

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, August 29, 2023

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in special session this 29th day of August 2023; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Ed Valenzuela, County Administrator Angela Davis, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham. Supervisor Ray Haupt was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Valenzuela. Supervisor Criss led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

Presentations from the Public

There were no presentations from the public.

Office of Emergency Services - Proclamation of Local Emergency regarding impacts of the tropical storm Hilary within Siskiyou County. Approved.

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to ratify a Proclamation of Local Emergency regarding impacts of the tropical storm Hilary within Siskiyou County, mainly in the Mount Shasta/South County area.

Following discussion between members of the Board, Mr. Schenone and Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham regarding possible continuation of the emergency proclamation and associated timeframe, it was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSENT to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency and direct the Clerk to bring the Proclamation back before the Board within 30 days.

Office of Emergency Services - Proclamation of Local Emergency regarding impacts of wildfires combined with persistent drought, extreme heat, Red Flag Warnings, and the changing drier climate. Approved.

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board, distributing and summarizing an updated Proclamation to correct a typographical error. Mr. Schenone provided an overview of the request to ratify a Proclamation of Local Emergency regarding impacts of wildfires combined with persistent drought, extreme heat, Red Flag Warnings, and the changing drier climate, including an overview of the current status of the Head Fire and the Happy Camp Complex fires.

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Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Ger Chong Ze Chang, et al., v. County of Siskiyou, et al., United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division, Case No. 2:22-cv-01378, commenced at 8:35 a.m., concluded at 8:51 a.m., with no action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 8:51 a.m., with no reportable action taken.

Adjournment - There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Ed Valenzuela, Chair

By: _____
Deputy