



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

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on January 18, 2022. 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
Terry LeBlanc, Supervisor, District #4
Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, Vice Chair, District #5

Staff: Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder
Melissa Kinneer, Assistant County Clerk-Recorder
David Prentice, County Counsel
Van Maddox, Auditor/Treasurer Tax Collector
Tim Beals, Director of Planning/Public Works/Transportation/OES
Lea Salas, Director of Behavioral Health
Vickie Clark, Director of Health and Social Services
Chuck Henson, Chief Probation Officer

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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of the Assistant Clerk-Recorder Consent Item 14.D. was moved to the Regular Agenda as Item 9.C.

- 14.D. Resolution authorizing certificate of acceptance and recordation of grant deed for the Sierraville Recreation Center (Sierraville School). (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

APPROVED as amended: Motion: Huebner/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

14. CONSENT AGENDA

- 14.A. Approval of a Certification of Official Custodians – Certification is required by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). (AUDITOR)
- 14.B. Annual renewal of Probation's pretrial electronic monitoring per Penal Code 1203.018 and post-sentence electronic monitoring program per Penal Code 1203.016. (PROBATION)
- 14.C. County-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Addendum to Participation Agreement 2020-132 between the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the County of Sierra. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-005

- 14.E. Agreement between Runbeck Election Services, Inc. and Sierra County for ballot printing services. (ELECTIONS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-006

- 14.F. Minutes from the regular meeting held on December 7, 2021. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)
- 14.G. Minutes from the special meeting held on December 15, 2021. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

APPROVED as amended: Motion: Huebner/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:03 a.m. Chair Roen opened the public comment opportunity.

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Public comment was received by Jason Christian.

At 9:04 a.m. Chair Roen closed the public comment opportunity with no further persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Roen reported on the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District meeting regarding the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant (SGMA) program plan to be filed with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Supervisor Adams reported on the meeting held with the RCRC Board of Directors and on the discussions held regarding PTS navigation systems and winter conditions affecting the county.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Auditor provided an update on the recent increase in fraudulent activity in the Treasury and on alternative methods of submitting future vendor payments.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Acting Sierraville District Ranger Rachel Hutchinson provided a brief update on matters going on in the district.

Yuba River District Ranger Lon Henderson provided an update on matters going on in the district.

6. PROBATION - CHUCK HENSON

6.A. Authorization to add a new Deputy Probation Officer position in the Probation Department. (PROBATION)

Chief Henson provided background to the Board on the new legislation surrounding Senate Bill (SB) 129, which provides grant funding from the State Judicial Council to the local courts to contract with local agencies or community-based organizations to provide pretrial programs and the departments success in participating in a 2-year pretrial pilot program with Nevada County.

The Chief further reported that the program is now mandated by the state and that discussions have begun with the court on drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to begin implementing the program. Chief Henson also stated that the Deputy Probation Officer I position would be entirely funded under the grant.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

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After brief discussion, the Board moved to authorize the Probation Department to add a new Deputy Probation Officer position.

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

7. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 7.A. 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 developments to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and possible action/direction to staff. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on the increase of both state and local case counts; contact tracing; vaccination rates; and on the available vaccination clinics located within the county.

In response to Chair Roen's inquiry regarding the timeline for booster shots, the County Health Officer stated that individuals should wait five months after their second vaccination and be symptom free for a period of ten days prior to receiving a booster shot.

The Director further updated the Board on the shortage of home test inventory; current school closures and plans; staffing shortages and training opportunities available to local employers for testing staff.

- 7.B. Discussion/action regarding conducting meetings of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors in accordance with AB 361 and Sierra County Resolution 2021-140. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

Chair Roen made a recommendation to continue to conduct meetings by teleconference until the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic passes.

Board discussion ensued.

After brief discussion, the Board moved to continue to conduct meetings of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors by remote teleconference only in accordance with AB 361 and Sierra County Resolution 2021-140.

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

- 7.C. Discussion/action regarding appointments to commissions, board and associations; standing committees; term appointments made by the full board; and ad-hoc committees for the 2022 Calendar Year. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

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The Board moved to approve the appointments to commissions, board and associations; standing committees; term appointments made by the full board; and ad-hoc committees for the 2022 Calendar Year as presented.

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

- 7.D. Discussion and direction on proposed letter to the North Yuba Forest Partnership on the status of comments received and transmitted regarding the Federal EIS being proposed to evaluate the scope of work of the partnership. (CHAIR ROEN)

Chair Roen provided the Board with a brief update on the item and made a recommendation to draft a letter to the North Yuba Forest Partnership to address matters of concern.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Supervisor Adams recommended that the Chair, Director of Planning, and County Forester draft a letter and submit to the full Board for review.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Board moved to authorize the Chair, Director, and County Forester to draft and submit a letter to the North Yuba Forest Partnership on the status of comments received and transmitted regarding the Federal EIS being proposed to evaluate the scope of work of the partnership.

