



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA
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MINUTES
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in a special teleconference meeting commencing at 2:00 p.m. on February 14, 2017. Locations available to the public to attend the teleconference meeting will be in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Courthouse, Downieville, CA, the Health and Human Services Building, 202 Front Street, Loyalton, CA, and the Old Sierraville School, 305 S. Lincoln Street, Sierraville, CA. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

ROLL CALL 2:01 P.M.

Present: Lee Adams, Supervisor, District #1
Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3
Jim Beard, Supervisor, District #4
Scott A. Schlefstein, Supervisor, Vice-Chair, District #5

Absent: Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, Chair, District #2

Staff: Michelle Burr, Chief Deputy Clerk-Recorder
David Prentice, County Counsel
Tim Beals, Director of Office of Emergency Services

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

APPROVED. Motion: Adams/Beard/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor, Huebner ABSENT)

REGULAR AGENDA

2. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) -Tim Beals

2.A. Resolution ratifying a proclamation of local state of emergency issued by the Director of Office of Emergency Services on Thursday, February 9, 2017 due to the continuing winter storms and the flood damages within the County of Sierra.

The Director of Office of Emergency Services gave an update on the current efforts they are taking to get the damage from the recent storms cleaned up. The areas they are currently working in are Sierra Brooks, in and around Loyalton, and also in three channels in the Sierraville area.

The Director stated that if there is going to be any flood fight work it has to be done relatively close to the declaration. This is an opportunity to retain qualified contractors to get in and remove debris from the stream channels under the emergency declaration that would otherwise require permitting from a number of state agencies.

The Director went on to say that permit requirements are suspended when you are in a state of emergency. They are proceeding on the basis of getting a presidential declaration. If they are not fortunate enough to get that then they are going to be standing at 75% of the cost for the excavators, which could be around the \$15,000.00 range.

The Director explained that all areas of the county are being treated the same irrespective of the boundary of the city. The work is not stopping at the city limit line, quite a bit of work is being done within the city limits. There is no stream work being done on the west side, the conditions they are experiencing on that side are not the same as the east side. The issues on the west side are multiple landslides, slip outs and road failures.

The Director stated that if there are any inquiries or complaints from the public they should send that information to his office and they will respond quickly.

Supervisor Schlefstein asked the Director how the Yuba Pass/Highway 49 road is right now.

The Director replied to the question by stating that as of this morning on the west side the South Yuba slide is under control. They have stop lights with one lane available and the closure is not hard anymore it's under control. People on the west side can gain

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access to Sacramento and Nevada City via Highway 49. The Director went on to say that for the east side according to Shelly Pangman, Superintendent representing the district stated that the goal for the Highway 49 situation at Yuba Pass is to have one lane open for local and service traffic only as of Friday.

The Director said that Ms. Pangman qualified it by stating that the progress they expected is a lot slower because the material that they are digging out is very incompetent material and there is not a lot of substance to it. They are trying to find firm ground upon which to build a temporary lane to connect east and west under some limiting circumstances. The Director stated that in the event the road is not open by Friday then they have to deal with medical supplies, utility deliveries, and solid waste disposal going back and forth. Currently they have carriers going from Loyalton Pharmacy to Downieville via County employees, Caltrans employees or County Deputies if and when that is necessary.

The Director has asked Plumas County for special dispensation in terms of use of the Portola transfer station for the east side garbage. They are not able to use the land fill at this point due to the storms. For the west side garbage they are still making contact with Recology out of Marysville and Waste Management out of Nevada County to see if there is an opportunity to bring waste to them. The Director stated that they are still not able to bring utility trucks over, propane deliveries and Fed Ex will have to go around or they are not dealing with it. Mail in Sierra City is still an issue, they are trying to work that out.

Supervisor Schlefstein inquired about possibly opening Gold Lake Rd.

The Director stated that opening Gold Lake Rd. is a long term option. If a temporary one lane road is not feasible then Cal Trans is prepared to take on Gold Lake Rd. as an interim detour during the winter. The Director talked to Plumas County and their response was they are willing to work with us in the event that Gold Lake Rd. would need to be opened. He hasn't talked to the Forest Service with respect to their recreation traffic on the North side of Gold Lake Highway. The Director is prepared to meet with Cal Trans if and when that option becomes reality. He has made it clear to Cal Trans that they do not have the resources, equipment or the budget to open the road or to maintain it during winter. Cal Trans would need to take it on as if it were a state highway.

Supervisor Roen asked the Director to talk about a form that he will be creating that everyone can get to hand out to constituents that have issues.

The Director talked about developing a standard form that is going to be distributed to everybody and they are trying to use this form documenting public and private damage. They are asking that people document what happened when it happened, take pictures if they can and submit those forms through County Office of Emergency Services so that they can develop an inventory of public and private damage. This form should be out by the end of today to County Supervisors, Road

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Maintenance people and Caltrans people, Fire Chiefs and anybody that might have contact with private individuals and public individuals so that they can have a consistent and one point of delivery of that material. This also includes agricultural damage, private property damage, residential damage or public infrastructure.

The Director explained that Sergeant Michelle Anderson and Kathy Whitlow are meeting to formulate a template for a notification and update on the county website. It will be a snap shot as to current road closures, and will give the public links to the Cal Trans quick maps and their road condition website. They are going to try and link in Plumas County's emergency service updates issued by their Sheriff and try to keep on top of it so that the public accessing the county website will get as current of information as they can give them.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-028. Motion: Roen/Beard/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor, Huebner ABSENT)

ADJOURN

At 2:17 p.m., with no further business, Vice-Chair Schlefstein adjourned the meeting.

SCOTT A. SCHLEFSTEIN, VICE-CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

MICHELLE BURR
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD