



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

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on April 4, 2023, 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
Lila Heuer, Supervisor, District #2
Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3
Terry LeBlanc, Supervisor, District #4
Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, 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
Lori McGee, Interim Director of Social Services
Rhonda Grandi, Interim Director of Public Health
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner

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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

14. CONSENT AGENDA

14.A. Professional Services Agreement between Erin Barnes, MD, and the County of Sierra to provide back up Health Officer services. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-016

14.B. Professional Services Agreement between Mark Satterfield, MD, and the County of Sierra to provide back up Health Officer services. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-017

14.C. Resolution accepting the California Strengthening Public Health Initiative (CASPHI) allocation. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-027

14.D. Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program Agreement between Health Net, LLC and California Health and Wellness Plan (CHW) and Sierra County Behavioral Health. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-018

14.E. Amendment to Agreement 2022-077 between Progress House, Inc. and the County of Sierra for Residential and Recovery Services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-019

14.F. Authorize expenditure in the amount of \$12,932.00 to Hansen Bros. Enterprises for services in response to Sierra County Proclamation of Local State of Emergency adopted March 7, 2023. (PUBLIC WORKS)

14.G. Authorize expenditure in the amount of \$15,394.93 to Pewag Traction Chain, Inc. for services in response to Sierra County Proclamation of Local State of Emergency adopted March 7, 2023. (PUBLIC WORKS)

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- 14.H. Authorize expenditure in the amount of \$18,775.00 to Misita Tree & Land, Inc. for services in response to Sierra County Proclamation of Local State of Emergency adopted March 7, 2023. (PUBLIC WORKS)
- 14.I. Authorize expenditure in the amount of \$20,665.00 to Misita Tree & Land, Inc. for services in response to Sierra County Proclamation of Local State of Emergency adopted March 7, 2023. (PUBLIC WORKS)
- 14.J. Authorize expenditure in the amount of \$25,675.79 to Pewag Traction Chain, Inc. for services in response to Sierra County Proclamation of Local State of Emergency adopted March 7, 2023. (PUBLIC WORKS)
- 14.K. Authorize expenditure in the amount of \$9,259.33 to Hunt & Sons, Inc. for services in response to Sierra County Proclamation of Local State of Emergency adopted March 7, 2023. (PUBLIC WORKS)
- 14.L. Amendment to Agreement 2014-097 with MGE Engineering, Inc. to increase the cost proposal amount to \$11,265.51 for SWCA Environmental Consultants services. (PUBLIC WORKS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-020

- 14.M. Resolution certifying County roads contained in maintained mileage system for submittal to the State of California. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-028

- 14.N. Minutes from the regular meeting held on February 21, 2023. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)
- 14.O. Minutes from the regular meeting held on March 7, 2023. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:03 a.m. Chair Dryden opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

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3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Adams reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on April 3rd and on the discussions and recommendations for the allocation of the \$984,000 Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency (LATCF) Funding. Supervisor Adams further commented that the Auditor would present the list of recommendations to the Board at a future meeting and that no action was taken on the County Service Areas item.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Behavioral Health provided a brief update on an opportunity to apply for Behavioral Health Bridge funding to support homelessness under the CARE Court program and on the County's minimum-based allocation of \$1,090,000. The Director further commented on her upcoming retirement and goal to assist her predecessor in creating a successful opportunity and vision for utilizing these funds in the future.

Deputy Director of Transportation Bryan Davey reported on a meeting held with FEMA and Cal OES to review the storm damage assessments to include the County in the major disaster proclamation at the federal level to provide FEMA funding for both public and individual assistance claims. Deputy Director Davey further reported on the extent of damages totaling \$760,500, split between protective measures and debris removal and on flight assessments to take place by Cal OES and the Sheriff over non-accessible areas.

Deputy Director of Planning Brandon Pangman reported on the release of the three approved Affordable Housing Master Plans designed for dwelling units under 1200 square feet. Deputy Director Pangman further commented on the first 7 applications being free and that the housing designs greatly reduce building costs for owner-builders.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Yuba River Deputy District Ranger Andrew Mishler provided an update on staffing; the North Yuba Final EIS project; and on the status of current agreements with the County.

The Director of Public Works expressed concern over the lack of staffing at the North Yuba Ranger Station.

Supervisor Adams expressed frustration over the transition of the Downieville Ranger Station to Camptonville and on the Forest Services' lack of advertising locally for employment opportunities.

Sierraville District Ranger Rachel Hutchinson provided an update on the status of projects and staffing within the district.

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Supervisor Leblanc inquired on the opening dates for campgrounds located in the Sierraville District.

Ranger Hutchinson commented that it would be a late opening based on snow.

Carson District Ranger Matt Zumstein provided an update on activities going on in the Carson Ranger District.

6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - LEA SALAS

6.A. Professional Services Agreement between Richard Dolezal and the County of Sierra for Veteran's Service Officer (VSO) services.

The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the Veteran's Services Officer (VSO) agreement and on the training to be attended by Mr. Dolezal this month with the State Veteran's Office.

The Board moved to approve the agreement between Richard Dolezal and the County of Sierra for Veteran's Service Officer (VSO) services.

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-021. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

7.A. Authorization to obtain quotes and purchase a community health van in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

The Interim Director of Social Services provided background on the two COVID funding sources available for the purchase of a community health van to provide senior outreach program services and COVID-19 vaccinations in rural areas.

Supervisor Adams reported on the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the purchase of the van once the funding became available.

The Board moved to approve the Interim Director of Social Services' request to obtain quotes and purchase a community health van in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

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

7.B. Resolution authorizing the Sierra County Auditor to make certain changes to the Public Health Department's 2022-2023 final budget for the purchase of a community health van.

Following a brief overview of the item by the Interim Director, the Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the Sierra County Auditor to make certain changes to the

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Public Health Department's 2022-2023 final budget for the purchase of a community health van.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-029. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8. PLANNING / BUILDING - TIM BEALS

- 8.A. Waive second reading and adoption of an ordinance amending Title 12 of the Sierra County Code to adopt an expedited and streamlined process for electric vehicle charging stations in accordance with AB 1236 and Government Code 65850.7.

Deputy Director of Planning Brandon Pangman provided brief background on the proposed ordinance.

After brief discussion, the Board moved to waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance amending Title 12 of the Sierra County Code to adopt an expedited and streamlined process for electric vehicle charging stations in accordance with AB 1236 and Government Code 65850.7.

ADOPTED, Ordinance 1123. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 8.B. Discussion/direction on the response from Friends of Plumas Wilderness and on the proposed Feather River Canyons National Monument.

Deputy Director of Planning Brandon Pangman provided extensive background on the responses received from the Friends of Plumas Wilderness on the proposed Feather River Canyons National Monument. Director Pangman expressed frustration over the lack of clarity on the responses received and further encouraged more community workshops to address additional questions and concerns.

Supervisor Roen inquired on the effects to private property within the designation.

In response to Supervisor Roen's inquiry, Deputy Director Pangman clarified that the project should have no effect on recreation, timber management, and grazing on private or public lands.

Considerable discussion ensued with the Board.

Chair Dryden encouraged a more collaborative effort on maintaining an open dialogue between the Friends of Plumas Wilderness and the stakeholders and recommended that a public meeting be held to receive additional feedback on the matter.

Board discussion ensued.

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The Director of Planning expressed concern over the passage of time on the project; the vagueness of maps; the lack of direction and development of the management plan; and on the issues related to private property within the designation.

The Director further recommended the Board hold the Friends of Plumas Wilderness accountable for a commitment to a public meeting.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Supervisor Roen encouraged Deputy Director Pangman to engage the County Forrester in future discussions.

The Director of Planning commented on the designation affecting private ownership.

Board discussion ensued.

Public Comment was received by Ryan Tompkins, Forrester and Natural Resources Advisor encouraging a broader collaboration between the Friends of Plumas Wilderness and the stakeholders to discuss the impacts and details of the project.

13. TIMED ITEMS

13.A. 10:00 AM ALLIANCE FOR WORFORCE DEVELOPMENT INC.

Presentation by the Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. on business and job seeker services provided to Sierra County for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

Presentation made by Hailey Stith, Business Services Representative on behalf of the Alliance Workforce Development, Inc. on business and job seeker services provided to Sierra County for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

13.B. 10:30 AM HIGH SIERRAS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Presentation by the High Sierra Family Resource Center and adoption of resolution declaring April 2023 as "Strengthening Families Month" in Sierra County.

Presentation made by Vicky Clark, Executive Director on behalf of the High Sierra Family Resources Center, declaring April 2023 as "Strengthening Families Month" in Sierra County.

Comments were made by Supervisor LeBlanc.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution declaring April 2023 as "Strengthening Families Month" in Sierra County.

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ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-030. Motion: LeBlanc/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 8.C. Discussion/approval of job description for the Sierra County Director of Planning.

The Director of Planning briefly introduced the item.

The Board moved to approve the job description for the Sierra County Director of Planning.

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

9. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

- 9.A. Discussion/approval of job description for the Sierra County Director of Transportation.

The Director of Transportation briefly introduced the item.

The Board moved to approve the job description for the Sierra County Director of Transportation.

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

- 9.B. Discussion/approval of job description for the Sierra County Assistant Plant Manager.

The Director of Transportation provided background on the promotion approved in the 2022/2023 final budget for the Assistant Plant Manager and on the issues related to the job description. The Director further reported that the promotion will now follow the approval of the job description as presented.

The Board moved to approve the job description for the Sierra County Assistant Plant Manager.

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

10. CLERK-RECORDER/ELECTIONS - HEATHER FOSTER

- 10.A. Resolution approving the option under Elections Code section 9170 (d), to not list supporters and opponents for county, city, district and school measures on future county ballots.

Assistant Clerk-Recorder Melissa Kinneer provided background on the new legislation surrounding Assembly Bill (AB) 1416, requiring that a listing of supporters and opponents for statewide measures be included on the ballot label or ballot and on the

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option under Elections Code Section 9170 (d), for counties to opt out of printing the information for local measures on future ballots.

Assistant Clerk-Recorder Kinneer further requested the Board take no action until Plumas County receives direction from their Board of Supervisors on the matter. Ms. Kinneer commented on the issue related to multi-county jurisdictions and on the importance of both counties adopting the same policy to prevent confusion amongst voters. Ms. Kinneer further requested that the Board set a preference on how Sierra County intends to proceed to relay the information back to Plumas County.

By consensus, the Board expressed their intent to adopt the resolution approving the option under Elections Code section 9170 (d), to not list supporters and opponents for county, city, district and school measures on future county ballots pending Plumas County's decision and directed the Assistant Clerk-Recorder to convey this information to Plumas County.

11. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 11.A. Waive second reading and adoption of an ordinance amending sections 2.36.010 and 2.36.020 and repealing section 2.36.030 of the Sierra County Code pertaining to the Planning Commission. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to waive the second reading and adoption of an ordinance amending sections 2.36.010 and 2.36.020 and repealing section 2.36.030 of the Sierra County Code pertaining to the Planning Commission.

ADOPTED, Ordinance 1124. Motion: Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

The Director of Planning inquired if the Clerk will be readvertising the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

In response to the Director of Planning's inquiry, the Clerk clarified that the current vacancy will be readvertised to meet the new requirements following the ordinance going into effect.

- 11.B. Discussion/action on request from the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1 for a letter seeking a reconsidering of policy from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) with respect to the repositioning of private fire suppression equipment. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

At 11:00 a.m. Supervisor Roen stepped down from the meeting.

Chair Dryden provided background on the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1's policy covering payment for repositioning of personnel during high peak fire seasons, but not for needed fire suppression equipment.

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The Director of Public Works reported that the County does not maintain ownership of the primary firefighting equipment needed for repositioning.

Chair Dryden commented on the issues related to CalFire not being stationed in Sierra County.

Supervisor Adams suggested sending a copy of the letter to Senator Brian Dahle and Assemblywoman Megan Dahles' offices for consideration.

The Board moved to approve the letter seeking a reconsidering of policy from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) with respect to the repositioning of private fire suppression equipment.

APPROVED. Motion: Adams/Heuer/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 – (Supervisor Roen Absent)

The Sheriff reported that his office would be sending a letter requesting a reconsideration of the rules and regulations set forth in the current policy related to the repositioning of private fire suppression equipment.

At 11:07 a.m. Supervisor Roen reconvened the meeting.

11.C. Resolution proclaiming April 3-9, 2023, as Public Health Week in Sierra County. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

Supervisor Adams introduced the item and acknowledged residents and local agencies for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution proclaiming April 3-9, 2023, as Public Health Week in Sierra County.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-031. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

11.D. Approval of letter of support of Plumas-Sierra Telecommunication's application for California Advanced Services Funds (CASF) to provide last-mile fiber optic broadband services. (SUPERVISOR DRYDEN)

Supervisor Roen commented on the need for additional fiber optic broadband services in the communities.

The Board moved to approve the letter of support of Plumas-Sierra Telecommunication's application for California Advanced Services Funds (CASF) to provide last-mile fiber optic broadband services.

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

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- 11.E. Discussion/action on letter of support for Pacific Gas and Electric's application to receive Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program funding for its Sierra Foothills Resilience Project. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

Supervisor Adams provided background on Pacific Gas and Electric's efforts in applying for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program funding to install underground electric lines in forested areas.

The Board moved to approve the letter of support for Pacific Gas and Electric's application to receive Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership (GRIP) program funding for its Sierra Foothills Resilience Project.

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

- 11.F. Discussion/action on letter of opposition to AB 1168 (Bennett), a proposed amendment that will result in statutory changes that will negatively impact the Local Emergency Medical Services Agencies authority and result in fragmentation of the EMS system. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

Supervisor Adams provided background on the recommendation from both Nor-Cal EMS and the RCRC Board of Directors that all member counties weigh in on the matter.

The Board moved to approve the letter of opposition to AB 1168 (Bennett), a proposed amendment that will result in statutory changes that will negatively impact the Local Emergency Medical Services Agencies authority and result in fragmentation of the EMS system.

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

12. CLOSED SESSION

- 12.A. Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, Miscellaneous/Clerical and Road bargaining units.
- 12.B. Closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54957 - performance review regarding Director of Planning/Public Works.

CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT

The Board met in closed session from 11:09 a.m. to 11:59 a.m. County Counsel reported that direction was given to staff and information was provided to the Board regarding the two closed session items.

ADJOURN

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At 12:02 p.m., with no further business, Chair Dryden adjourned the meeting.



SHARON DRYDEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:



MELISSA KINNEER
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD