

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, October 15, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 15th day of October 2024; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Ray A. Haupt, Deputy County Administrator Hayley Hudson, 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.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kobseff. Pursuant to AB23, the Clerk announced that the Board members receive no additional compensation for sitting as members of the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and County Service Area 4. Supervisor Valenzuela led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

Invocation - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain Keith Bradley provided an invocation.

Presentations from the Public

There were no presentations from the public.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Supervisor Kobseff's request, items 5E, Behavioral Health Services' addendum to contract with Siskiyou Union High School District; 5G, Behavioral Health Services' addendum to contract with Etna Police Activities League and 5H, Behavioral Health Services' addendum to contract with Michael Brown, MSW, LCSW were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, that the following consent agenda is approved, and the Chair and/or clerk authorized to execute/record any necessary documents:

County Administration

Authorize the Chair to sign the letter for submission to the Honorable JoAnn Bicego.

County Administration

Approve contract between the County of Siskiyou and George Hills, Company for a term ending on June 30, 2026.

Facilities Management - Maintenance

Approve the Public Works Contract between the County and Ray-Mac Mechanical, Inc. and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Contract to provide HVAC system upgrades to the HVAC system located at the County Administration Building at 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California in the not-to-exceed amount of Two Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen Dollars and 23/100 cents (\$286,516.23).

Facilities Management - Maintenance

Approve the Public Works Contract between the County and Ray-Mac Mechanical, Inc. and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Contract to provide HVAC system upgrades to the HVAC system located at the County IT Server Room at 311 4th Street, Yreka, California in the not-to-exceed amount of Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars and 55/100 cents (\$55,467.55).

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First Addendum between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health Division and Quartz Valley Indian Reservation.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First Amendment to the Agreement with County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Governing Board Local Indigent Care Needs (LICN) Grant Agreement to amend sections 12 and 13 of the agreement, Exhibit A, and extend the term to June 30, 2026.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the Lease Agreement between Siskiyou County HHS Social Services Division and Jefferson Resource Properties, LLC. for the term October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2029.

Sheriff

Approve and ratify the application from the Sheriff's Office to the NRA Foundation. Allow the Sheriff to complete any future steps to accept award and participate in the program. Allow the Auditor to establish budget appropriations.

Transfer of Funds - County Administration - \$33,200. Resolution 24-171 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Courthouse & Grounds - \$32,000. Resolution 24-172 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Human Services Administration - \$10,800. Resolution 24-173 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Public Health - \$23,512. Resolution 24-174 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$9,100. Resolution 24-175 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$4,300. Resolution 24-176 adopted.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Approve addendum to contract with Siskiyou Union High School District to provide certain Prevention and Early Intervention services, deleting and replacing Exhibit A, Scope of Services, increasing compensation by \$150,000 to a total not to exceed \$300,000 and extending the term through June 30, 2025. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Kobseff's request. Supervisor Kobseff shared concerns regarding the broad scope of the services that could be provided under the contract with the Siskiyou Union High School District and the length of the contract's term.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard appeared before the Board. In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Ms. Collard provided an overview of the process for developing various contracts utilizing Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding, the one-year contract term (versus contracting for three years) and the lack of service providers for certain MHSA services.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Collard regarding the process for determining annual service costs, the potential for additional MHSA funds to become available to be utilized for service provider contracts, the school system's lack of resources and funding to provide certain services, the anticipated change in funding processes once the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) becomes effective in July of 2026, the need to research and inform the Board on how the Behavioral Health intends to address a recent bill/law that was passed affecting parental rights with regard to minors' mental health care, the potential impacts to existing service provider contracts in place and the need for behavioral health services within the school system.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Criss and Ogren voting YES and Supervisors Haupt and Kobseff voting NO to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First Addendum between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health Division and Siskiyou Union High School District.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Approve addendum to contract with Etna Police Activities League to provide certain Prevention services to at-risk populations, deleting and replacing Exhibit A, Scope of Services, increasing compensation by \$30,215 to a total not to exceed \$60,430 and extending the term through June 30, 2025. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Kobseff's request. Supervisor Kobseff voiced concerns regarding the broad scope of the services that could be provided under the contract with the Etna Police Activities League.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard appeared before the Board, advising that the Department has final approval of services that could be provided under the contract and the addendum.

Supervisor Valenzuela requested a summary of previous contracts, activities and services provided by the Etna Police Activities League to be brought back to the Board at a future date.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First Addendum between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health Division and Etna Police Activities League.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Approve addendum to contract with Michael Brown, MSW, LCSW to provide services specified in Exhibit A, increasing compensation for FY 23/24 and FY 24/25 as detailed in the addendum, for a total not to exceed \$118,000. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Kobseff's request. Supervisor Kobseff shared concerns regarding the possible for the contractor to receive retroactive payment as identified in the contract addendum.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard appeared before the Board, providing a brief overview of the contract addendum, the timing of the case review services provided under the contract and the process utilized to estimate the numbers of cases that could need the Contractor's review within the contract term.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss and Ogren voting YES and Supervisor Kobseff voting NO to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 3rd Addendum between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Michael Brown, MSW, LCSW.

Public Requests - Fire Safe Council of Siskiyou County - Presentation of an update on activities related to the California Fire Safe Council County Coordinators Grant and Community Wild Fire Defense Grant. Presentation and discussion only.

Fire Safe Council of Siskiyou County (FSCSC) Coordinator Giselle Nova and Josh Bien, Program Manager for the FSCSC through a partnership with Community Outreach Relief Effort (CORE) appeared before the Board. Ms. Nova presented a powerpoint presentation regarding the Fire Safe Council's award of a County Coordinator's Grant and a Community Wildfire Defense Grant, including an overview of the Coordinator Grant objective to develop county-wide coordination and collaboration between various wildfire mitigation groups. Ms. Nova continued the powerpoint, including an overview of community outreach and education efforts, grant training opportunities and coordination activities, community outreach events.

Continuing the powerpoint, Mr. Bien summarized the Community Wildfire Defense Grant mission goal to prepare, educate and empower low-income/vulnerable local communities against the threat of wildfire. Mr. Bien provided an overview of the efforts being made to implement defensible space for 500 Siskiyou County homes, including educating property owners on how to mitigate forest fire fuels around their homes and property and offering/providing defensible space assessments at no cost to the property owner. Mr. Bien summarized various outreach events held, the number of resident engaged, the number of home assessment sign ups and kids educational engagements. Mr. Bien advised that the defensible space assessments would not be enforced, only offered as a means to better protect local fire prone areas.

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Public Requests - Fire Safe Council of Siskiyou County – (continued)

Mr. Bien additionally summarized other grant funded activities, including roadside fuels reduction efforts to improvement ingress/egress during fire emergencies and efforts to collect data and prioritize and rank local communities for fire risk. Mr. Bien advised that, currently outreach efforts are focused on Cecilville, Callahan and Hamburg, with additional communities being addressed over time.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Nova and Mr. Bien regarding the various educational/outreach events held, the efforts being made to engage those in the target communities, efforts being made to work with the Forest Service and other agencies with regard to public lands, the need to increase home/property owner participation in defensible space and fuels reduction efforts and the need to request Forest Service assistance in possibly removing certain forest road closures to benefit ingress/egress from rural communities during emergencies.

Mr. Bien provided nine pieces of outreach materials from various entities, including Firewise USA, California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), CalFire and Siskiyou County Office of Emergency Services (OES).

Off Agenda Item – County Counsel - Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case. Added to the closed session agenda.

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed provided an overview of the request to add an item not on the posted agenda to closed session, advising that an issue came to the County’s attention after the posting of the October 15, 2024 agenda. Ms. Reed further advised that Board input/direction was needed prior to the next regular Board meeting on November 12, 2024.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to add an item not on the posted agenda regarding conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case.

General Services – Airports - Presentation of an update re all Siskiyou County Airport activities since September 17, 2024. Presentation and discussion only.

General Services Director Joy Hall appeared before the Board, providing an update regarding the Weed and Siskiyou County Airports. With regard to the Weed Airport, Ms. Hall advised that the Department had retained outside counsel to ensure that the surety and contractor were being held responsible for increased costs being incurred and that a temporary path to the fuel station had been completed, with plans to finish painting in various areas. With regard to the Siskiyou County Airport, Ms. Hall advised that a water leak was discovered under asphalt and summarized the efforts being made to address and ascertain the extent and costs associated with the leak. Ms. Hall additionally advised that there were no updates for the Scott Valley, Happy Camp or Butte Valley Airports.

Public Works - Road Department - Presentation of an update re Copco Road conditions following Klamath River Dam Removal activities.

Public Works Director Tom Deany appeared before the Board, providing an update on the current condition of a 14 miles section of Copco Road by displaying various before and after photos of the road taken in February 2023 and September 2024. Mr. Deany voiced concerns regarding the condition of the road, mainly due to the impact of heavy truck traffic on that stretch of road and the impact of continuing to temporarily patch/maintain the road on the Road Department’s budget. Mr. Deany advised of having discussions with representatives of the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and KRRC concerning the future of Copco Road after dam removal activities are completed.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Mr. Deany regarding the anticipated timeframe for reconstruction efforts, no desire to return the Road to a gravel versus paved condition, anticipated maintenance to ensure emergency vehicle access on Copco Road and the ongoing discussion regarding the MOU.

Natural Resources - Discussion, direction and possible action re authorizing Supervisors Kobseff and Haupt to participate in discussion panels and provide comments to the State Water Resources Control Board with regard to possible continuation of the current Emergency Regulations and flow regulations in the Scott and Shasta Valley watersheds. Supervisors Kobseff and Haupt authorized to attend the meeting and provide comments.

The Chair opened as the Flood Control and Water Conservation District in order to jointly consider both this Board agenda item and a similar Flood District agenda item.

Natural Resources Policy Specialist Matt Parker appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request for Supervisors Kobseff and Haupt to participate in an upcoming State Water Resources Control Board meeting on October 16, 2024. Mr. Parker summarized the issues that the Board members were anticipated to address, including the Water Board's proposed Resolution regarding flow efforts in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds and development of permanent flow requirements.

In response to County Counsel Natalie E. Reed, Mr. Parker requested that the Board members be authorized to comment on the proposal in their official capacities.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to approve (authorize) Chair Kobseff and Supervisor Haupt to participate on the panels in their official capacities.

County Clerk - Registrar of Voters - Discussion, direction and possible action re appointments In-Lieu of Election to various Special Districts pursuant to Elections Code §10515, for persons who filed declarations of candidacy and other qualified appointees as detailed in the agenda packet.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request to appoint in-lieu of election various persons who filed declarations of candidacy for the Lake Shastina Community Services District (CSD), McCloud Community Services District (CSD), Tennant Community Services District (CSD), South Yreka Fire Protection District (FPD) and the Weed Recreation and Parks District.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint in-lieu of election to the Lake Shastina CSD, Carol Cupp and Norman Macintosh for full-terms, December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028 and John Uttech and Karla Chandler for short-terms, December 6, 2024 through December 4, 2026.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint in-lieu of election to the McCloud CSD, Mark Trent for a short-term, December 6, 2024 through December 4, 2026.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint in-lieu of election to the Tennant CSD, Debra Rojas, Steven Foxworthy and David Raymond for full-terms, December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028 and Larry Luers and Cynthia Fernandez for short-terms, December 6, 2024 through December 4, 2026.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint in-lieu of election to the South Yreka FPD, Kay Dye and Marie Hunter for full-terms, December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint in-lieu of election to the Weed Recreation and Parks District, Paula Rossetto for a full-term, December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028.

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County Clerk - Registrar of Voters – (continued)

Ms. Winningham provided an overview of additional Special Districts that needed appointments in-lieu of election for persons who did not file declarations of candidacy or were otherwise eligible/qualified to serve, including the Mt. Shasta Fire Protection District (FPD), Montague Fire Protection District (FPD), Weed Recreation and Parks District, Happy Camp Community Services District (CSD) and Happy Camp Fire Protection District (FPD). Additionally, Ms. Winningham advised that Gerald 'Jerry' Heikura expressed interest in and was eligible to serve on the Mt. Shasta FPD.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint in-lieu of election to the Mt. Shasta FPD, Laurel Harkness and Gerald 'Jerry' Heikura for full-terms, December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028 and Robert Ashworth and Michael Bradley for short-terms, December 6, 2024 through December 4, 2026.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint in-lieu of election to the Montague FPD, Clint Singleton and Jess Bray to full-terms, December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint in-lieu of election to the Weed Recreation and Parks District, Martin Nicholas for a full-term, December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028 and Jeffery Williams for a short-term, December 6, 2024 through December 4, 2026.

Supervisor Haupt advised that he did not receive input back from members of either the Happy Camp CSD or the Happy Camp FPD with regards to continuing on those respective District Boards.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Winningham regarding the impacts should there be no appointments in-lieu of election made to those Districts, including the Districts falling below a quorum in December and the actions that would be needed to re-establish a quorum.

No action was taken with regard to appointments in-lieu of election to the Happy Camp CSD and the Happy Camp FPD.

Board of Supervisors' Requests - Board of Supervisors - Review status of local emergency related to impacts resulting from Lower Klamath Dam removal declared by Resolution 24-51, adopted on March 26, 2024; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen appeared before the Board, providing an update regarding the County's quarterly water sampling efforts and requesting extension of the local emergency.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela voting NO to extend the local emergency related to impacts resulting from Lower Klamath Dam removal declared by Resolution 24-51.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Nielsen regarding the potential negative impacts to Environmental Health's budget associated with the quarterly sampling efforts and the County's efforts being made to inform the State and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) of those negative impacts to the County's resources and to address the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRRC) with regard to their water sampling responsibility.

Board of Supervisors' Requests - Board of Supervisors - Review status of local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation as declared by Resolution 20-18, adopted on January 21, 2020; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss and seconded by Supervisor Ogren to extend the local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation as declared by Resolution 20-18.

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Board of Supervisors' Requests - Board of Supervisors – (continued)

Following discussion between members of the Board regarding the need for an update on and an overview of the ongoing emergency declaration, including but not limited to the actions being taken in response to the emergency and associated statistics, the Chair called for the question and, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES the motion to extend carried.

Appointments - County Clerk/Board of Supervisors - Appointment of one Delegate and an Alternate from the Board of Supervisors, to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors for the 2024/2025 Association year. Supervisor Valenzuela appointed as Delegate for the 2024/2025 Association year. Appointment to fill an Alternate position continued to January, 2025.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that in October, 2023 Supervisors Valenzuela and Criss were appointed as Delegate and Alternate to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors, respectively.

Following discussion between members of the Board regarding the upcoming General Election on November 5, 2024 where a new District 1 Supervisor will be decided, Supervisor Valenzuela's willingness to continue on as Delegate and the need to continue the Alternate appointment to a meeting date in January, 2025 (after the new Supervisor is determined), it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint Supervisor Valenzuela as Delegate to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors for 2024/2025. Appointment to fill an Alternate position was continued to a meeting date in January, 2025.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appoint one member to the unscheduled vacancy on the Dunsmuir Fire Protection District, for a short term ending December 5, 2025. No action was taken.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Board of Supervisors had this one opportunity to make an appointment to the Dunsmuir Fire Protection District. Ms. Winningham further advised that the Clerk's Office had not received any letters of interest in serving on the District Board.

No action was taken with regard to this item.

Minute Approval - October 1, 2024. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve the October 1, 2024 minutes as presented.

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisor Criss advised of his attendance at a League of Local Agencies (LOLA) meeting, the McCloud Apple Festival, the McCloud Firemen's Ball, the Siskiyou County Museum Day Event, the Dorris Lumber Mill 100th Anniversary Event and the Montague Hot Air Balloon Festival. Supervisor Criss further advised of speaking at a Siskiyou Conservative Republican event and that the City of Dorris appreciated the County's assistance during the City's water shutoff emergency.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of his attendance at the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Annual meeting, a Klamath National Forest coordination meeting, a Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission meeting, a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting, a League of Local Agencies (LOLA) meeting with Supervisor Criss, a Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) meeting and a Yreka City Council meeting.

Supervisor Valenzuela advised of his attendance for an AT&T donation/giveaway of refurbished laptops, the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Annual meeting, a ribbon cutting ceremony for Sierra Pacific Industries' new seedling nursery in Gazelle with Supervisors Ogren, Haupt and Kobseff, a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting, the PRISM Annual meeting, a California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force meeting in Lake Tahoe.

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Board and Staff Reports – (continued)

Supervisor Haupt advised of his attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony for Sierra Pacific Industries' new seedling nursery in Gazelle, an informal meeting at Copco regarding the road conditions, a Patriots' meeting, a meeting with the Building Department regarding Williamson Act issues, a Klamath National Forest coordination meeting, an Etna Future Farmers of America (FFA) fundraiser event and a meeting with Supervisor Kobseff and Farm Bureau representatives regarding an upcoming State Water Resources Control Board meeting and public comment opportunity. Supervisor Haupt further advised of being a judge for the recent Beef and Brew Event in Yreka and that the City of Etna was researching combining their police and fire departments with the Town of Fort Jones' police and fire into a unified district.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of his attendance at the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Annual meeting, a First 5 Siskiyou Children & Families Commission meeting, a Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission meeting, a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting, a meeting with Senator Dahle regarding the Collier Roadside Rest Area and Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) closure, the meeting and ribbon cutting ceremony for Sierra Pacific Industries' new seedling nursery in Gazelle, a Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) meeting and a meeting with the Building Department regarding the Williamson Act.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), two cases, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case, commenced at 10:42 a.m., concluded at 11:24 a.m., with action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 11:24 a.m., with the following reportable action taken.

With regard to item 15A, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Kevin Loynachan, et al., v. Darlene Smiley, in her official capacity as a law enforcement officer for Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office, et al., United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division, Case No. 2:22-cv-00841-WBS-JDP, Ms. Reed advised that Supervisor Ogren recused herself, exiting the Board room at 10:42 a.m. and returning at 10:44 a.m. In regards to that same case, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela and seconded by Chair Kobseff and carried with a vote of YES by Supervisors Criss, Kobseff, Valenzuela and Haupt with Supervisor Ogren RECUSED, to authorize Porter Scott to represent the County upon the retirement of present outside counsel James Wyatt.

Public Hearings - Board of Supervisors and Siskiyou County Planning Commission - Public hearing to conduct a joint workshop to discuss the Draft Community Visioning and Guiding Principles for the Siskiyou County 2050 General Plan Update. Presentation and discussion only.

This was the time set for a public hearing to conduct a joint workshop to discuss the Draft Community Visioning and Guiding Principles for the Siskiyou County 2050 General Plan Update.

In attendance were Siskiyou County Planning Commissioners Blair Hart, District 1; Tony Melo, District 2; Danielle Lindler, District 3; Dusty Veale, District 4 and Jeff Fowle, District 5 and Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss and Kobseff.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing for the Board of Supervisors.

Chair Fowle opened the public hearing for the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Ogren was present at 1:05 p.m.

Deputy Director of Planning Hailey Lang appeared before the Board and Planning Commission and provided a brief overview of the request for the Department's consultants Mintier Harnish to present various Vision Statement and Guiding Principle options for the Board and Commission to consider and discuss.

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Public Hearings - Board of Supervisors and Siskiyou County Planning Commission – (continued)

Mintier Harnish representatives Jim Harnish and Ryan Lester appeared before the Board and Commission, presenting a powerpoint presentation including the definition of Vision Statement and Guiding Principles and the various efforts made to engage members of the public by utilizing during online surveys and in-person workshops.

Brief discussion followed between members of the Board and Commission, Mr. Lester, Mr. Harnish and Community Development Director Rick Dean regarding the overall public participation in the various engagement events, including state/federal agency and tribal participation and the efforts made to publicize the events.

Mr. Lester continued the powerpoint, providing an overview of three draft Vision Statements that were developed following the various engagement exercises and Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Lester additionally provided an overview of a fourth Vision Statement that was developed by staff and members of the Technical Advisory Committee, advising that the fourth Vision Statement encompassed components of the first three.

In response the Chair Kobseff, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office received correspondence related to this item from David Webb, Dijana Karanovich, Jim Miller and family, Amber Jamieson, Elizabeth Dian, Nick Joslin and Carrie Lyen.

Planning Commission Clerk Janine Rowe advised that the Planning Commission was in receipt of the same correspondence.

Audience member Nick Joslin appeared before the Board and Commission, speaking in support of Vision Statement Draft #4 and advised of the need for additional public participation.

Audience member Angelina Cook appeared before the Board and Commission, speaking on behalf of a coalition consisting of the McCloud Chamber of Commerce and Watershed Council, sharing concerns regarding McCloud as a rural and disadvantaged community and the need for additional efforts to outreach to rural communities regarding the processes related to the General Plan Update. In addition, Ms. Cook presented a two-page letter from the McCloud Chamber of Commerce to the Board and Planning Commission.

City of Yreka representative Juliana Lucchesi appeared before the Board and Commission, speaking in support of efforts to develop improved energy options, sustainability and housing and in support of efforts to partner with local jurisdictions in the General Plan Update process.

Audience member Bonnie Wood appeared before the Board and Commission, speaking support for Vision Statement Draft #4 and advising of the need to encourage additional community participation.

Supervisors Criss and Valenzuela spoke in support of Vision Statement Draft #4.

Supervisor Haupt shared concerns regarding the use of the term 'preserved' with regard to surface and groundwater resources, suggesting another term be used and advised of the need to include language related to the County embracing future technology for a stronger economy and addressing locatable underground minerals within the County.

Supervisor Ogren requested the inclusion of language to indicate tribal engagement and inclusiveness in the County and the need to maintain sustainable resources.

Supervisor Kobseff requested the inclusion of language related to tribes and fisheries and to indicates difficulties related to making a living within the County.

Commissioner Veale requested the inclusion of language related to methods for generating revenue (i.e. biomass for electricity generation) in the County.

Commissioner Hart shared concerns regarding the inclusion of language related to preserving surface and groundwater resources and the potential for legal issues concerning private property rights.

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Public Hearings - Board of Supervisors and Siskiyou County Planning Commission – (continued)

Commissioner Melo voiced concerns regarding the lack of public participation in the engagement events and the need to better engage and reach out to community members for their input.

Commissioner Lindler spoke in support of comments regarding the inclusion of renewable/sustainable energy production and in support of earlier comments requesting a change in language related to 'preserving' natural resources. Ms. Lindler shared concerns that, although the County's economy is diverse, it is not strong in all sectors.

Commissioner Fowle suggested the use of 'adaptive management' versus 'preserve' with when referencing the County's natural resources, and the need to encourage renewable energy and to utilize wildfire as a beneficial management tool.

Mr. Lester continued the powerpoint and provided an overview of various Draft Guiding Principles, including an Option 1 and an Option 2 for each of topics (Hazards, Safety and Wildfire Preparedness; Natural Resources and Scenery; Economic Development; Sense of Community and Unique Lifestyle; Land Use, Housing and Infrastructure). Mr. Lester advised that Option 1 for each topic was developed following the engagement events and that Option 2 was developed by staff and the Technical Advisory Committee, with the Technical Advisory Committee advising of the need for greater emphasis on commercial opportunities, manufacturing, economic development and the importance of water for agriculture, economic growth and community health.

Audience member Nick Joslin appeared before the Board and Commission and spoke in support of efforts to preserve the traditional way of life in the County and focus on the County's diversity.

Audience member Bonnie Wood appeared before the Board and Commission, speaking in support of the use of experts in the field of groundwater management to increase and maintain the County's resources.

Audience member Angelina Cook appeared before the Board and Commission, advising of the need for the County to become more efficient and less dependent on fossil fuels and suggesting possible options (i.e. transit system, community compost system, etc.).

Supervisor Criss spoke in support of including emergency (fire and ambulance) services in the Draft Guiding Principles under the Hazards section and in support of strong anchor business/industry in the County to benefit housing options under the Land Use/Housing.

Supervisor Ogren spoke in support of Option 2 in the Hazards section, suggesting the inclusion of language related to evacuation routes and in support of Option 2 in the Natural Resources section.

Supervisor Valenzuela suggested combining each section's Options 1 and 2 together.

Supervisor Haupt suggested inclusion of additional threats not addressed in the Hazards section (i.e. floods, earthquakes), the inclusion of language related to management of local forests' water usage in the Natural Resources section and voiced concerns regarding the language in the Land Use section related to housing development.

Supervisor Kobseff shared concerns that the Draft options did not instruct how property owners could obtain permits and the need for efficient timing of permit processing.

Commissioner Hart voiced concerns regarding the lack of a Sense of Community in the County with the loss of logging and the unknowns and difficulties associated with water regulation and impacts to agriculture and endangered species.

Commissioner Lindler spoke in support of including the need for ingress and egress for residents during emergencies (i.e. wildfires) in the Hazards section, the need to support infrastructure improvement in the Economic Development section and support for Option 2 under the Land Use section.

Commissioner Lindler was excused and left the Board Chambers at 2:43 p.m.

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Ms. Lang appeared before the Board, advising of the need for agreement on the Guiding Principles and a Vision Statement in order to move forward with remaining General Plan Update development.

Commissioner Fowle advised of the need for complete hardening for all natural disasters and suggested revised language in Option 2 of the Natural Resources section inserting 'respect' instead of being mindful of property rights and 'enhancing' rather than protecting the natural landscape. Commissioner Fowle spoke in support of managing public lands for the benefit of the public and wildlife, promoting value-added local products (i.e. wood, meat, wool, etc.) and in support of creating meadow landscapes versus reforestation.

Supervisor Kobseff suggested reducing the Draft Guiding Principles to one or two sentences and spoke in support of replacing the term 'preserve' and 'preservation'. Supervisor Kobseff spoke in support of the economic benefit associated with a recent opening of a seedling nursery in Gazelle.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Commission, Mr. Lester and County Counsel Natalie E. Reed regarding formatting the Draft Guiding Principles utilizing a bullet layout, difficulties related to increased permit processing times, the need to research possible streamlining options, the upcoming 'next steps' in the General Plan Update process including action items, possible inclusion of one Board member and one Commissioner in Technical Advisory Committee meetings/discussions.

There being no additional public comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Michael N. Kobseff, Chair

By: _____
Deputy