



**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 January 6, 2026, 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.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Road Maintenance worker Chris Buckbee and Congressman Doug LaMalfa.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Deputy Clerk-Recorder Sierra Folsom

ROLL CALL

Present: Lee Adams, Supervisor, District #1
Lila Heuer, 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
Sierra Folsom, Deputy Clerk-Recorder

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Tony Miller, County Auditor
Rhonda Grandi, Public Health Director
Sheryll Prinz-McMillan, Behavioral Health Director
Andrew Plett, County Counsel
Chuck Henson, Chief Probation Officer
Brandon Pangman, Planning/Building Director
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner

NOMINATION OF CHAIR

The Board moved to nominate Supervisor Roen as Chair.

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

SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The Board moved to nominate Supervisor Dryden as Vice-Chair.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the future rotation process for selection of the Chair and Vice Chair. Direction was given to staff to revise the Board rules to specify that the rotation will follow the numerical order of districts.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

12. CONSENT AGENDA

12.A. Resolution updating the Sierra County Information Technology (IT) Policy to reflect an updated email retention duration. (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2026-001

12.B. Resolution approving an agreement between MED-Project USA and the County of Sierra to host a secure medication collection receptacle at the Loyalton Probation Office located at 105 Beckwith Street, Loyalton, CA for a term of 2 years with automatic renewal; and authorization for the Chief Probation Officer to execute said agreement on behalf of the County. (PROBATION)

APPROVED, Agreement 2026-001 and **ADOPTED,** Resolution 2026-002

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- 12.C. Resolution rejecting all informal bids for the Long Valley Road 2023 Storm Damage Repair Project under the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUCCAC), as all quotes exceed the allowable monetary threshold for informal procedures. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2026-003

- 12.D. Resolution approving plans, specifications and bidding documents and authorization to solicit bids for the Long Valley Road 2023 Storm Damage Repair Project, FEMA disaster project 4699. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2026-004

- 12.E. Agreement for Indemnification and Reimbursement for Extraordinary Costs for applicants and landowners Josh and Judi Behlke, Gerald Gates and Suzanne Senjo-Gates; application for Lot Line Adjustment and Parcel Merger for a property located at 405 and 409 Tamarack Bend, and 214 Nevada Drive in Sierra City, CA (APN 008-220-025, 008-220-026, 008-220-043). (PLANNING)

APPROVED, Agreement 2026-002

- 12.F. Agreement for Indemnification and Reimbursement for Extraordinary Costs for Ingrid Larson, applicant, and The Ferrington/Larson Real Estate Trust, landowner; application for Lot Line Adjustment and Parcel Merger for a property located at 117 Main Street and 109 Sunnyside Drive in Downieville, CA (APN 003-081-012). (PLANNING)

APPROVED, Agreement 2026-003

- 12.G. Agreement for Indemnification and Reimbursement for Extraordinary Costs for Tom Butt, applicant, and Wharfinger, LLC, landowner; application for Zone Variance for a property located at 226 Main Street in Sierra City, CA (APN 009-190-009). (PLANNING)

APPROVED, Agreement 2026-004

- 12.H. Resolution approving continued use of Master Crime Bond for public officials. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2026-005

- 12.I. Minutes from the regular meeting held on December 16, 2025. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:05 a.m. the public comment opportunity was opened and closed.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Adams addressed concerns regarding the current soft hiring freeze, requiring department managers to seek board approval prior to advertising the position thus causing delays to filling critical positions. Adams recommended granting the chair informal authority to direct personnel to advertise positions until the issue is resolved. He discussed the potential drawbacks associated with this direction and wished for everyone to be treated fairly, Adams suggested placing this topic on a future agenda for discussion.

Supervisor Roen provided a brief update on a previous California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) meeting related to the ongoing wolf issues. Roen announced an upcoming meeting with CDFW scheduled for tomorrow. Moving forward, Roen reported the focus would be on working with staff to find middle ground for issues affecting the valley, as the issues still continue. Roen will provide updates after the upcoming meeting.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chief Probation Officer announced that the annual law update would be included on the agenda for the next board meeting. He is awaiting approval from Tuolumne County Counsel on the proposed juvenile detention services contract before it can be added to the agenda. The Chief expressed appreciation for the board's approval of the medication drop box in Loyalton. New deputy probation officer, Douglas McClure, was introduced. Doug's extensive background as well as his excitement to serve the community was highlighted.

The Director of Planning provided an update on Public Works and Transportation, noting the tragic loss of Chris Buckbee. He asked the public for patience as the department is currently short-staffed and commended the west side crew for their efforts during recent storms, despite being down to four of eight road employees. He reminded the public that during storm season, vehicles should not block snowplows. The Director reported that green waste operations would be discussed later in the meeting; currently, green waste is being accepted at four of the five sites, with Sierra City not accepting at this time. He also expressed appreciation to the Public

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Works/Road Department for their willingness to step up following Director Davey's retirement.

Regarding Planning and Building, the Director noted the department was short a code enforcement officer and a building inspector. He acknowledged Chair Roen's recent positive feedback for county building inspector Roy Ward. Overall, the Director stated that, given the circumstances, operations are running smoothly.

Supervisor Adams commented that he did not receive any calls over the weekend and thanked the department for their hard work during the storms and challenging circumstances.

The Sheriff provided updates to the Board, noting ongoing wolf activity in the region. Recent incidents included a horse, cow and calf being attacked and killed in Lassen County, and wolves identified on a ranch in Modoc County, prompting questions about hazing regulations. While wolves are still seen regularly in the Sierra Valley, there have been no recent depredations.

The Sheriff addressed the recent closure of I-80, which led drivers to detour onto Highway 49, where some ignored closure signs and became stuck. Staffing challenges with CHP were highlighted, as budget overruns have limited call-out authorizations, leaving the Sheriff's Office to handle additional traffic incidents, especially on the west side of the county, while the east side remains better staffed. Overall, operations are continuing smoothly aside from these concerns.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Thomas Parrack, Yuba River District Ranger, reported that about 1,200 acres of prescribed burns were completed last year, with much of the work occurring in Sierra County near the Trapper area and the Sierraville subdistrict. It was reported that heavy rains have paused operations, and staff are monitoring for road and infrastructure damage; the public is encouraged to report any issues. Recreation plans include a hybrid operation, with details pending.

Amber Nelson, Deputy District Ranger, reiterated the importance of the public reporting storm related damages.

Rachel Hutchinson, Sierraville District Ranger, reported that most operations have wrapped up for the season, though there is a possibility of over-snow operations in timber sales around the Carmen Valley area. The Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) program on Yuba Pass and Little Truckee Summit has been very active. Creation of a website is in the works to share trail conditions and safety information with the public.

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Due to the recent snowmobile fatality Ranger Parrack urged people to take precautions and to be aware of avalanche dangers.

Ranger Hutchinson emphasized that the Sierra Avalanche Center provides information for forest recreation and current avalanche danger updates.

Carson District Ranger Matthew Zumstein reported on matters going on in Dog Valley including burning and restoration efforts going on in the valley proper in collaboration with American River. Ranger Zumstein also reported that recreation sites are closed for the season, and law enforcement coverage is thin, there is one LEO for the entire District.

6. AUDITOR - TONY MILLER

- 6.A. Amendment to Agreement 2025-058 between Rodney Craig Goodman, Jr and the County of Sierra for Certified Public Accountant (CPA) related services in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 from December 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

The Auditor explained that the item presented is an amendment to the original agreement which expired December 1 and needs extension to June 30, 2026. About \$50,000 of the \$180,000 budget has been used. The Auditor noted that the full amount is unlikely to be used by the end of the fiscal year; however, there may be future discussions about extending the contract beyond June.

Supervisor Dryden expressed appreciation for the conservative approach in managing costs.

The Board moved to approve the amendment to Agreement 2025-058 between Rodney Craig Goodman, Jr and the County of Sierra for Certified Public Accountant (CPA) related services in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 from December 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

APPROVED, Agreement 2026-005. Motion: Dryden/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7. PUBLIC HEALTH - RHONDA GRANDI

- 7.A. Participation Agreement between the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the County of Sierra, allowing the Local Government Agency (LGA) to participate in the County Based Medi Cal Administrative Activities (CMAA) program under California's Medi Cal program; and authorization for the Director of Public Health to execute said agreement on behalf of the County.

The Director of Public Health introduced the final agreement with Department of Health Care Services for the county-based Medi Cal Administrative Activities program. The board had previously approved other components needed for implementation of the program. As all necessary documentation has been approved by the state, this agreement is a formality to finalize the process.

The Board moved to approve the Participation Agreement between the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the County of Sierra, allowing the Local Government Agency (LGA) to participate in the County Based Medi Cal Administrative Activities (CMAA) program under California's Medi Cal program; and authorization for the Director of Public Health to execute said agreement on behalf of the County.

APPROVED, Agreement 2026-006. Motion: Adams/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - SHERYLL PRINZ-MCMILLAN

- 8.A. Authorization to advertise and fill the vacant Health Assistant position assigned to Downieville.

The Director of Behavioral Health reported that a recent staff reassignment left the Downieville HHS office without front desk coverage. Additional background was given as to how crucial the role is, as it supports multiple departments. She requested approval to refill the health assistant position, noting the change is cost neutral.

The Board moved to authorize the advertising and filling of the vacant Health Assistant position assigned to Downieville.

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

9. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 9.A. Discussion and possible adoption of resolution granting interim authority to the Director of Planning and Building during the vacancy of the Director of Transportation position, as determined appropriate by the Board of Supervisors. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board previously directed staff to bring back a resolution granting the Director of Planning and Building interim authority, with three versions presented for consideration. The Clerk provided an overview of all options, noting the authority could be supplemental, could supersede prior approval which gave authority to the Chair, auditor and personnel director, or could provide broader oversight of the department.

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With simplicity in mind Supervisor Adams suggested that the Director of Planning/Building assume interim authority if he would be willing.

The Director accepted the role temporarily, emphasizing the need for redundancy to prevent operational delays during his absence.

The Clerk clarified that the third resolution offered broader administrative and operational authority, and adjustments would be made to allow the Chair to act in the Director's absence.

The Board moved to adopt version 3, a resolution authorizing the County Planning and Building Director to exercise interim administrative and operational authority on behalf of the vacant Director of Transportation position and superseding prior authority as amended to authorize the Chair to act in the Director's absence.

ADOPTED as amended, Resolution 2026-006 Motion: Adams/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 9.B. Discussion and direction regarding the acceptance of green waste and burn policies at the County's solid waste transfer sites. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

Supervisor Adams reported that the issue of burning at the Sierra City site was raised at the previous meeting, at which time the board agreed to continue the moratorium on burning until further discussion could occur. He noted that the county operates five sites, with green waste accepted at four of them, but the Sierra City location is not well-suited for burning and has experienced problems in the past. Given ongoing fire-danger concerns and worry among residents due to prior incidents, the board must determine how to manage green-waste acceptance at the site and whether burning should continue there at all. Adams recommended that the Department of Transportation, the Board of Supervisors, the Forest Service, and the Sierra City Fire Department work together to determine how to proceed.

Supervisor Heuer expressed that she does not want to implement any permanent restrictions and emphasized the importance of keeping burning activities available during favorable burn months. She noted that a recurring issue is property owners waiting too late in the season to complete their clearing. Heuer expressed interest in collaborating with the Firewise Committee to improve public education on clearing properties before burn days end.

Supervisor Roen noted Gabe Foster from the Forest Service and Rodd Rummel, Executive Director of the Fire Safe Council, were both present online. Supervisor Roen explained that the board had previously allocated Title III funds to the Fire Safe Council and had discussed the possibility of utilizing two 50-yard bins at the Sierra City site for debris, which would then be transported to Loyalton. He added that Mr. Foster

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indicated burning could be done safely if proper SOPs were in place and the timing was appropriate.

The Interim Director of Public Works addressed the public perception that the County has been conducting burns irresponsibly. He owned that previous issues were the County's responsibility; however, he clarified that those incidents did not occur during active burning operations, they resulted from a high-wind event three weeks later, during which embers escaped the burn site.

The Director explained that Road Department staff have been developing new Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) which will be shared with the Forest Service, Cal Fire, and local departments to ensure they meet—or exceed—the standards used for Forest Service prescribed burns and individual burning practices.

Background and potential solutions for the water-availability challenges were provided. The Director noted that the large pile in Sierra City must be addressed, but accepting additional green waste there remains problematic. He recommended and would like the board to consider either postponing burning until the new SOP's are approved, and a water solution is accounted for or considering the long-term option of discontinuing burning at that site altogether. Burning in Sierra City, in particular, would require additional funding for water storage. He noted water pumps could be purchased in amount of \$8,000 per site as needed. The Director briefly explained there are alternatives which would allow burning and emphasized that every option carries a cost, including the current practice of not charging gate fees for green-waste disposal. He noted the cheapest option is burning and from there the costs go up considerably.

Supervisor Roen raised concerns about large wood being brought to the site, noting that the Solid Waste Committee had discussed either not accepting or charging a substantial fee for disposal of large wood. The Director clarified that the current policy already includes limits on the size of green-waste material that can be accepted.

Supervisor Adams stated he would like to see the Forest Service and the Sierra City Fire Department evaluate the site and return to the Board with short-term recommendations to address the current issues. For the long term, he suggested having the task force review each site individually. He expressed support for installing water reservoirs at the two problem locations and noted that such improvements could potentially be funded through solid-waste fees. He also raised the broader question of what ratepayers are willing to pay to continue burning operations versus the possibility of closing the Sierra City site to green-waste disposal.

Gabe Foster, Yuba River Ranger District, Division 3 indicated his willingness to conduct an inspection of the site and has done similar work in the past, including fuels reduction. He noted that the two previous escape burns have naturally reduced fuels in the area. He emphasized the importance of diligence and patrol, stating the best SOP's are ineffective if not followed. He believes burning can be done safely if SOP's are properly carried out.

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Eric Kubly of Sierra City Fire explained that the department does not oppose burning but wants it conducted safely and under proper supervision. He noted that three fires have occurred in the past five years, each resulting from unexpected wind events. Kubly suggested burning in smaller piles as a safer approach and reiterated that supervision is the critical factor in preventing future incidents.

Supervisor Roen addressed the Sattley incident, emphasizing it was the county's fault. He stated that he believes the county is equipped with the staff and professionalism to manage these situations properly with more diligence after ignition. He warned that alternatives, like closing sites, would be extremely costly and would create backlash from communities forced to haul waste farther. He urges finding a responsible, effective way to handle these issues to avoid unnecessary problems for both the board and the public.

Supervisor Roen revisited the conversation regarding the Title III funds that the board had discussed and allocated several years ago to the Fire Safe Council. Supervisor Roen recalled that the Council had agreed to purchase two 50-yard bins, with Intermountain responsible for transporting them under the existing solid-waste contract. He recommended that the board re-engage with the firesafe council to determine next steps.

Rodd Rummel, Executive Director of the Fire Safe Council emphasized that the most cost-effective approach to managing green waste is to handle it at the source. He noted that requiring residents to transport material long distances can discourage them from completing defensible-space work around their properties.

He stated that Title III funds could be used to explore alternatives to burning and to help reduce the existing green-waste pile in Sierra City in the short term, while also working toward a more sustainable long-term solution.

The Interim Director noted that stopping green-waste intake at Sierra City would only shift the material to other already burdened sites, such as Loyalton which also is limited in capacity. He acknowledged staff recommendations to end burning there but recognized it could discourage property-clearing and strain other locations during high-fire-risk periods. He stressed the need to manage the issue responsibly rather than dismiss it as too costly. Supervisor Roen added that if the Loyalton Mill became operational again, it could resolve several issues.

Supervisor Adams suggested that the Forest Service and the Sierra City Fire Department evaluate the site together and, if they agree on a feasible plan, forward it to the Director of Public Works. He would like to see the discussion continue at the next meeting while also pushing the task force to explore broader alternatives. Adams acknowledged Interim Director Pangman's point that shifting Sierra City's green waste to Ramshorn would simply move the problem rather than solve it.

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Mr. Foster explained that the special use permits for the sites were in the finalization process. He stated that if the county provided the drafted SOPs, the Forest Service could review them, ensure agreement, and incorporate them into the permits. He added that the permits could also require an annual Forest Service inspection, which would document expectations and clarify how all sites were to be managed moving forward.

Engineer Technician, Billy Epps, emphasized that the team had acknowledged their own deficiencies while developing the SOP's. Epps stressed that the main problem was not how fires were ignited but how they were managed afterward. He conveyed staff's recommendation that Sierra City as well as Sattley, were unsafe locations for burning, and he urged the board to consider the recommendation to discontinue burning at those sites.

The Sheriff explained that his involvement stemmed from his concern about evacuations during escape fires. He noted that the Sierra City incident required only minimal evacuations, while the Sattley situation over the summer had prompted deputies to prepare for potential evacuations in Calpine. He agreed with earlier comments that even the best standard operating procedures were useless if not followed, and he argued that both Sierra City and Sattley had demonstrated the need for 24-hour monitoring whenever burns occurred.

After reviewing the existing SOP, the Sheriff felt it lacked critical information and offered to help strengthen it with more detailed guidance on weather forecasting, coordination with Cal Fire and the Forest Service, and wind forecasting tools like SAR Topo. He also supported covering piles ahead of burns, conducting annual site inspections, and collaborating with nearby property owners on fuel reduction. Fisher offered his assistance and proposed the idea of purchasing digital monitoring equipment, such as a Starlink Mini and cameras that dispatch could monitor, emphasizing that public safety remained his primary concern.

Sarah Kubly, Firewise Committee Lead said it would be helpful to include herself and Eric Kubly, the co-deputy chief of the Sierra City Fire Department, in the discussion. She explained that Firewise stood ready to assist with public education and outreach. Kubly added that the surge of green waste in Sierra City had begun to slow as residents had already completed major property clearing when the program started, and she hoped future needs would be more manageable. She emphasized that Firewise remained prepared to support the county and work collaboratively on whatever tasks were needed.

Supervisor Roen noted that a 160 to 180-acre project within Sierra City proper was expected to take place next year, and he was hopeful it would help improve the situation.

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Discussion ensued regarding the Solid Waste Committee, and Supervisor Roen concluded by stating that the item would be referred to said Committee and continued to the next meeting.

By consensus, the Board referred the item to the Solid Waste Committee and provided direction to continue the item to the next meeting.

- 9.C. Resolution revising and clarifying the county policy for granting fee waivers to local governmental agencies providing emergency services within Sierra County. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Clerk explained that the last fee-waiver request had prompted a need to update the county's existing resolution, which had been adopted in 2000. She noted that the revised resolution clarified that only general-fund fees could be waived, not solid-waste, state, or federal fees. She added that any agency seeking a waiver had to return to the Board for approval, as waivers were not automatic.

Supervisor Adams stated he supported the resolution but wanted to ensure it would still allow the alternatives outlined in the Director of Planning's memo related to the upcoming agenda item. He emphasized the importance of helping small special districts with limited budgets while avoiding shifting all costs to the rest of the county. He agreed that districts should still pay fees owed to outside agencies and appreciated the memo's distinction between estimated and actual staff time. Adams expressed interest in a discounted approach for the next item, as it would be fairer to the rest of the county. After discussion, he agreed it made sense to address the next agenda item before acting on the resolution.

- 9.D. Discussion/direction regarding a planning fee waiver for the Pliocene Ridge Community Services District (PRCSD) in connection with the Pike City Firehouse storage building. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

Supervisor Adams acknowledged the Director of Planning's clarification that he had no personal stake in the matter and noted that the decision ultimately came down to public policy. Supervisor Adams reiterated the importance of supporting small agencies with limited budgets that rely heavily on volunteers. Citing the Director's memo, he explained that reducing the permit fee from about \$1,700 to \$1,314 would cover actual staff time and required county costs. While recognizing that the district would prefer the \$163 option, which would waive all staff time, he felt that level of subsidy was too great. Supervisor Adams supported setting the fee at \$1,314.61 as a fair balance for both the district and the rest of the county.

The Board moved to authorize the reduced permit fee for the Pliocene Ridge Community Services District in the amount of \$1,314.61.

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

Item 9.C. CONTINUED

Supervisor Adams suggested that the Clerk and County Counsel consider the board's earlier discussion and develop language that would allow reasonable fee adjustments without requiring the director to calculate detailed costs each time.

The Director of Planning noted that the draft resolution already addressed these concerns by giving the board full discretion to reduce fees in whole or in part while clarifying that state-mandated fees could not be waived and that districts must submit a formal request.

The Clerk emphasized the importance of treating all districts the same.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution revising and clarifying the county policy for granting fee waivers to local governmental agencies providing emergency services within Sierra County.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2026-007. Motion: Adams/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote 5/0

9.E. Discussion/action regarding appointments to commissions, board and associations; standing committees; term appointments; and ad-hoc committees for the 2026 Calendar Year. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Clerk was directed to add language to the standing committee rules establishing that, going forward, the immediate past chair will serve as the alternate for the government standing committee.

Following discussion, the Board moved to approve the appointments to commissions, boards and associations; standing committees; term appointments; and ad-hoc committees for the 2026 Calendar Year as presented with the following changes:

Government Standing Committee:

Supervisor Roen, Chair
Supervisor Dryden, Vice Chair
Supervisor Adams, Alternate

Finance Standing Committee:

Supervisor Adams, Chair
Supervisor Roen, Representative
Supervisor Heuer, Alternate

Removed Ad-Hoc Committee's:

Loyalton Cogen
REAP/LEAP
CA Fire Safe Council

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Verdi/Long Valley Development
County Fire Restrictions
County Health Officer Recruitment
Westside Dispatch

City of Loyalton Building and Planning Services Ad-Hoc Committee:

Supervisor Dryden, Representative
Supervisor LeBlanc, Representative

Nor Tec:

Dorie Gayner was appointed by Nor Tec to fill the public seat previously held by Tom Beam

Sierra County Child Abuse Council:

Supervisor LeBlanc, Representative
Supervisor Heuer, Alternate

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

9.F. Appointments to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

Sierra Folsom, Deputy Clerk-Recorder, reported that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board currently has two open seats designated for consumers of mental health services, and three applications have been submitted for those vacancies.

Dylan Davis addressed the board and provided background on his experiences with Behavioral Health services, as well as his experience with peer-support training, crisis and substance-use training and informal experience helping others with disability applications and in-home support. He expressed a strong commitment to the community and wanted to help residents access behavioral health services, noting that he had personally benefited from them and believed others could too.

Supervisor Adams stated that all three applicants were qualified for consideration. He noted a desire for an East–West balance on the board, which supported Mr. Davis as a representative of the western area. He emphasized that the Ridge area had unique needs and was geographically isolated and therefore had fewer opportunities for participation in local government. Supervisor Adams recommended appointing Mr. Davis and stated he was neutral regarding the remaining two applicants for the east-side position.

The Board moved to appoint Dylan Davis to the first vacancy on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

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

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Supervisor Dryden noted that neither of the other two applicants were present to speak on their own behalf. While Dryden expressed appreciation for both applicants, she noted that Linda Diltz had ten years of peer-support experience and appeared familiar with the role. She expressed appreciation for both applicants but moved to appoint Linda Diltz to the vacancy.

The Board moved to appoint Linda Diltz to the second vacancy on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

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

10. CLOSED SESSION

- 10.A. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) - conference with legal counsel - anticipated litigation - 1 case.
- 10.B. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code section 54957 - Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.
- 10.C. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code section 54957 - performance evaluation pertaining to Personnel Director.

CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT

The Board met in closed session from 11:20 a.m. to 1:04 p.m. County Counsel reported that on Item 10.A., no reportable action was taken; on Item 10.C., direction was given to staff; and on Item 10.B., Deputy County Counsel reported that direction was given to staff and the matter would be continued to the next meeting.

11. TIMED ITEMS

- 11.A. 10:00AM RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation and recognition of retirement for Bryan Davey, Sierra County Director of Transportation.

Supervisor Heuer presented a Resolution of Appreciation honoring Bryan Davey for his 21 years of service to Sierra County, highlighting his career path from Chevron's research lab to the Sheriff's Office and ultimately to leadership roles in Public Works and Transportation. Heuer noted his management of major infrastructure projects, such as the Packer Lake Bridge and Salmon Lake Bridge Replacement Projects, as well as the Downieville Community Hall and Sierraville School renovation projects and his steady leadership through multiple disasters, including fires and severe storms. She also emphasized his deep community involvement, strong character, and dedication to always doing what was best for Sierra County.

Mr. Davey expressed that it had been an honor and a privilege to serve the county. He credited the team for making the work possible. He shared how proud he was of everyone in the department and grateful for the opportunity to serve as their leader.

Eric Kubly, on behalf of the Sierra City Volunteer Fire Department, thanked Mr. Davey for dedicating so much of his life to improving the community, as well as Mary Davey for her support. Noting he was always present in moments of crisis.

The Director of Planning briefly shared that working alongside Mr. Davey made him appreciate how hard he worked and how many issues he handled while keeping everything running smoothly.

11.B. 11:00AM TRINDEL INSURANCE FUND

Presentation by Trindel Insurance Fund to provide an overview of the County's self-insurance programs, including coverage structure, risk management services, and the County's participation in Trindel's pooled programs.

A presentation was given by Jessica Hartman, Executive Director, and Jack Contos, Senior Financial Analyst of Trindel Insurance, outlining the operation of the pooling program, Sierra County's strong safety record, and the current return-of-funds offer. Jack reported that \$700,000 was available for return to Sierra County, noting it was not a guaranteed revenue source and that any funds not withdrawn would remain invested within the program.

Before returning any funds, Mr. Contos recommended strengthening Sierra County's property program, suggesting at least a \$100,000 adjustment, to ensure obligations were fully supported moving forward.

Discussion ensued regarding the suggestion of investing 100,000 into the property program and options for handling the return-of-funds offer, including potentially parking the money elsewhere for flexibility, since funds kept with Trindel could only be accessed once per year. As County Counsel stated this was primarily a risk management issue, the need for clearer risk-management roles and communication after learning that prior notices had not been shared with the board was emphasized.

Following discussion, the Board directed continuing this the matter to the next meeting to provide action.

13. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

- 13.A. Letter from the California Office of Emergency Services approving Sierra County's request for State of Emergency (SOE) and California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding due to the impacts of the Late August 2025 Mudslides.

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ADJOURN

At 1:04 p.m., with no further business, Chair Roen adjourned the meeting.

PAUL ROEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

SIERRA FOLSOM, DEPUTY
CLERK OF THE BOARD