051700-033 and Sierra County Agreement 2023-103.

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-114. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

11.B. Professional Services Agreement with R.E.Y. Engineers, Inc. for Professional Engineering and Environmental Services for the Smithneck Road Rehabilitation Project, Federal Aid Program Project No. RPSTPL-5913(081).

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The Director of Transportation provided brief background on the two proposals received for the Smithneck Road Rehabilitation Project and R.E.Y Engineers, Inc. submitting the lowest proposal.

The Board moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with R.E.Y. Engineers, Inc. for Professional Engineering and Environmental Services for the Smithneck Road Rehabilitation Project, Federal Aid Program Project No. RPSTPL-5913(081).

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-115. Motion: Roen/Heuer/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

11.C. Resolution authorizing payment for quote #605762 to CALCAD for creating a new solid waste billing system in the GIS.

The Director of Transportation provided background on the proposed item and the need for an agreement between the Department of Transportation and the County Assessor to ensure security of the exchange of information.

Following brief discussion, the Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing payment for quote #605762 to CALCAD for creating a new solid waste billing system in the GIS contingent upon an internal county agreement between the Department of Transportation and County Assessor.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-102 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2023-116. Motion: Roen/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

11.D. Professional Services Agreement with Feather River Forestry, LLC to provide Professional Forester Services on behalf of Sierra County for the North Yuba Landscape - Greene Acres Fuel Reduction & Restoration project.

Following a brief overview of the proposed agreement by the Director of Transportation, the Board moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Feather River Forestry, LLC to provide Professional Forester Services on behalf of Sierra County for the North Yuba Landscape - Greene Acres Fuel Reduction & Restoration project.

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-117. Motion: Roen/Heuer/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Adams ABSENT)

11.E. Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to hire a full time Solid Waste attendant to replace the two (2) part time extra help positions that currently operate the Ramshorn and Sierra City Transfer Stations, change the days of operations to allow a single person to operate both sites and to adjust the Solid Waste budget to compensate the full time position.

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The Director of Transportation briefly explained that the position has been advertised and applications have been received. The Director also indicated that there are some changes to the proposed operation schedule for the Ramshorn and Sierra City transfer stations.

Mr. David O'Donnell, Extra-Help Solid Waste Attendant expressed concerns with the proposed changes eliminating his position as a part-time Solid Waste Attendant for the county as he can't take the full-time position as it would impact his PERS retirement.

The Director recognized Mr. O'Donnell and expressed his appreciation for his work over the years.

The Director continued to review the issues with continuing operations at the transfer stations due to limited staffing.

Supervisor Heuer indicated that she hasn't heard anyone complaining about the proposed change in schedule at the transfer stations.

Following discussion, the Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to hire a full time Solid Waste attendant to replace the two (2) part time extra help positions that currently operate the Ramshorn and Sierra City Transfer Stations, change the days of operations to allow a single person to operate both sites and to adjust the Solid Waste budget to compensate the full time position as amended to correct the proposed schedule of operations.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Director continued to review the changes in the proposed schedule of operations for the transfer stations which will be dependent upon the new position taking their lunch break at the end of their shift. The Director added that the transfer stations will be open five consecutive days and the hours will be contingent upon the employee.

Discussion ensued with the Board regarding the proposed schedule of operations.

ADOPTED as amended, Resolution 2023-103. Motion: Roen/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.A. Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, Rhetta Vander Ploeg Negotiator, all units.

CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT

The Board met in closed session from 12:11 p.m. to 12:14 p.m. Assistant County Counsel reported that no reportable action was taken on Item 13.A.

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ADJOURN

At 12:15 p.m., with no further business, Chair Dryden adjourned the meeting.

SHARON DRYDEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD