



**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 August 2, 2022 in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Courthouse, Downieville, CA. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor Adams

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
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
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner

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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.A. Agreement for Indemnification and Reimbursement for Extraordinary Costs for Miriam Dines, applicant and co-owner: consideration of a Lot Line Adjustment for property located at 110 Wild Plum Road, Sierra City, CA, APNs: 008-183-024 & 008-183-025. (PLANNING)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-099

11.B. Resolution of Appreciation to Dennis Marsh, retired Road Superintendent, for his years of service to Sierra County. (PUBLIC WORKS)

11.C. Resolution approving plans, specifications and bidding documents and authorization to solicit bids for the Loylton Complex Fire Road Damage Repair Project. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-086

11.D. 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 2022-100

11.E. Resolution approving the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Agreement No. 22-10292, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutritional Program, and Authorizing the Director of Public Health to sign the standard agreement and all invoices to secure funds. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-087 and **APPROVED,** Agreement 2022-101

11.F. Professional Services Agreement between Sierra County Child Abuse Council and Sierra County Social Services. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-102

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- 11.G. Resolution authorizing the Auditor to make certain changes to the 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget and approval of payment to Cadence Team, Inc for the HPE Nimble Storage Renewal. (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-088

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:04 am. Vice-Chair Dryden opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Adams reported on meetings held with the Forest Service last week, including the quad meeting held in Susanville, and the North Yuba Project and wildfire response team meetings.

Chair Roen added that it sounds like we are starting to move forward with getting on the ground work done.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Health and Social Services provided an update on the budget request for the ICW self-sufficient workstation refresh and her plan to purchase the equipment out of Social Services funding and bring back to the Board for ratification.

The Director continued to report on the community health assessment project by the UNR Seniors who will be paid to do the project; staffing updates; the Governor declaring a state of emergency for Monkeypox, the availability of the smallpox vaccine, Monkeypox symptoms and how it is transmitted; and an update on COVID-19.

In response to Supervisor Adams' inquiry, the Director clarified that she is hopeful that the third COVID-19 booster will be readily available in Sierra County.

The Sheriff reported on revising the dispatch sergeant job description to make it a dispatch supervisor which will reduce overtime and workload for the sergeant and would have a minimal impact on his budget. The Sheriff continued to provide an update

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on recent local fires, and not having the ability to send anyone in response to the mutual aid request for help on the McKinney Fire in Siskiyou County due to staffing levels.

The Director of Planning reported that he plans to add an item to the next agenda regarding the response to FEMA and the ongoing floodplain issues affecting primarily eastern Sierra County as he is receiving inconsistent messages from FEMA and not receiving the cooperation or commitments that were assured to the county.

Supervisor Dryden requested the Director include her and Chair Roen in the next meeting with the City of Loyalton and FEMA representatives.

Chair Roen indicated that Shane Starr is going to continue to work with Congressman LaMalfa for the next few months and requested staff forward any correspondence from FEMA to him.

The Director suggested conducting a Zoom meeting with Mr. Starr to orient him with the issues and provide him some history on the matter.

The Director continued to report that the Planning Commission will meet August 11, 2022 and will possibly address the Woodruff property in Sattley; grant applications have been submitted for the Greene Acres and Forest City projects; and the recent meeting with the Forest Service and the need to send a letter to the key individuals at the meeting that summarizes what was stated during the meeting.

Supervisor Adams encouraged drafting a letter for review and approval at the next meeting.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Yuba River District Lon Henderson provided an update on the Forest City and Greene Acres projects; the Downieville field meeting held last Wednesday, and the meeting held in Nevada City on Thursday; working on a response letter to the county; the minerals program; and staffing.

Supervisor Adams acknowledged an email he received from Sierraville District Ranger Hutchinson regarding the hazard tree removal project which is now posted to their website for solicitation of contractors and includes the Chapman Creek and Ramshorn campgrounds.

Sierraville District Ranger Rachel Hutchinson provided an update on the recent Austin fire; serving as a point of contact for the Truckee District Ranger, Jonathan Cook-Fisher; proposals submitted to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the Antelope Creek WUI project which will add onto the Smithneck project; NID's proposal for 3,000 acres of fuels reduction up at Jackson Meadows; working with the Sierra Buttes Trails Stewardship to open the Sierra Canyon Trail; fuels work at Independence, Carmen and Smithneck; and staffing.

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6. PLANNING / BUILDING - TIM BEALS

- 6.A. Discussion/direction on USFS campground concession charges and fees to public for the use of Old Gold Lake boat ramp.

The Director of Planning provided background on the concessionaire charging for use of the Gold Lake boat ramp and the day use area. The Director continued to express concerns with the Forest Service allowing the concessionaire to charge for public use on a county road/public right-of-way and whether the facilities the Forest Service is using to collect waste in the area is sufficient. The Director added that he's hoping to meet with Beckwourth District Ranger Rahe regarding these issues.

Supervisor Huebner commented on receiving complaints from the public regarding having to pay fees for parking and to launch a boat and expressed his concerns that there are no garbage bins.

Supervisor Adams expressed concerns with the fee as there isn't a nexus between the fee and the use of the county road - there is no responsibility for maintenance, etc. on the county road. Supervisor Adams further encouraged staff to get in touch with the District Ranger soon and request the removal of the sign regarding this fee as it is inappropriate since this is a county road.

Discussion ensued regarding what authority or agreement the concessionaire has with the Forest Service authorizing them to charge this fee.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed staff to reach out to the District Ranger regarding this issue.

9. TIMED ITEMS

9.A. 10:00AM RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation to Miriam Dines, Office Manager, upon announcement of her impending retirement.

Supervisor Dryden presented the resolution of appreciation to Miriam Dines, Office Manager, upon announcement of her impending retirement.

Mrs. Dines thanked the Board, the Director of Public Works, and staff.

Additional comments were received by the Director of Public Works and members of the Board.

- 6.B. Discussion/direction to schedule a public hearing to consider a recommendation of the Sierra County Planning Commission to approve a zone amendment for APN 018-060-021, Constellation Creek Resort in

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Sierraville, CA (The Outpost Group, Inc., Record Owner) from “GF” General Forest District to “CR” Commercial Residential District.

Following brief discussion and by consensus, the Board scheduled the public hearing for September 20, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

7. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

- 7.A. Discussion and adoption of resolution authorizing application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Wildlife Recovery and Forest Resilience Directed Grant Program under the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program to implement two projects-one being a fire fuel landscape treatment project at Greene Acres and a second to conduct NEPA Planning with USFS for a Forest City fuel reduction project.

The Director of Public Works provided brief background on the application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the Greene Acres fire fuel landscape treatment project and the Forest City fuel reduction project.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Wildlife Recovery and Forest Resilience Directed Grant Program under the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program to implement two projects-one being a fire fuel landscape treatment project at Greene Acres and a second to conduct NEPA Planning with USFS for a Forest City fuel reduction project.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-089. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 7.B. Discussion on status of PSPS grant funding and request for authorization to seek informal bids for electrical engineering, purchase, and installation of replacement Courthouse generator.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the request for authorization to seek informal quotes for a combination of things necessary to deliver a backup generator for the courthouse which he expects to have completed this fall.

In response to Supervisor Adams’ inquiry regarding whether the value is under the formal bidding requirements, the Director clarified that the actual generator will be put through Sourcewell which is an alternative to formal bidding.

The Board moved to authorize the request to seek informal bids for electrical engineering, purchase, and installation of replacement Courthouse generator.

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

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8. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 8.A. 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)

By consensus the Board directed continuing to conduct hybrid meetings of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors in accordance with AB 361 and Sierra County Resolution 2021-140.

- 8.B. Discussion/adoption of revised urgency ordinance amending section 18.12.50 of the Sierra County Code prohibiting open fires on public and private property within the unincorporated areas of Sierra County due to the extreme fire danger. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Clerk briefly reviewed a minor correction to Section 2(B) which was at the request of Sierraville District Ranger Hutchinson.

The Board moved to adopt the revised urgency ordinance amending section 18.12.50 of the Sierra County Code prohibiting open fires on public and private property within the unincorporated areas of Sierra County due to the extreme fire danger.

Brief discussion ensued.

ADOPTED, Ordinance-1113. Motion: Roen/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

10. CLOSED SESSION

- 10.A. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - performance review regarding Director of Health and Social Services.
- 10.B. Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, David Prentice Negotiator, Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA).

The Board met in closed session from 11:00 a.m. to 11:39 a.m. County Counsel reported that the Board completed the evaluation for the Director of Health and Social Services and with respect to the DSA negotiations, information was given, and direction was given to staff.

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ADJOURN

At 11:38 a.m., with no further business, Vice-Chair Dryden adjourned the meeting.

SHARON DRYDEN, VICE-CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD