



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

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in special session commencing at 10:00 a.m. on August 24, 2020 via teleconference. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair Beard

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder
Amanda Uhrhammer, Deputy County Counsel
Van Maddox, Auditor/Treasure-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 REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 10:02 a.m. Chair Beard opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

The Board moved to reopen the public comment opportunity.

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

The Sheriff reported on impacts to his budget due to responding to a number of emergencies in the County and incurring a lot of overtime.

Supervisor Adams commended the Sheriff and his department for all of their hard work.

The Director of OES commented on offering assistance to Plumas County's EOC with respect to the fires.

At 10:13 a.m. Chair Beard closed the public comment opportunity with no further persons addressing the Board.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) -TIM BEALS

3.A. SIERRA COUNTY STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

- 1) Discussion and status reports on the Loyalton Fire and other regional fires in progress.

The Director of OES and Sheriff provided an update on the status of the Loyalton Fire and other regional fires.

The Sheriff continued to comment on not being able to bill the Sheriff's overtime under the Forest Service Cooperative Agreements as evacuations are not covered and the potential to use of Title III funding for cost recovery.

The Director commented on the use of the Sierraville School, Sierraville Airport and Loyalton High School during the fire and covering some of the costs incurred under

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the OES disaster assistance. The Director continued to review other funding sources for reimbursement including Title III.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

- 2) Discussion of fire severity concerns throughout the County and drought conditions impacting water supply and agricultural operations.

The Director of OES commented on the proclamation which needs to be ratified by the Board within 7 days and the need to discuss folding language into the proclamation which identifies issues pertaining to the current drought and the impact it had on this fire, the commitment made with respect to the COVID-19 response and the burden the fire placed on the County's resources, and the ongoing issues with respect to wildland fire severity and catastrophic fires. The Director further indicated that he has reached out to the State Office of Emergency Services to make sure there are no issues with reforming the proclamation.

Supervisor Roen also recommended the Board consider adding language relating to the existing drought and the impacts to approximately 47,000 acres of public and private grazing land in order to make some USDA funding available.

Discussion ensued regarding the suggested amendments to the current proclamation.

- 3) Discussion and approval of ratification of Director of OES proclamation of a state of local emergency for Sierra County including any appropriate amendments proposed by the Board of Supervisors to affirm the emergency declaration.

The Director of OES distributed an amended declaration of local state of emergency.

Supervisor Roen reviewed the proposed changes made to the proclamation, including language regarding damage to County roads within the fire area, the issues of drought and impacts to the grazing community and agriculture, and the COVID-19 impacts related to management.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution ratifying the amended declaration of a local state of emergency Loyaltan Fire and extreme fire conditions commencing Friday, August 14, 2020.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-097. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 4) Comments from State Office of Emergency Services (OES).

No one present from the State Office of Emergency Services (OES).

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ADJOURN

At 11:19 a.m., with no further business, Chair Beard adjourned the meeting.

JIM BEARD, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD