



**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 April 19, 2016 in the Loyalton Social Hall, in the Loyalton City Park, Loyalton, CA. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor Beard

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder
Christian Curtis, Deputy County Counsel
Van Maddox, Auditor/Treasurer Tax-Collector
Tim Beals, Director of Planning and Transportation
Darden Bynum, Director of Health and Human Services
Tim Standley, Sheriff-Coroner

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.A. Agreement between Northern California EMS, INC. Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) Deliverables Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and County of Sierra for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2016-029

11.B. Amendment to Agreement 2015-033 between the California Department of Public Health and Sierra County Public Health for PHEP, HPP, and Pan Flu for Fiscal Years 2014-2017. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2016-030

11.C. Request for approval of a promotion of an Eligibility Worker I to an Eligibility Worker II. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

11.D. Authorization to recruit and fill a Social Worker I-II position. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

11.E. Minutes from the special meeting held on March 23, 2016. (CLERK-RECORDER)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

APPROVED. Schlefstein/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:05 a.m. Chair Adams opened the public comment opportunity.

Ms. Becky Kinkead informed the Board that two Congressional candidates will be speaking here tomorrow.

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Ms. Holly George, University of California Cooperative Extension reported that the UC is going through position re-justification and Mike De Lasaux is retiring in the next few years and his position will not be automatically refilled. Ms. George further requested the Board consider adopting a resolution in support of this position.

At 9:08 a.m. Chair Adams closed the public comment opportunity with no further persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Adams reported the Finance Committee will meet on May 16, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in Downieville. Chair Adams also reported that the ad hoc committee met to review the ten RFPs for the county counsel position last Friday and the committee is making a recommendation to consider five of the proposals and present these to the Board for review at the next Board meeting in two weeks. Chair Adams also suggested that if any member of the Board wishes to review all ten proposals to please inform the Clerk.

Chair Adams continued to report on SB 1345, noting the bill is currently in the Senate Transportation Committee which will allow limited use of OHVs on a limited number of county roads. There is some push back from some environmental groups to push Sierra County out the bill. He is attending the committee meeting today to testify on behalf of this bill.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sheriff reported on a recent resignation of a new corrections/dispatch officer and they have offered the position to a part-time employee who has accepted, so they are moving forward with this.

The Director of Planning reported that the Housing Element draft is complete and is subject to public review and a public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. The Director continued to report on number of grant opportunities for watershed restoration, biomass projects, etc. and the Board needing to determine whether they want to be the grant applicant or stand back and allow some of the non-profits to proceed with the grant applications; the passing lane project has been approved on Highway 89 and is moving forward; with respect to the State Transportation Improvement Plan the State Transportation Commission did not reduce Sierra County's allocation for projects; the Truckee River Watershed Council wants to make a presentation before the Board on May 17, 2016; a meeting set for May 10, 2016 with Supervisors Huebner and Roen and the Truckee Meadows Fire District to discuss fire protection for Verdi; and there are plans being made for the County to sponsor an economic development workshop in Sierraville on May 18, 2016.

School Superintendent Merrill Grant reported on the District holding three states of the school addresses.

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Ms. Holly George, UC Cooperative Extension indicated she wanted to bring to the Board's attention some unfinished business between Plumas and Sierra County with respect to the MOU signed in January 2015 between Plumas County and the Regents of the University of California and the appendix that was attached to the MOU having been omitted and they are going to work on cleaning this up.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood reported on various matters going on in the District including the Sierra County Resource Advisory Committee which doesn't have a quorum at the moment and they will be advertising for additional members next week.

Chair Adams extended his appreciation to Terry Brennan for his assistance with the mapping the OHV routes in Sierra County for SB 1345.

- 8.B. Resolution approving an easement proposal to the California Department of Conservation's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALCP) and United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Lands Easement Program (ALEP) for the Sierra Valley Working Lands Conservation Easement Acquisition. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Mr. Edward Stanton, Senior Conservation Project Manager with the Pacific Forest Trust explained that their primary focus is to work with private landowners to achieve their own personal goals with their property and only a portion of this property is on forest and the remaining is under range and is a cattle ranch. Mr. Stanton added that the Pacific Forest Trust has 4500 acres of conservation easements in the area, and this is not new to them or to the community. He is here to request that the County work with them and the Martinetti family.

Mr. Jess Martinetti, Martinetti Ranch indicated this is a voluntary program the Martinetti Ranch decided to enter into in order to improve the ranch with respect to fuels reduction.

Supervisor Roen noted he met with the family and Mr. Stanton several months ago. Supervisor Roen added that his encouragement is to promote agriculture and hopefully this moves forward in a positive direction.

The Board moved to adopt a resolution approving an easement proposal to the California Department of Conservation's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALCP) and United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Lands Easement Program (ALEP) for the Sierra Valley Working Lands Conservation Easement Acquisition.

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ADOPTED, Resolution 2016-037. Motion: Huebner/Roen/Majority Roll Call Vote: 4/1 (Supervisor Beard NO)

6. SHERIFF/CORONER - Tim Standley

- 6.A. Discussion/direction regarding adoption of resolution and approval of Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan and Financial Plan between the Sierra County Sheriff's Office and the USDA, Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest for Fiscal Year 2016.

Chair Adams commented that the Sheriff, Supervisor Roen, the Director of Planning, Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood, Yuba River District Ranger Karen Hayden, Forest Supervisor Eli Ilano and himself met to discuss these agreements a few days ago.

The Sheriff indicated that this agreement is an annual agreement, however the amount has changed over the last few years. In 2013 the agreement was for approximately \$12,000; in 2014 this amount was reduced to \$11,000; in 2015 it was reduced to \$8,000; and for 2016 the proposal was for only \$1,550. The Sheriff continued to explain that this area is rough terrain and receives a large influx from the Reno Sparks area, so the proposed amount of \$1,550 is very inadequate for the service the Sheriff provides.

The Sheriff further referred to the meeting held with the Forest Service personnel, noting no one from the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest was present, so he contacted Captain Harris and explained what happened during the meeting and that the Tahoe National Forest had come up with additional funding. Captain Harris informed him that there is some additional funding in the amount of \$6,500 bringing the total agreement to \$8,000 which is same as last year for this forest.

Chair Adams indicated he is supportive of approving the new agreement amount of \$8,000 but the County needs to send the message that the County expects the Forest Service to start going in the other direction as we see these amounts as floors and not ceilings. What seems to be happening is each forest receives a certain amount of funding from Congress and they have decided to build up their internal law enforcement and the counties are paying for it.

The Sheriff added that County Counsel has found several errors in the contract language, but nothing that is a deal breaker. The Sheriff further recommended going forward with what is written now and he will clean the language up per County Counsel's request for the future.

The Auditor indicated that this barely covers the cost of the deputy and benefits. In the past this was ok because we were receiving the Transient Occupancy Tax, however the Board needs to be aware that this is not covering our costs.

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Deputy County Counsel clarified that this item is for discussion and direction and they will come back with a clean draft of the agreement; he would suggest waiting for a clean draft with the new amounts before approving.

The Board made a motion of intent to approve the agreement with the new amount of \$8,000 and amended language and directed bringing this back at the next Board meeting.

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

- 6.B. Discussion/direction regarding adoption of resolution and approval of Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan and Financial Plan between the Sierra County Sheriff's Office and the USDA, Forest Service Tahoe and Plumas National Forests for Fiscal Year 2016.

The Sheriff reviewed the prior amounts of the proposed agreement, noting in 2012 it was \$24,000; in 2013 it was reduced to \$20,000; in 2014 it was reduced to \$15,000; in 2015 it was reduced to \$13,000; and the original proposal for 2016 was only for \$7,000. Since the discussions have taken place, Captain Joe Cook was able to come up with an additional \$8,000 bringing amount of the proposed contract to \$15,000 and in addition to this agreement the forest service would also supply Sierra County with controlled substance grant funding in the amount of \$5,000. As of the meeting last Friday, Captain Cook reported that they had found another \$7,000, so between the Tahoe agreement and the controlled substance grant agreement this is a total of \$27,000. The Sheriff added that there are some language issues with this agreement as well.

In response to Supervisor Schlefstein's inquiry regarding whether this amount is sufficient to cover the Sheriff's costs, the Sheriff explained that it depends on what personnel is working out in the forest as different officers have different pay scales.

Chair Adams requested having the Sheriff and the Auditor review this amount and again let the Tahoe National Forest know this is a floor and not a ceiling. He would also encourage the agency to utilize the full contract so the Forest Service doesn't use that as a decision to reduce next year's amount.

The Board made a motion of intent to approve the agreement with the new amount of \$22,000 and amended the language and directed bringing this back at the next Board meeting.

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

- 6.C. Discussion/direction regarding adoption of resolution and approval of Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Controlled Substance Operating Plan and Financial Plan between the Sierra County Sheriff's Office and the

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USDA, Forest Service Tahoe and Plumas National Forests for Fiscal Year 2016.

The Sheriff briefly explained this is the \$5,000 Controlled Substance Operating Plan which deals with illegal substances on national forest lands.

The Board made a motion of intent to approve the agreement and to bring this back at the next Board meeting.

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

10. TIMED ITEMS

10.A. 10:00AM PUBLIC HEARING - COUNTY INITIATED ZONE AMENDMENT

Conduct public hearing on a County Initiated Zone Amendment to amend Sierra County Zoning Code pursuant to Senate Bill 2 (Cedillo, 2007) pertaining to Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, and Supportive Housing needs; adoption of resolution approving amendments to Sierra County Zoning Code Chapters 15.08 and 15.10 and CEQA exemption; and first reading and adoption of an ordinance to amend Sierra County Code Chapter 15.08 to add definitions, and add subsection 050 to Chapter 15.10 pertaining to policies on Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, and Supportive Housing needs.

The Director of Planning introduced the item, noting these are definitions required by law in order to qualify for the 5th cycle of the housing element. They have drafted a housing element assuming these definitions will get adopted.

At 10:07 a.m. Chair Adams opened and closed the public hearing with no persons addressing the Board.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution approving amendments to Sierra County Zoning Code Chapters 15.08 and 15.10 and CEQA exemption; and adopt the ordinance to amend Sierra County Code Chapter 15.08 to add definitions, and add subsection 050 to Chapter 15.10 pertaining to policies on Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, and Supportive Housing needs.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2016-038 and **ADOPTED,** Ordinance No. 1070. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7. PUBLIC WORKS / TRANSPORTATION - Tim Beals

- 7.A. Discussion/direction resulting from April 14, 2016 meeting of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors Public Works, Roads & Solid Waste Standing Committee including solid waste services on National Forest Lands; community clean-up events; permit application with CalRecycle; Final Closure Plan; landfill gas monitoring and pilot study; Integrated Waste Management Plan/Siting Element update; future solid waste disposal planning; and Solid Waste Task Force membership.

The Director of Public Works reported on the meeting, noting the first item for discussion was regarding the recovery of costs associated with the dispersed recreation originating from the national forest system lands and it was pointed out clearly that the percentage of land in Sierra County that is national forest system and the cost associated with the waste coming off of the national forest system not associated with organized campgrounds is a burden on the system that we are not being reimbursed for. They are looking at ways to factor in a fee for service related to dispersed recreation and are proceeding with a formula in an attempt to quantify the amount of waste and the impact on the solid waste system. The Director added that this is significant important with the loss of the TOT funding from the forest service as they are refusing to collect the TOT on campgrounds. He is hoping this issue will resolve itself in the future.

The Director continued to report on the landfill and struggling with the state (CalRecycle) right now as they are trying to set the County up for a CEQA issue that doesn't need to be addressed if the County holds to the quantities we are currently using. The Director continued to not that they are in the middle of negotiations with the permit to operate the landfill, which is only for two years since we are closing the landfill, and the closure/post closure plan and they are moving in a direction that will hopefully satisfy the state.

The Director noted they also visited the Graeagle transfer station yesterday as an option for transition when we consider closure of the landfill. The last item of discussion was in regards to the Local Solid Waste Task Force and the need to find people who are willing to serve for the next two years as the state wants to know there is a medium between the state and the county.

Supervisor Schlefstein expressed concerns regarding the struggles with the state and federal agencies and he hopes the public notices this. Supervisor Schlefstein further thanked staff and the Supervisors for putting in the work and fighting for Sierra County.

Chair Adams questioned with respect to the Solid Waste Local Task Force, if there is any way to find an existing group to perform this task, particularly the Planning Commission.

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The Director clarified that CalRecycle requires a local task force that is active and believes the Planning Commission is a great idea. The Director further referred to the membership requirements for the local solid waste task force.

8. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

8.A. Authorization to coordinate a community clean-up event focused on the Sierraville community. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Roen noted this came about a week ago wherein the community requested the County meet with them which turned out to be a positive meeting with 41 people in attendance. The community has requested he come to the Board and support their proposals to clean up the community. Supervisor Roen added that his wife has taken the 4-H Club every year to Sierraville to clean up the creeks and they want to expand this program. They also want to facilitate a day where they can go to the transfer station as Intermountain Disposal has committed to donating the hauling costs.

The Board moved to authorize the coordination of a community clean-up event focused on the Sierraville community.

In response to Chair Adams' inquiry, the Director of Planning clarified how this was done in the past wherein the County offered the landfill as free dump day for cars for the entire county. What they are looking at now is yard waste, tires, junk, etc. and they would put forward some rules similar to past clean-ups and he will make sure this is consistent with what has been done in the past.

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

8.C. Update by the Sierra County Firesafe and Watershed Council on the Sierra County Residential Chipping Program funded through the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund (SRAFPF) and request for potential support from the County Road Department for removal of chip piles. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Ms. Victoria Fisher, Sierra County Firesafe and Watershed Council Executive Director provided an update on the countywide chipping program, noting the Council was awarded \$53,200 from Cal Fire to put in place a program wherein they could take the chipper out to each individual community and assist them in fuels reduction and defensible space. Ideally the chips coming out of the project will be utilized by the community for groundcover; however, should they have to remove the chips the Council would like to seek help of the County road crew to have the chips moved to the Loyaltan Cogen plant. Ms. Fisher added that they are looking for authorization to contact the County road crew at a time that may be desirable.

In response to Chair Adams' inquiry, the Director of Public Works clarified that there is funding available for this in the Public Works budget which was established for

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non-Road Fund projects done by the County road crew so long as the Board has authorized it.

Ms. Fisher added that she is also hoping to use the chipping program for the Sierraville clean-up event.

The Director added that the County can also track their time and use this as a match or future leverage for grants.

Ms. Fisher indicated she is working with Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood to utilize his spring crew to help with some of the clean-up. She has also drafted a letter that will go to each volunteer fire department and Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1 in order to meet with them and get this project moving. She is also working on public outreach and considering the use of Title III funding for this.

Following brief discussion and by consensus the Board authorized the Sierra County Firesafe and Watershed Council to work with County staff with regards to the use of the County Road Crew on the Sierra County Residential Chipping Program.

10.B. 10:30AM MARIJUANA ORDINANCE

Second reading and adoption of an Ordinance amending Sections 8.01.030; 8.01.040; and 8.01.080 of the Sierra County Code; repealing Section 8.01.250 of the Sierra County Code; and adding Chapter 8.02 pertaining to administrative penalties for public nuisances created by cultivation of medical marijuana in violation of Chapter 8.01 of the Sierra County Code; and direction to staff to file a notice of exemption.

Chair Adams introduced the item and requested limiting the discussion to no more than three speakers, three minutes per speaker and to speak to new information only. Chair Adams added further requested, regardless of how the Board votes today, that the Board authorize the Committee to continue discussion on this subject, both dealing with the results of Measure A and to meet with those interested with respect to the language in the ordinance as it pertains to where you can grow inside a structure in order to simplify the language as there seems to be some confusion.

Mr. Richard Featherman, Goodyears Bar indicated that 1200 people die a day from nicotine; 88,000 die a year due from alcohol; and zero die from marijuana. Mr. Featherman added that the stigma placed on them is only due to money; this is a billion dollar industry and he would request the Board vote correctly on this as they really want to keep this medical.

Mr. Lawranc DeVita, Sattley thanked the Sheriff's Department for dressing in green today.

Ms. Belle Sandwith, Sierra Brooks plead with the Board to not approve the proposed changes to the ordinance as it is discrimination on a number of levels. With

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respect to the greenhouse requirement of only be glass or polycarbonate, this is discriminatory for people who grow in hoop houses. Also, by eliminating hoop houses the Board is actually hindering a Sierra County business, High Sierra Metals, as they manufacture hoop house. Ms. Belle continued to express concerns over the proposed ordinance, noting it is not constitutional and violates their private property rights, constitutional rights and rights as humans.

Mr. Roland Robertson, Pike indicated he is in favor of the ordinance and believes this is a compromise between both sides, the Supervisors have allowed everyone to have fair input, and it is time to vote.

Mr. Don Yegge, Sierra Brooks thanked the Board for all of their time and effort. He believes those only opposed to the ordinance are growers and those living in residential areas are opposed to outdoor grows.

Ms. Becky Kinkead, Loyalton indicated she is in support of the ordinance and urged the Board to move forward.

Supervisor Schlefstein noted he likes the idea of having the committee continue to review the ordinance as there might be some details that need to be worked out in the future. Supervisor Schlefstein added that this issue was brought to the Board through him as his district brought forward a petition asking for action to be taken on this issue. At this point he doesn't believe anyone is going to be happy with the ordinance and the Board has tried to be fair to both sides. This ordinance doesn't stop growing or access to medical marijuana use.

The Board moved to waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance amending Sections 8.01.030; 8.01.040; and 8.01.080 of the Sierra County Code; repealing Section 8.01.250 of the Sierra County Code; and adding Chapter 8.02 pertaining to administrative penalties for public nuisances created by cultivation of medical marijuana in violation of Chapter 8.01 of the Sierra County Code; directed to staff to file a notice of exemption; and authorized the Natural Resource, Planning & Building Committee to continue to meet to address certain language in the ordinance.

ADOPTED, Ordinance No. 1071. Motion: Schlefstein/Beard/Majority Roll Call Vote: 4/1 (Supervisor Huebner NO)

At 10:53 Chair Adams stepped down from the Board.

10.C. 10:45AM USDA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PRESENTATION

Presentation by United States Department of Agricultural (USDA) on financial assistance program becoming available in the form of grants, loans, and combination grant/loans available for community facilities, housing rehabilitation, and mortgage assistance.

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The Director of Tim introduced the item, noting the USDA has a predominant role with respect to housing and waste water treatment. The County general plan has a lot of instructive guidance as to finding funding sources for water treatment programs, water facilities, and housing programs. With respect to the 5th cycle housing element production it relies heavily on outreach to funding agencies including the USDA. The Director continued to note the County is no stranger to utilizing USDA funding including the Sierra Brooks Water System; both Calpine and Sierraville are actively looking at funding for water systems; the County constructed an emergency service building in Alleghany; d Downieville is currently seeking acquisition of a new ambulance.

The Director added that he met with Robert Canepa last week in Auburn regarding seeking information and outreach with respect to the opportunity for housing and also requested a representative from the office to attend today to discuss the options available for community facilities.

Mr. Mike Velez, USDA Community Programs Specialist reviewed some of the projects they are currently working on including water tanks for Calpine and the Sierraville Public Utility District and Downieville receiving grant funding for an ambulance purchase. Mr. Velez continued to review in detail some of the types of projects they can fund, noting there is not a lot of funding for community facilities, but there is a lot of loan funding for construction projects and interest rates are very low.

In response to Supervisor Schlefstein's inquiry with respect to the availability of funding for community resource centers, Mr. Velez responded that grants are available for community family resource centers. Mr. Velez added that so long as a project is for the benefit of the community, they should be able to find funding for it.

In response to Supervisor Huebner's inquiry, Mr. Velez indicated that funding is available for senior centers.

In response to the Director's inquiry with respect to renovations of community halls, Mr. Velez explained that the acquisition of community centers could be right for a loan but in terms of grants, it's devoted to specific improvements versus development and acquisition.

Mr. Velez continued to explain with respect to grants they are trying to avoid too much of the construction monitoring process due to the sequestering of this funding, and are trying to limit this to equipment purchases.

Brief discussion ensued with the Board.

Mr. Robert Canepa, USDA Loan Specialist explained that he is a loan officer and works on single family housing programs and focuses on making loans and grants for single family homes in rural areas. Mr. Canepa reviewed the 502 mortgage program which is aimed at very low income households, has a standard term of 33 years at 3% interest and geared towards those who cannot obtain conventional financing. Mr.

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Canepa added that the process is simple and the turnaround time is quick. The program accepts 100% loan-to-value and they are targeting Sierra County in particular as he believes there is a need for what they have to offer.

Mr. Canepa continued to review the 504 loan and grant rehabilitation program wherein applicants have to own the home and land, and be 62 years or older in order to qualify. If someone can't show repayment ability for a loan they can grant up to \$7,500 towards repairs. The loan aspect of it is a 1% fixed interest rate up to \$20,000 over a 20 year term. Some of the eligible repairs would be anything health and safety related. Mr. Canepa added they have plenty of funding for this program and there is no wait list.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Mr. Don Yegge, Sierra Brooks questioned if they have any programs that are targeting veterans.

Mr. Canepa responded that they do ask if someone is a veteran and veterans are given first priority if they have a wait list.

The Director further questioned if any of these programs get involved in property tax issues.

Mr. Canepa explained that the mortgage program holds an escrow account for property taxes.

Mr. Velez noted if the County wanted to build a facility in the community and the County can't receive grant funding for it, the County would have to go out for a vote of the people to raise taxes to pay for the facility. So, if the County needed to issue a bond to build the facility then this is what he gets involved with. Also, right now you can finance at 2.875% up to 40 years for community facilities.

8.D. Discussion/authorization to create a program for Veteran Services in Sierra County and direction to staff to develop the program policies and procedures. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Roen reported that the ad hoc committee has been aggressive in meeting and the time and effort the volunteers have put in has been impressive. The committee did substantial research and has voted unanimously not to have a VSO program within the County as they determined it would not be a substantial benefit. The committee has instead elected to create a volunteer program called the Sierra County Veterans Program and would like support of the Board to facilitate the creation of the program. Supervisor Roen added that it was very clear that the committee didn't want to go down the VSO path at this time as it appeared to be more costly and less representative of the true needs of the veterans. Supervisor Roen noted he would also like to see the volunteer members receive mileage reimbursement along with

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reimbursement to veterans for taking the Sierra County transit buses to veteran service offices.

Mr. Don Yegge, Sierra Brooks explained the reason for not moving forward with a VSO is so they are not burdened with the required audits and paperwork. Mr. Yegge added that the committee figured there is a little over 400 veterans in Sierra County and 189 have been identified.

Supervisor Roen noted that all three of the volunteers serving on the committee are veterans and this is the direction they would like to move in.

Supervisor Beard reiterated that the three volunteers are very aggressive in regards to this program and they will be making cards drawn up to hand out into the community.

The Board moved to authorize the creation of veteran service program called the Sierra County Veterans Program; directed staff to develop the program policies and procedures; and authorized the reimbursement of mileage to the volunteer veterans on the ad hoc committee to be paid out of the Board of Supervisors budget not to exceed \$500.00.

The Director of Planning noted on a personal level he has a number of veterans in his family and sincerely appreciates what this Board has done and hopes this will neutralize the misstatements made about the County in regards to veterans.

APPROVED. Motion: Beard/Schlefstein/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Chair Adams ABSENT)

8.E. Second reading and adoption of an ordinance amending the Sierra County Code to repeal Chapter 2.24.030, amending Chapter 2.44.010, and adding Chapter 2.44.020, pertaining to the Office of Public Guardian. (CHAIR ADAMS)

The Board moved to waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance amending the Sierra County Code to repeal Chapter 2.24.030, amending Chapter 2.44.010, and adding Chapter 2.44.020, pertaining to the Office of Public Guardian.

ADOPTED, Ordinance No. 1072. Motion: Roen/Schlefstein/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Chair Adams ABSENT)

8.F. Appointment to the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Riziero (Reets) Martinetti to the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1.

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APPROVED. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll call vote: 4/0/1 (Chair Adams ABSENT)

9. COUNTY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting of the County Service Area (CSA) Board of Directors.

At 11:42 a.m., Vice-Chair Huebner recessed the Regular Board meeting and reconvened as the County Service Area Board of Directors.

At 11:47 a.m., Vice-Chair Huebner adjourned as the County Service Area Board of Directors and reconvened as the County Board of Supervisors with Chair Adams ABSENT.

12. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

12.A. Letter from Molly Penberth, Division of Land Resource Protection Conservation Support Unit to Ms. Mary Moreau regarding appropriate method for a County to remove land from a Land Conservation (Williamson) Act contract.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 11:47 a.m., with no further business, Vice-Chair Huebner adjourned the meeting.

LEE ADAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD