

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

MEETING DATE: July 21, 2020	TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Timed <input type="checkbox"/> Consent
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DEPARTMENT: Public Works and Transportation
APPROVING PARTY: Tim H. Beals, Director
PHONE NUMBER: 530-289-3201

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion and direction regarding special events in light of COVID-19.	
SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: <input type="checkbox"/> Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Agreement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Email of July 8, 2020 and records from and June 2, 2020 and April 16, 2020 Board Meetings.	
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Christian Encounter Ministries Agony Ride has been cancelled, and there are currently no applications on file for special events through the end of 2020.	
FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL FUND IMPACT: No General Fund Impact OTHER FUND: AMOUNT: \$ N/A	
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Tim Beals

From: Tim Beals
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:57 PM
To: BOS
Cc: Heather Foster; David Prentice; Amanda Uhrhammer; Vickie Clark; Bryan Davey
Subject: FW: Attached Image
Attachments: 3219_001.pdf

Please find attached a brief chronology of the actions taken by the Board of Supervisors regarding "special events" during the COVID 19 issues. On April 16 the Board discussed special events and directed suspension of permits based on County Health Officer orders and the State orders regarding COVID 19. There was direction to re-evaluate this position at the June 2 Board meeting and the direction given at the June 2 meeting was to continue the suspension of special event permits until July 7.

So where we currently sit is that the matter was not on the Board agenda for July 7 and we have at least one and likely two special events that are scheduled in the near future and for which permit applications are ready for submission to the County by the event organizers. The first is proposed for July 24 and 25 and it is the annual "bike agony ride" in Sierra Valley. A second bike event in Sierra Valley is also being planned and the name or the event organizer escapes me at the moment. So with the next Board meeting being July 21, there is no way to coordinate this planned "bike agony ride" event for July 24 and 25 having the applicant not know until July 21 whether or not he will be successful in obtaining a permit. The organizer of the July 24 and 25 event states that he has an approved plan from the County Health Department (or it is close to being approved) so the risk associated with this event seems manageable. I can read the Board's determination two ways as written on the ROP form attached for the June 2 meeting. Either the suspension expires as of July 7 and we are now able to accept and issue event permits so long as their plan has been approved by the County Health Department OR it can be interpreted that no permit applications will be considered until the Board determines if it intends to allow special events subsequent to July 7. Looking at the brief history I have provided, it seems as though the intent of the June 2 direction was to continue suspending permits until the Board determines otherwise.

My recommendation would have been to approve the proposed agony ride event but I am unclear as to how to resolve this conflict. One option is for me to issue the permit since Sierra County is "reopening" according to guidance issued by the County Health Officer....a second option is to have a special Board meeting for this specific purpose to address the requested permit....a third option may be the formation of a single purpose ad hoc committee to be involved in the issuance or rejection of the requested permit until this matter can be addressed by the full Board. Not sure which way to turn here so any recollection of the discussion of June 2 might be instructive. I hope to listen to the recording of the meeting tomorrow. If you have thoughts, please let me know. Thanks.

Tim

April 16, 2020

REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:02 a.m. Chair Beard opened public comment.

Supervisor Adams commented that Sierra County is 168 years old today.

At 9:03 a.m. Chair Beard closed public comment with no further persons addressing the Board.

3. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

3.A. Update from County Public Health, County OES, and County Sheriff Office ("EOC Group") on the Declared Local State of Emergency and the County Health Officer-Public Health Emergency Declaration surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic and discussion and direction to staff on the following:

Reports were given by the Director of Public Works, Director of Health and Social Services, County Health Officer, Director of Behavioral Health and the Sheriff regarding the status of County operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) status and recommendation to the US Forest Service and Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA).

Comments were received by the Director of Public Works, Supervisor Huebner, Supervisor Adams, and Congressman LaMalfa's Field Representative Shane Starr regarding the County's concerns pertaining to the impacts to the community of Sierra City from the PCT hikers and reaching out to the Reno postal distribution center to express the County's concerns with respect to the delivery of PCT hiker packages to the Sierra City Post Office.

Following considerable discussion, the Board moved to authorize drafting and submitting a letter to the Nevada Postal Director expressing the County's concerns regarding the delivery of PCT hiker's packages to the Sierra City Post Office with copies to the PCTA and Congressman LaMalfa's office.

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

2. Discussion of special events permitted or planned for 2020.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the number of special event permits that have been filed and the events that have been canceled for this year.

April 16, 2020

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed suspending encroachment permits for special events based on the current public health order and state order, and to reevaluate the issuance of permits at the June 2, 2020 Board meeting.

Public comment was received by Greg Carter, Jesse Passafiume and Greg Williams on behalf of the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship in regards to this year's Downieville Classic Mountain Bike Race.

Considerable discussion ensued in regards to whether the Downieville Classic Mountain Bike Race could be held in late July or August or if the event should be canceled.

Public comment was received by Bill Copren in regards the San Francisco State's Sierra Nevada Field Campus and the Kentucky Mine.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Following discussion, the Director of Public Works clarified that the Kentucky Mine should remain closed through June 1, 2020 and there should not be an issue with having the curator on site.

3. Measures proposed to be implemented to communicate community exposure concerns from visitors coming into the county.

The Director of Planning commented on posting signs to encourage people to stay home due to the number of people traveling to this region and compromising the community health.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Public comment was received by Donna Hayes, Goodyears Bar, regarding the number of rafters and kayakers on Highway 49.

The Sheriff indicated that based on their investigation it was determined this was a private group of individuals rafting and they are packing up and leaving.

Public comment was received by Chris Fichtel on behalf of the Nature Conservancy regarding limiting the number of people traveling on the County road that ends at the Independence Lake Preserve parking lot.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the Board would be in favor of closing the County road.

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8.A.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works and Transportation
APPROVING PARTY: Tim H. Beals, Director
PHONE NUMBER: 530-289-3201

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion and direction with regard to issuing permits for special events permitted or planned for Sierra County.

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Memo Resolution Agreement Other

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the meeting of April 16, 2020 the Board of Supervisors directed the suspension of issuing permits for special events until June 1, 2020 in light of the pandemic. Further discussion/direction is indicated.

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

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COMMENTS:
Continue the suspension of issuing encroachment permits for special events to July 7, 2020.

Deborah Foster
CLERK TO THE BOARD

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