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

- 7.E. Appointments to the Airport Advisory Committee to fill vacancies. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Duncan Kennedy to the Airport Advisory Committee.

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

Item 7.E. continued. Chair Roen clarified for the record that the Board failed to appoint the second applicant, Christian Kennedy to the Airport Advisory Committee.

The Board moved to appoint Christian Kennedy to the Airport Advisory Committee.

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

- 7.F. Appointments to the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board to fill vacancies. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

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The Board moved to appoint Duncan Kennedy to the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board.

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

Item 7.F. continued. Chair Roen clarified for the record that the Board failed to appoint the second applicant, Christian Kennedy to the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board.

The Board moved to appoint Christian Kennedy to the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board.

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

9. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

- 9.A. Authorization to implement an emergency fuel sales or provision process at both the Alleghany and Goodyears Bar Road shops to allow residents on the west county area to access fuel for supplying emergency generators.

The Director of Public Works presented the item to the Board and requested authorization to develop a short-term program that would provide fuel to west side residents at the Goodyear's Bar and Alleghany Road shops during emergency events.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Supervisor Adams commended the Director on his efforts on implementing this program and suggested notifying the communities through their respective fire departments.

Considerable discussion ensued with the Board.

The Board moved to authorize the Director to implement an emergency fuel sales or provision process at both the Alleghany and Goodyears Bar Road shops to allow residents located on the west side of the county to access fuel for supplying emergency generators.

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

- 9.B. Consideration of request and scheduling of public hearing to consider changing the name of Wilson Lane (County Road 642) to Barrington Lane.

Supervisor Adams indicated that William Copren requested changing the road name from Wilson Lane to Barrington Road.

The Director of Public Works provided the Board with background on the item and requested direction to proceed with the process for proposing the name change.

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Public Comment was received by Mr. Copren, providing the Board with historical background on the road and expressing support on the name change to Barrington Road.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Board moved to authorize the Director to continue with the process of changing the name of Wilson Lane (County Road 642) to Barrington Road and to set the public hearing.

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

Item 9.B. continued. Chair Roen clarified for the record that the public hearing on the road name change be set to a future date.

8. TIMED ITEMS

- 8.A. 10:00AM SIERRA BUTTES TRAIL STEWARDSHIP
Presentation by Trinity Sterling on behalf of the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship on the Connected Communities Through Trails project. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS).

Presentation given by Trinity Sterling, Connected Communities Project Coordinator.

Supervisor Adams inquired on the change reflected on the North Yuba Trail map from non-motorized to motorized use and whether the Forest Service would be the determining agency on the matter.

Ms. Sterling clarified that the Forest Service would be the determining agency.

Supervisor Adams further reported that he would correspond directly with Yuba River District Ranger, Lon Henderson regarding community concerns and the potential fire danger risk associated with allowing motorized use on the trail.

Supervisor Dryden commended Ms. Sterling and her partners on envisioning the project and suggested working with the Local Transportation Commission on including the new bike path project spanning from Highway 49 to Smithneck Road with the Connected Communities Project.

The Director of Planning inquired on the project phases and expressed concern on the significant fire risk on the North Yuba Trail with the conversion of motorized use. The Director further inquired on how the Board can be formally involved in developing the plan before it is presented by the Stewardship as a plan for consideration.

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Ms. Sterling responded that the Stewardship is working on developing a survey tool to allow input from the Board and other organizations to submit feedback on specific route segments.

The Director encouraged the Stewardship to treat the Board differently than the typical commenting organization or individual and requested that the Board have a prominent role in the project.

Ms. Sterling commented on her intention to facilitate open dialogue between the Board and Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship on the project.

Chair Roen expressed gratitude to Ms. Sterling on her presentation.

9.C. Resolution authorizing certificate of acceptance and recordation of grant deed for the Sierraville Recreation Center (Sierraville School). (CLERK OF THE BOARD) **(Correspondence Item 14.D.)**

The Director of Public Works introduced the item and welcomed any final comments or statements from the Board on the matter.

Chair Roen, Supervisor Adams and Supervisor Dryden expressed gratitude to the Director and all other parties involved on completing the project.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the certificate of acceptance and recordation of a grant deed for the Sierraville Recreation Center (Sierraville School).

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-003. Motion: Huebner/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

10. PLANNING / BUILDING - TIM BEALS

10.A. Discussion and direction on FEMA flood plain and flood insurance management amendments published by FEMA and sent to the County in a formal letter received December 29, 2021.

Deputy Director of Planning Brandon Pangman made a presentation to the Board on the FEMA flood plain and flood insurance management amendments and expressed concern over the preliminary models of the FEMA floodplain maps for the Sierra Valley and surrounding communities and further encouraged community members to review and provide feedback on the maps.

Chair Roen inquired on where community members may submit comments on the preliminary maps.

Mr. Pangman reported that comments may be routed through the Planning Department or sent directly to FEMA.

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Supervisor Dryden inquired on the status of the City of Loyalton's engagement in the process.

Mr. Pangman responded that the city is a separate jurisdiction and own flood plain administrator and that no discussions have taken place with the county over the matter.

The Director of Planning commented on the city's requirement to have a designated plan administrator, local ordinance, and building permit process to allow performance audits as to the implementation of the national flood insurance standards on properties within the city and on the net impact of the city's engagement in the process, which reflects the relationship between private property owners and the bank.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Supervisor Dryden and Chair Roen expressed gratitude to Mr. Pangman and the Director on their engagement and representation on the matter.

10.B. Discussion and direction on an application for land conservation contract (Williamson Act) filed by Russell Turner for property surrounding the community of Sattley that is partially constrained by its location within the General Plan boundary for the community of Sattley, a portion of which is within a recorded conservation easement, and determination on advertising and making appointments to the Open Space Screening Committee.

The Director of Planning provided considerable background to the Board on the item including information on the technical issues associated with the property being entered into a land conservation contract and on the need for an active Open Space Screening Committee to assist in addressing these issues going forward. The Director further encouraged the Board to advertise the open member positions on the Open Space Screening Committee, comprised of private individuals with history and experience related to agriculture.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

By consensus the Board directed the Clerk to advertise the three, vacant member positions on the Open Space Screening Committee.

10.C. Resolution approving contingency appropriation to increase funding allocation in the amount of \$5000 to cover additional costs in the County Forester line item within the Planning Department budget.

The Director of Planning reported to the Board that the \$10,000 allocated in the Planning Department budget has been expended and on the need for additional funding to continue utilizing the services provided by the County Forester.

Brief discussion ensued with the Board.

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After brief discussion, the Board moved to adopt the resolution approving contingency appropriation to increase funding allocation in the amount of \$5000 to cover additional costs in the County Forester line item within the Planning Department budget

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-004. Motion: Dryden/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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

- 11.A. Approval of conveyance of ten small new gas generators donated by PG&E to the County to the fire districts within the PG&E service area-Downieville Fire Protection District (4 generators); Sierra City Fire District (2 Generators); and Pliocene Ride Community Service District (4 generators).

The Director of OES provided background to the Board on the item and on the plan to distribute the ten, donated generators from PG&E to the Downieville Fire Protection District, Sierra City Fire District, and the Pliocene Ridge Community Services District to manage and maintain ownership and to loan to community members for emergency use.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Director reported on the fire districts willingness to take formal ownership of the units and requested that County Counsel approve the form of the provisions in the hold harmless agreements provided by PG&E.

In response to the Directors' statement, County Counsel clarified that the hold harmless agreements would satisfy the donation to the fire districts as it is from one public entity to another.

The Clerk inquired on the status of approval of the enrollment waiver and release of liability agreements included in the background of the item.

The Director responded that the two agreements were initially provided by PG&E if the county were to assume the burden of ownership and maintenance on the units and that the enrollment waiver and release of liability agreements would now only be signed by the respective fire districts and that no further formal interaction with the county would be required.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Board moved to approve the acceptance of the donation of ten small new gas generators donated by PG&E to the County to the fire districts within the PG&E service area-Downieville Fire Protection District (4 generators); Sierra City Fire District (2 Generators); and Pliocene Ride Community Service District (4 generators) and authorized the Director to sign necessary documents as approved to form by County Counsel.

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

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13. PERSONNEL DIRECTOR - MARGARET LONG

13.A. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with employees in the Miscellaneous/Clerical Unit for wage increases and other changes to employment provisions.

Supervisor Dryden inquired on which employees are included in the Miscellaneous/Clerical Units.

The Auditor clarified that all employees, including those who are non-represented by the Union are included in the Miscellaneous/Clerical Units and that management, and both the DSA (Sheriff) and Road Units are excluded.

Brief Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Board moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with employees in the Miscellaneous/Clerical Unit for wage increases and other changes to employment provisions.

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-007. Motion: Dryden/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.A. Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, Margaret Long Negotiator, Road and Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) bargaining units.

CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT

The Board met in closed session from 11:43 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

County Counsel reported that information was received and direction was given to staff.

ADJOURN

At 12:03 p.m., with no further business, Chair Roen adjourned the meeting.

PAUL ROEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

MELISSA KINNEER
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD