The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 12th day of June 2018; there being present Supervisors Lisa L. Nixon, Brandon Criss, Ed Valenzuela and Ray A. Haupt, County Administrator Terry Barber, County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan, and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Colleen Setzer by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Haupt. 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, County Service Area #4 and Siskiyou Power Authority. Supervisor Nixon led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America. Supervisor Michael N. Kobseff was present at 8:35a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a), four cases, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), two cases, commenced at 8:30a.m., concluded at 10:00a.m., with action taken.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan announced that closed session concluded at 10:00a.m, with reportable action taken.

With regard to item 2E, Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), two cases, if was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and unanimously carried by a unanimous vote of YES to enter as amicus curiae in the Klamath Tribes v. Board of Reclamation et. al., United States District Court for the Northern District, Case No. 3:18-CV-03078-WHO.

INVOCATION - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain Jim Jacobsen provided the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approved.

At Supervisor Kobseff’s request, item 5L, General Services – Transportation’s request to hire a bus driver at Step 4 of the salary range, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and unanimously carried, that the following consent agenda is approved, and the Chair and/or clerk authorized to execute/record any necessary documents:

AGRICULTURE

Approve agreement #18-73-06-0276-RA for wildlife damage control in Siskiyou County, in the amount of $67,358, term July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to execute agreement.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Approve revisions to the Siskiyou County Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, effective January 1, 2018.

COUNTY COUNSEL

Approve fourteenth addendum to professional services retention agreement with Nossaman LLP, increasing the compensation under the contract by $60,000 and authorize the Board Chair to execute same.

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CONSENT AGENDA – (continued)

COUNTY COUNSEL
Approve third addendum to professional services retention agreement with Best, Best & Krieger, LLP (McMillan) and authorize the Board Chair to execute same.

COUNTY LIBRARY
Approve contract for three fiscal years from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021 for a value of not-to-exceed of $15,000 per fiscal year, with a total not to exceed value of $45,000 for the term of the contract.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Authorize District Attorney to manage additional fund awarded to the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program grant, in the amount of $5,076 for FY 17/18 and authorize the Auditor-Controller to establish appropriations for the Automobile Insurance Fraud grant for FY 17/18.

GENERAL SERVICES
Approve the Perfection Cleaning contract to July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021 and authorize the Chair to execute the contract.

GENERAL SERVICES - SANITATION
Approve the contract with Lawrence & Associates for groundwater field monitoring and sampling for a not to exceed amount of $28,000 in FY 18/19 and $28,000 in FY 19/20.

GENERAL SERVICES - SANITATION
Approve the second addendum to the contract with Scott Valley Disposal for a term from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in the amount of $50,087.88.

GENERAL SERVICES - SANITATION
Approve the third addendum with BC Laboratories, Inc. to extend the term of the contract to June 30, 2020.

GENERAL SERVICES - SANITATION
Approve the third addendum to extend the Happy Camp waste hauling contract with Yreka Transfer Company, LLC from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

GENERAL SERVICES - TRANSPORTATION
Approve the first addendum to the contract between County of Siskiyou and ADS in Motion.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION
Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the first addendum to contract for services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Scott Valley Family Resource Center for the term of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION
Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the first addendum to contract for services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Happy Camp Community Action, Inc. for the term of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION
Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the contract for service between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Donna J. May, MFT for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
Approve amended Joint Exercise of Powers A and authorize the Board Chair to sign the amendment to the Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION
Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the County of Siskiyou contract for services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and Siskiyou Training and Employment Program, Inc., effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION
Approve and authorize the Chair to sign contract for services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and Siskiyou Training and Employment Program (STEP) which is effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

HORNBROOK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Adopt Resolution 18-54 directing the County Treasurer to temporarily loan funds, in the amount of $13,685 to the Hornbrook Fire Protection District, which loan shall be repaid to the County on or before April 10, 2019.

PROBATION
Approve first addendum to Justice Benefits, Inc. contract effective through June 30, 2022.

PUBLIC DEFENDER
Approve contract with Shelton Investigations, for the terms July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; July 2019 through June 30, 2020; and July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; in the amount of $40 per hour, not to exceed $65,000 per year, with a total not to exceed amount of $195,000.

PUBLIC WORKS
Approve second addendum between the County of Siskiyou and Perfection Cleaning to provide janitorial services.

PUBLIC WORKS
Approve first addendum between the County of Siskiyou and The Machine Cleaning to provide janitorial services.

SHERIFF
Authorize the Board Chair to approve and sign the Modification of Grant or Agreement Exhibit B for cooperative patrol for controlled substances operations in the amount of $67,000, covering the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 and authorize a budget to be established by the Auditor.

SHERIFF/JAIL
Authorize the Sheriff to hire Anthony Crocker at Correctional Officer II, Step 2, positions #2COR29, effective retro back June 3, 2018.

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL N. KOBSEFF
Ratify Resolution 18-53 presented to Air Force Chief Master Sergeant Brian J. Gates on the occasion of his retirement.

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TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

Approve the Discharge of Accountability of 120 unsecured delinquent accounts, in the amount of $21,374.66 per California Revenue & Taxation Code Section 2611.1.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Behavioral Health - Local MHSA - $25,000. Resolution 18-55 adopted.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Community Development Block Grant - $2,035. Resolution 18-56 adopted.


TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Planning Community Development Block Grant - $12. Resolution 18-60 adopted.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Planning Community Development Block Grant - $1,600. Resolution 18-61 adopted.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Planning Community Development Block Grant - $5,513. Resolution 18-62 adopted.


TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Recorder - $17,267. Resolution 18-64 adopted.


GENERAL SERVICES – STAGE - Approve request to hire Susan Stewart as a Bus Driver at Step 4 of the salary range, effective June 4, 2018. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Kobseff’s request.

Following brief discussion between Supervisor Kobseff and Transportation Manager Melissa Cummins regarding the current status of on-duty STAGE bus drivers and Ms. Stewart’s previous bus driving work experience, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and unanimously carried to authorize Siskiyou County General Services to hire Susan Stewart to Step 4 of the salary range, effective June 4, 2018.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no presentations from the public.

PUBLIC REQUESTS - PSA 2 AREA AGENCY ON AGING - Discussion, direction and possible action re Proclamation declaring Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2018. Proclamation adopted.

County Administrator Terry Barber and Supervisor Valenzuela provided an overview of the request, speaking in support of efforts to bring awareness to the impacts of elder abuse.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and unanimously carried to adopt the Proclamation declaring Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2018.

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Adult Protective Services Unit Supervisor Judy Carter thanked the Board and PSA 2 for their efforts to advocate for seniors and bring attention to the issue of elder abuse.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' REQUESTS** - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - Review status of local emergency related to imminent threat of catastrophic wildfire as declared by Resolution 14-154; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and unanimously carried to extend the local emergency related to imminent threat of catastrophic wildfire as declared by Resolution 14-154.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' REQUESTS** - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - Review status of local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation as declared by Resolution 17-117; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

It was moved by Supervisor Nixon, seconded by Supervisor Criss and unanimously carried to extend the local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation as declared by Resolution 17-117.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' REQUESTS** - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - Review status of local emergency related to drought conditions, in particular conditions and curtailed irrigation deliveries to the Tulelake Irrigation District as declared by Resolution 18-39; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and unanimously carried to extend the local emergency related to drought conditions, in particular conditions and curtailed irrigation deliveries to the Tulelake Irrigation District as declared by Resolution 18-39.

**APPOINTMENTS** - COUNTY CLERK - Appointment of one alternate member to the unscheduled vacancy on the Behavioral Health Services Board, for a term ending December 31, 2018. Continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Behavioral Health Services Board did not make a recommendation for appointment. Ms. Winningham requested continuation of the request to a later date.

Chair Haupt advised that this item was continued to a later date.

**APPOINTMENTS** - COUNTY CLERK - Appointment of one member to the scheduled vacancy on the Local Child Care Planning Council, for a community representative with a two-year term ending February 28, 2020. Carla Charraga appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that local resident Carla Charraga was interested in filling the vacant community representative position. In addition, Ms. Winningham advised that the Local Child Care Planning Council recommended Ms. Charraga to fill the vacant position.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Nixon and unanimously carried to appoint Carla Charraga to the scheduled vacancy on the Local Child Care Planning council, for a community representative with a two-year term ending February 28, 2020.

**MINUTE APPROVAL** - May 1, 10, 15 and June 4, 2018. Approved.

Following an overview of the request from Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Nixon and unanimously carried to reconsider and approve the May 1, 2018 minutes with the following correction: Continued…….
CLOSED SESSION - Conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957, consider public employee appointment for the position of Director of Community Development, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a), 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), three cases, commenced at 3:05p.m., concluded at 3:30p.m, with no action taken.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan announced that closed session concluded at 3:30p.m., with no reportable action taken.

It was moved by Supervisor Nixon, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and unanimously carried to approve the May 10 and 15, 2018 minutes as presented.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and unanimously carried to approve the June 4, 2018 as presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION - Public hearing for the first reading of a draft ordinance reclassifying 0.27 acres of land from Rural Residential Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-40) to Timberland Production District (TPZ), and reclassifying 0.27 acres from TPZ to R-R-B-40, on portions of APNs 034-410-170 and 034-410-320; Section 31, Township 37N, Range 9W, MDB&M for the Trinity 7277 LLC-Edwards project located near the community of Cecilville, CA. First reading approved. Public hearing for the second reading set on July 3, 2018 at 1:30p.m.

This was the time set for a public hearing for the first reading of a draft ordinance reclassifying 0.27 acres of land from Rural Residential Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-40) to Timberland Production District (TPZ), and reclassifying 0.27 acres from TPZ to RRB40, on portions of APNs 034-410-170 and 034-410-320; Section 31, Township 37N, Range 9W, MDB&M for the Trinity 7277 LLC-Edwards project located near the community of Cecilville, CA.

Chair Haupt opened the public hearing.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham read the Ordinance title into the record.

Deputy Director of Planning Christy Cummings Dawson provided a staff report, advising of the need for a zone change request and boundary line adjustment to be considered concurrently.

Ms. Cummings Dawson further advised that the project was only to adjust property boundary lines in order to locate an entire pond on one parcel rather than on two, that no new development was planned and that the boundary line adjustment project was exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.

In response to Chair Haupt, Ms. Winningham advised that the Clerk’s Office had not received correspondence related to the project.

Assessor-Recorder Mike Mallory advised of the need to work with the Planning Department and the property owners regarding a recoupment fee related to the boundary line adjustment and the TPZ zoning. Continued.........
There being no public comments received, the public hearing was declared closed.

Brief discussion followed between Supervisor Kobseff and Mr. Mallory regarding the anticipated process to notify the property owners of the TPZ recoupment fee.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Nixon and unanimously carried to introduce, waive and approve the first reading of the proposed Trinity 7277 LLC – Edwards rezoning to amend Zoning District Map 10-6.205-592; and direct the Clerk to schedule a continued public hearing on adoption of the CEQA exemption and a second reading of the ordinance amending Zoning District Map 10-6.205-592 on July 3, 2018 at 1:30p.m.

COUNTY COUNSEL - Discussion, direction and possible action re first reading of an ordinance adding Section 2-8.15 to Title 2, Chapter 8 of the Siskiyou County Code regarding the leasing of County owned property. Dropped from the agenda.

Chair Haupt advised that this item was dropped from the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Agriculture Commissioner and local irrigator within the Tulelake Irrigation District zone Jim Smith shared concerns regarding a recent lawsuit related to a Klamath River/Lake biological opinion that could negatively impact the availability of water from Upper Klamath Lake for the farmers/ranchers/irrigators in Siskiyou, Modoc and Klamath counties.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Smith, Assessor-Recorder Mike Mallory and Sheriff Jon Lopey regarding the need for additional information and a future agenda item related to the potential impacts associated with a lack of irrigation water for the area.

Later in the meeting Mr. Mallory clarified the Board’s request for additional information related to the potential negative fiscal impacts (property values) related to the potential for irrigation water to be shut off.

PUBLIC REQUESTS - SISKIYOU MEDIA COUNCIL - Discussion, direction and possible action re overview of public access television programming provided by Siskiyou Media Council and request for funding, in the amount of $10,000 for the 2018/19 fiscal year. Funding, in the amount of $5,000 approved.

Siskiyou Media Council (SMC) Board President Richard Dinges and SMC representatives Eugene Whitley, Rennie Cleland and Executive Director Bruce Deutsch distributed and presented a 21-page powerpoint presentation, including a history of the SMC to provide public access cable and community-interest information throughout the County. Mr. Deutsch advised that the decline of cable television lead the SMC to consider expanding its scope to include video, web/social media and YouTube to better serve local communities.

Mr. Deutsch continued the powerpoint, including an overview of proposed integrated approach to tourism marketing efforts and the plans to develop a pilot program to integrate community-based Digital Media Center with Media Communications Career Technical Education (CTE) at local schools. Mr. Deutsch advised that weekly student news broadcasts could be distributed on SMC local channels in addition to YouTube (i.e. digital/social media based platforms). Mr. Deutsch requested a contribution, in the amount of $10,000 to support the purchase of video kits for Digital Media Teams.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Deutsch and others present regarding the efforts to provide digital news, media and governmental meetings to the public in web streaming platforms versus cable access, the various types of community activities/information that could be provided by Digital Media Teams, the SMC’s anticipated future process to seek out grant funding opportunities and to request funding from local schools and the County’s decreasing budget/funding.

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It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff to contribute funding, in the amount of $5,000 to the Siskiyou Media Council for FY 18/19.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION** - Discussion and possible direction re presentation of the 2018 Siskiyou County Behavioral Health Needs and Community Capacity Assessment. Presentation and discussion only.

Behavioral Health Services Director Sarah Collard and Behavioral Health Task Group (BHTG) representative Marta McKenzie distribute and presented a six-page powerpoint presentation of the Needs and Capacity Assessment Update.

Ms. McKenzie provided a brief history of the BHTG, which was established to explore opportunities to increase access to mental health and substance abuse/use services in the County. Ms. McKenzie identified various BHTG participants, as well as the current objectives related to a grant received from the Blue Shield of California Foundation, which included development and update of the Needs and Community Capacity Assessment.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. McKenzie and Ms. Collard regarding drug related death rates, the potential impact of the availability of naloxone treatment for opioid overdoses and the Board’s request for additional information regarding the age groups associated with drug-induced deaths.

Continuing the powerpoint, Ms. McKenzie summarized various methods for identifying/collecting data for the Needs and Capacity Assessment, including Behavioral Health status, estimating service needs, identifying service providers, etc. Ms. McKenzie further summarized various findings developed from a community/consumer survey and provided an overview of various changes in the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) system.

Further discussion followed regarding the efforts being made to integrate mental health services along with primary care and physical health treatment/services, various outreach efforts/community care teams to implement that integration, the benefits associated with a program to provide '211' telephone and web-based information concerning available health resources and potential opportunities to include statistics related to homelessness in the assessment.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/COUNTY WEBSITE REDESIGN COMMITTEE** - Presentation re redesign of the County's website and presentation of County employee awards for the County of Siskiyou Motto/Tagline, Logo and website photo contests.

Information Technology (IT) Senior Specialist Systems Technician Judy Crawford provided a brief overview of the request to provide an update regarding a redesign of the County’s website and introduced County Website Redesign Committee member Ali Stillwell. Ms. Crawford distributed a 15-page powerpoint presentation, including an overview of the efforts to redesign the County's webpage and associated committee.

Ms. Crawford summarized the basic design elements for a new website, advising that Municode Web, a local government only vendor was chosen, County departments would continue to be responsible for managing content on the website and that the Discover Siskiyou color palette was also chosen by the Committee.

Continuing the powerpoint, Ms. Crawford displayed a screenshot of a sample home page, including various sections/blocks to provide a link to specific information, and provided an example of the layout for the main and expanded menus, speaking in support of efforts to minimize the need to 'scroll' to find certain information (improve responsive access from smartphones). Ms. Crawford advised that 'Mountains of Opportunity' was chosen as the County’s tagline.

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Brief discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Crawford and Ms. Stillwell regarding potential locations on the website for various departmental information/links and the ability to change the homepage highlight/focus during different times of the year (i.e. wildfire information in the summer months).

Ms. Stillwell provided an overview of efforts being made to develop a sustainable brand/identity for the County that could be advocated by County employees and the Board. Ms. Stillwell recommended both an internal brand (how employees see the County) and an external brand (how the community sees the County.

Continuing the powerpoint, Ms. Crawford provided an overview of the current design of the County Seal, recommending use of the County Seal for official Board of Supervisors’ documents, with a County Logo to be used on various other County documents (i.e. letterhead, etc). Ms. Crawford displayed examples of the Committee-designed County Logo in various iterations, fonts, colors, advising that the Logo design follows the Mountains of Opportunity Motto including an outline/line drawing of Mount Shasta over the words ‘County of Siskiyou’.

Ms. Crawford advised that Leah Loughlin from Child Support created the ‘Mountains of Opportunity’ Motto and that the photo contest winners were Kim Foster, Assessor-Recorder’s Office, Brenda Bigler, District Attorney’s Office and Jasen Vela, Emergency Services. Ms. Crawford displayed each winning photo in the powerpoint.

Chair Haupt presented each employee with their awards.

Further discussion followed regarding the simplicity of the suggested Logo, various Logo iterations in black/white or color to suit the anticipated use and the ongoing efforts to finalize website design particulars.

CLOSED SESSION - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a), four cases, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), two cases, commenced at 12:30p.m., concluded at 1:35p.m., with no action taken.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan announced that closed session concluded at 1:35p.m, with no reportable action taken.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution regarding certain terms and conditions of employment for County Elected Department Heads, effective May 15, 2018 through May 15, 2020.

Following an overview of the request from County Administrator Terry Barber, it was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Nixon and carried with Supervisors Kobseff, Criss, Nixon and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela voting NO to adopt Resolution 18-66 for the salary and benefits for Elected Department Heads.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to revise the County’s self-insured retiree dental health plan and associated retiree contributions. Discussion and direction only.

County Administrator Terry Barber provided an overview of the request, advising that currently approximately 310 retirees are on the County’s self-funded dental health plan and the associated premium payments do not cover the entire cost of the plan benefits.

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Ms. Barber further advised that the $25 per month premium is the same no matter the number of members on the plan (retirees and their dependents’ maximum coverage is $1,000 per member per year) and that the Board of Supervisors can set the monthly amount for health and dental insurance premiums. Ms. Barber shared concerns regarding the increasing costs associated with processing retiree premium billings/payments, recommending that a third party contractor be analyzed to provide those services. Ms. Barber further requested the Board consider discontinuing the provision of dental benefits to retiree survivors and advised that efforts are being made to explore alternative dental plans that could be more cost effective.

Former County employee Ruth Simpson shared concerns regarding the potential increased costs associated with the dental health plan for retired County employees.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Barber regarding four responses received by the Administrator’s Office with regard to the proposed dental health plan changes, the need for further review/research into alternative dental plans, the potential to utilize a tiered premium for retirees and dependents to cover the costs of the plan and Board members support for the County Administrator’s recommendations to: continue to explore alternative dental plans, contract out the dental billing to a third party administrator, research an increase in retiree contribution for dental health plan premiums (tiered premiums) to cover the costs of benefits and discontinue providing dental benefits to retiree survivors effective July 1, 2018.

NATURAL RESOURCES - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to ratify letter to California State Assemblyman Jim Wood, District 2 stating opposition to AB 2640 Protected species: Lost River sucker and shortnose sucker limited take authorization. Letter ratified/approved.

Natural Resource Policy Specialist Elizabeth Nielsen provided an overview of the request, advising that a letter was developed and sent to State Assemblyman Jim Wood in opposition to Assembly Bill 2640 (AB 2640) on June 6, 2018. Ms. Nielsen shared concerns that AB 2640 could grant a legislative waiver of the protections in place for Lost River and shortnose suckers and that removal of the Klamath River dams could negatively impact potential recovery of those populations in Upper Klamath Lake. Ms. Nielsen advised that the Bill went before the Senate earlier in the day, but the outcome of the Bill was not currently known.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Nielsen regarding a recent conference call with a Senate Natural Resource consultant regarding the County’s concerns, the lack of data regarding the possible disease in suckers behind the Klamath River dams and the need for further information related to incidental take exceptions (i.e. safe harbor agreements).

It was moved by Supervisor Criss and seconded by Supervisor Haupt to ratify the letter sent to California State Assemblyman Jim Wood, District 2 stating opposition to AB 2640 Protected species: Lost River sucker and shortnose sucker limited take authorization.

Following further discussion regarding the need to monitor issues and share the Board/County’s concerns earlier in the legislative process, the Chair called for the question and the motion to ratify the letter carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a), four cases, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), two cases, commenced at 2:37p.m., concluded at 2:55p.m., with no action taken.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan announced that closed session concluded at 10:00a.m, with no reportable action taken.

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BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

There were no board or staff reports given.

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

ATTEST:  
COLLEEN SETZER, COUNTY CLERK

By: ________________________  
Deputy

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Ray A. Haupt, Chair