

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, April 16, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 16th day of April 2024; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Ray A. Haupt, 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.

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. 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

Chair Kobseff advised that the Forest Service would not be able to attend the meeting to present their item on the agenda.

In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Union representative/negotiator Clayton Raposa appeared before the Board, speaking in support of the efforts being made to negotiate with the County for IHSS providers. Mr. Raposa read a letter from a local IHSS provider requesting the County's support for an increased wage for IHSS providers.

Local resident Jim Leach appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the potential need for mental health services for citizens being impacted by the Klamath River dam removal project. Additionally, Mr. Leach requested to be notified if/when the water in the Klamath River could be used for livestock and irrigation needs.

Supervisor Haupt advised of being in contact with the UC Extension Office with regard to agricultural water usage, with additional information to come later.

Participation in presentations from the public by various members of the public was provided via ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Caller Copco resident Chrissie Reynolds sharing concerns regarding the County's draft letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)(agenda item 7C), suggesting revision and/or additions with regard to large-scale fencing, communication/public engagement and wildfire mitigation measures.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Supervisor Ogren's request, item 5F, Health and Human Services - Public Health Division's Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the award under CDPH and administered by The Center at Sierra Health Foundation COPHRI for County of Siskiyou, for an allocation up to \$630,000, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Supervisor Kobseff's request, item 5H, Health and Human Services - Social Services Division's addendum to contract with Social Change Partners, LLC, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Criss 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

Approve the letter expressing concerns about AB 2973 (Hart) to the Chairs of the Assembly on Emergency Management and the Committee on Health Management, and authorize the Chair to sign.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

County Administration - Personnel

Adopt Resolution P 24-62 Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule, Position Allocation List, and new classifications specifications for positions in County service effective April 28, 2024.

General Services - Airports

Authorize the Chair to execute the First Addendum to the Ground Lease between the County of Siskiyou and Mitchell and Paulette Cary Living Trust for the term of September 1, 2023 through August 30, 2050.

General Services - Airports

Authorize the Chair to execute the Ground Lease First Addendum between the County of Siskiyou and Edward M Medlin for the term of January 1st 2016 through December 31st 2025.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to approve the 1st Amendment between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Community Care Expansion (CCE) Preservation Program through the California Department of Social Services.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and the University of California at Davis, for the effective term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the Addendum to the Grant Agreement between the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Social Services Division, and the California Department of Aging for the Access to Technology Grant.

Office of Emergency Services

Approve contract and direct Auditor to establish budgeting, including activity code, as outlined in the grant guidance.

Transfer of Funds - General County Fire - \$17,000. Resolution 24-63 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Inmate Health - \$100,000. Resolution 24-64 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Predatory Animal Control - \$1,280. Resolution 24-65 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$5,000. Resolution 24-66 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Siskiyou Transit and General Express - \$565,551. Resolution 24-67 adopted.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division - Adopt Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the award under CDPH (California Department of Public Health) and administered by The Center at Sierra Health Foundation (The Center) COPHRI (California Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Initiative) for County of Siskiyou, for an allocation up to \$630,000 for the period March 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. Resolution 24-68 adopted.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Ogren's request. Supervisor Ogren shared concerns regarding the amount of funding allocated to administration versus funding for the program.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard and Project Coordinator Jessica Skillen appeared before the Board.

In response to Supervisor Ogren regarding the California Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Initiative program and associated funding allocation, Ms. Skillen provided an overview of the Program, including the services provided by the various Public Health mobile units and outreach efforts.

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Health and Human Services - Public Health Division – (continued)

Ms. Skillen advised that the needle exchange portion of the Program constituted approximately 10%, and that various schools have reached out to the Department requesting Narcan training.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Skillen and Ms. Collard regarding the various mobile unit vans that provide differing services Countywide, the associated funding for those services and requests for information/statistics related to the needle/syringe exchange program.

Supervisors Haupt and Kobseff shared opposition to the needle exchange portion of the Program.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Ms. Skillen summarized the Department's process for purchasing and distributing Narcan to various entities.

Following further discussion regarding the benefits associated with interacting with clients during the needle exchange and other program events, the intake process to verify clients are eligible to receive certain services, the need to outreach to area schools with regard to overdoses and Narcan training opportunities, 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, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Governing Board Resolution 24-68 with The Center at Sierra Health Foundation (The Center), for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) funding for the California Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Initiative (COPHRI), authorize the County Administrator to act on behalf of the County to execute any and all program award documents as outlined in Section 2 of the Resolution and authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriation and set expenditures per the agreement guidelines, for the allocation up to \$630,000.00, with spending authority through June 30, 2027.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division - Approve addendum to contract with Social Change Partners, LLC for the California Outcomes and Accountability Review, increasing the contract by \$25,000 to a total not to exceed \$75,000, deleting and replacing Exhibit A - Specific Services and extending the term through November 30, 2024. Approved.

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

Social Services Division Director Trish Barbieri and Deputy Director of Social Services Corey Watson appeared before the Board.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff regarding the provision of certain services to refugees, Ms. Barbieri advised that the County does not have clients that are refugees participating in any of the Department's programs and that California regulations require certain services be available.

Following discussion between members of the Board, Ms. Barbieri and Ms. Watson regarding agreement Exhibit C - Federal Grants and Awards Assistance Listings (AL) that is required of the Department to be included in agreements in order to inform vendors of the AL codes, 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 the Chair sign the Addendum to the Contract with Social Changes Partners to delete and replace Exhibit A, increase the amount of the Contract to \$75,000.00 and extend the term to November 30, 2024.

Public Requests - United States Forest Service - Shasta-Trinity National Forest - Presentation of an update re various National Forest activities. Continued to a later date.

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

General Services – Airports - Presentation of an update re all Siskiyou County Airport activities since April 2, 2024. Presentation and discussion only.

General Services Director Joy Hall summarized construction activities taking place at the Weed Airport, provided an update regarding restroom improvements at the Siskiyou County Airport and advised of being in contact with the Forest Service with regard to development of an Abandonment Plan for the Happy Camp Airport.

Brief discussion followed between Supervisor Kobseff and Ms. Hall regarding outreach to pilots regarding the construction activities at the Weed Airport.

Presentations from the Public

District Attorney Kirk Andrus appeared before the Board, providing an update regarding efforts being made to address illegal cannabis cultivation in the County and advising of two recent felony convictions for same. Mr. Andrus further advised of additional felony cases being addressed.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to draft a letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) providing comments on updated hazard information on the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report. Staff directed to draft/submit letter, if needed, to FEMA.

Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report that that FEMA requested a County response by April 28, 2024. Ms. Nielsen additionally advised that the Community Development Department reviewed FEMA's documents and confirmed that no new flood plain mapping would occur for the Klamath River corridor for years following the ongoing dam removal project.

Supervisor Haupt advised of the need to research possible impact of the FIRM and FIS report to jurisdictional wetlands for agricultural production.

Supervisor Criss advised of the need to research potential impact to flood plain in the McCloud area.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed, Ms. Nielsen and Community Development Director Rick Dean regarding the issues to include in a letter to FEMA, if a letter is needed, including requesting cleanup of possible technical errors in the FIRM and FIS report, jurisdictional wetlands and possible impacts to the McCloud area, the potential lengthy timeframe in which flood plain development in the Klamath River corridor could occur, possible impacts of the FIRM and FIS report on the County's building codes.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to direct staff to draft and submit a letter, if needed, to address questions regarding possible impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and agricultural production and possible impacts to the McCloud area.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re draft letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) formally communicating primary concerns related to Lower Klamath Dam Removal Project and making certain requests to FERC to address these concerns. Approved.

Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen provided an overview of the request, sharing concerns that issues have not been resolved by the County's informal interaction with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Ms. Nielsen summarized various topics addressed in the letter with regard to The Klamath Mitigation Fund (KMF) and the dam removal project's Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII) designation. Ms. Nielsen requested authorization for the draft letter to be placed on Nossaman, LLP (the firm intervened in the FERC proceedings on the County's behalf) letterhead prior to submission to FERC.

In response to Supervisor Haupt, Ms. Nielsen read an email from the Klamath River Renewal Corporation's (KRRC's) Chief Executive Officer Mark Bransom stating that the KRRC would no longer attend the County's proposed bi-weekly Public Information and Permits meetings and was reconsidering whether to continue participation in the County's special Board meetings regarding dam removal.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Nielsen regarding concerns related to communication with the Office of Emergency Services (OES) during emergency situations, the need to address resources for the initial attack of wildfires (i.e. deep river pools and/or dip tanks), requested additional water quality sampling and testing, the need to request that FERC require evaluation of additional, potential impacts associated with dam removal activities (i.e. residents' health issues), the portion of the letter addressing the KMF and the need to address possible negative impacts to fisheries populations.

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County Administration – (continued)

Ms. Nielsen requested that the Board approve the letter, including minor edits to the document (i.e. adding citations and footnotes, formatting the document, grammatical errors), the addition of language related to installation and maintenance of firefighting resources by KRRC, language addressing the KRRC email regarding their participation in bi-weekly meetings, requested evaluation of potential citizens' health impacts by the KMF, requested commitment to additional (one or more rounds) of water quality testing and language addressing fisheries recovery.

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 letter, including the additional language and requests as detailed by Ms. Nielsen, and authorize Nossaman LLP to submit the letter to FERC on the County's behalf.

Public Hearings - Community Development – Planning - Public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of an existing Williamson Act Contract under Application APA-23-20 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Nerva (Tom) Hayden Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry, Agricultural Preserve Amendment Project, located north and east of the City of Etna CA. Resolutions 24-69 (amend) and 24-70 (reentry) adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of an existing Williamson Act Contract under Application APA-23-20 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Nerva (Tom) Hayden Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry, Agricultural Preserve Amendment Project.

Supervisor Criss recused himself from consideration of this item and left the Board Chambers.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to rescind property from an existing Williamson Act contract, currently with multiple property owners, to reissue a new Williamson Act contract solely under one property owner. Ms. Cizin additionally summarized the property's commercial agricultural use and requested that the project be considered exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts.

In response to Chair Kobseff, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office had not received any correspondence related to this item.

There being no public comment, the public hearing was declared closed.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED, to determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts; and adopt the attached Resolution 24-69 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve; and adopt the attached Resolution 24-70 approving the rescission & reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract.

Public Hearings - Community Development – Planning - Public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of an existing Williamson Act Contract under Application APA-23-22 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Charles Hayden Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry, Agricultural Preserve Amendment Project, located north and east of the City of Etna CA. Resolutions 24-71 (amend) and 24-72 (reentry) adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of an existing Williamson Act Contract under Application APA-23-22 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Charles Hayden Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry, Agricultural Preserve Amendment Project.

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Public Hearings - Community Development – Planning – (continued)

Supervisor Criss was recused from consideration of this item and remained outside of the Board Chambers.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to rescind property from an existing Williamson Act contract, currently with multiple property owners, to reissue a new Williamson Act contract solely under one property owner. Ms. Cizin additionally summarized the property's commercial agricultural use and requested that the project be considered exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts.

In response to Chair Kobseff, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office had not received any correspondence related to this item.

There being no public comment, the public hearing was declared closed.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED, to determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts; and adopt the attached Resolution 24-71 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve; and adopt the attached Resolution 24-72 approving the rescission & reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract.

Public Hearings - Community Development – Planning - Public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of an existing Williamson Act Contract under Application APA-23-23 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Earnest Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry, Agricultural Amendment Project, located north of the City of Etna CA. Resolutions 24-73 (amend) and 24-74 (reentry) adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of an existing Williamson Act Contract under Application APA-23-23 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Earnest Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry, Agricultural Amendment Project.

Supervisor Criss was recused from consideration of this item and remained outside of the Board Chambers.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to rescind property from an existing Williamson Act contract, currently with multiple property owners, to reissue a new Williamson Act contract solely under one property owner. Ms. Cizin additionally summarized the property's commercial agricultural use and requested that the project be considered exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts.

In response to Chair Kobseff, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office received one public hearing notification letter back as undeliverable.

There being no public comment, the public hearing was declared closed.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED, to determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts; and adopt the attached Resolution 24-73 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve; and adopt the attached Resolution 24-74 approving the rescission & reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract.

Public Hearings - Community Development – Planning - Public hearing to consider Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for properties under Williamson Act Contract Nos. 71018, 71036, 71051, 71061A, 71061B, 72043, 76024, 77037, 78034 and 78028, located in areas throughout the County. Resolution 24-75 adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for properties under Williamson Act Contract Nos. 71018, 71036, 71051, 71061A, 71061B, 72043, 76024, 77037, 78034 and 78028.

Supervisor Criss was recused from consideration of this item and remained outside of the Board Chambers.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to issue Notices of Non-Renewal for various properties in Williamson Act contracts found to be non-compliant under the County's Williamson Act (WA) Program rules and procedures. Additionally, Ms. Cizin provided an overview of each of the WA Contracts for property owners Metcalf, Ontario Unlimited, Eastlick, Hester, Szabados, Rescue Ranch, Stafford and Hartman, including the reasons for the recommendation of non-renewal (i.e. no qualified agricultural use of the property, no response to surveys sent out, minimum parcel size not met).

In response to Chair Kobseff, Ms. Cizin summarized the WA Contract Non-Renewal processes and associated timelines and the process available to property owners who may wish to re-apply for a WA Contract.

In response to Chair Kobseff, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Wingham advised that the Clerk's Office received two public hearing notification letters back as undeliverable.

There being no public comment, the public hearing was declared closed.

Following discussion between Supervisor Haupt and Ms. Cizin regarding WA Contract Nos. 71051, Eastlick and 78028, Hartman, including the size of the parcels and lack of eligible agricultural uses, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED, to adopt Resolution 24-75 directing staff to Issue a Notice of Non-Renewal to Williamson Act Contracts No. 71018, 71036, 71051, 71061A, 71061B, 72043, 76024, 77037, 78034, 78028 and hereby taking the following actions: determine that the proposed issuance of Non-Renewals of Williamson Act contracts is categorically exempt under Section 15317 of the CEQA Guidelines; and authorize staff to process the Notice of Non-Renewals with any changes directed by the Board.

Supervisor Criss returned to the Board Chambers.

Public Hearings - Community Development – Planning - Public hearing for the first reading of an ordinance reclassifying land in the unincorporated area of Weed from Non-Prime Agricultural (AG-2) to Non-Prime Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size (AG-2-B-40) on APN: 020-400-190 and Non-Prime Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size (AG-2-B-40) to Non-Prime Agricultural (AG-2) on APN: 020-380-030; Township 42 North, Range 5 West, Section 36, MDB&M, for the McMahan Zone Change (Z-23-05) project located west of Highway 97. First reading approved; public hearing continued to May 7, 2024 for the second reading of the ordinance.

This was the time set for a public hearing for the first reading of an ordinance reclassifying land in the unincorporated area of Weed from Non-Prime Agricultural (AG-2) to Non-Prime Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size (AG-2-B-40) on APN: 020-400-190 and Non-Prime Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size (AG-2-B-40) to Non-Prime Agricultural (AG-2) on APN: 020-380-030; Township 42 North, Range 5 West, Section 36, MDB&M, for the McMahan Zone Change (Z-23-05) project.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

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Public Hearings - Community Development – Planning – (continued)

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to rezone acreage in two parcels to facility a Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) and consolidate lands into one parcel. Ms. Cizin additionally requested that the project be considered exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to the 'common sense exemption'.

In response to Chair Kobseff, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office received one public hearing notification letter back as undeliverable.

There were no public comments received.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to introduce, waive, and approve the first reading of the proposed McMahon rezoning to amend Zoning District Map 10-6.205-412; 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 10-6.205-412 on May 7, 2024.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the unscheduled vacancy on the Tennant Community Services District, for a short term ending December 4, 2026 to establish a quorum. Continued to May 7, 2024.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request for the Board to make an appointment to establish a quorum for the Tennant Community Services District. Ms. Winningham advised that local resident Stephen Lee Adams submitted a letter of interest and was eligible to serve as an active, registered voter residing within the District.

Supervisor Criss requested that this item be continue to the next regular Board meeting.

Following brief discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Winningham regarding the request to continue and the District's inability to be operational until a quorum in established, the item was continued to May 7, 2024.

Minute Approval - March 19, March 26 and April 2, 2024. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to approve the March 19 and 26, 2024 minutes as presented.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSTAINING, to approve the April 2, 2024 minutes as presented.

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisor Haupt reported on his attendance at an American Forest Resource Council conference in Washington State and advised of an upcoming Firefighter of the Year banquet. Additionally, Supervisor Haupt advised of plans to present at an upcoming National Fire Symposium in Redding.

Supervisor Criss advised of his attendance at a Klamath Water Users Association (KWUA) dinner, a Dorris Lions Club meeting, an Ore-Cal RC& D Board meeting, a California RC&D Board meeting, a Superior California Economic Development (SCED) meeting, a Lower Klamath Solutions meeting and reported on the recent Klamath Project water allocation announcement and a press release from the KWUA regarding a request for full water allocations for 2024. Supervisor Criss additionally advised of fuel break prescribed burn activities in the McCloud area.

Supervisor Valenzuela advised of his attendance at a California State Wildfire Resiliency meeting in Escondido, a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) leadership class in Humboldt County, a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) meeting and a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting. Supervisor Valenzuela additionally advised of his participation in a conflict resolution meeting with County Counsel and advised of his plans to meet with Sierra Nevada Conservancy representatives and to attend a legislative conference in Sacramento.

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Board and Staff Reports – (continued)

Supervisor Ogren advised of her attendance at a Continuum of Care (COC) Advisory Board meeting, a Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) project meeting, the Yreka Carnegie Library project Groundbreaking event, a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) meeting, a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting and advised of her participation in a conflict resolution meeting with County Counsel. Supervisor Ogren additionally advised of her attendance at a Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission meeting, a PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging RFP review committee meeting, a North Coast Resource Partnership Executive Committee meeting, a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation meeting, a broadband meeting with Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA), a PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging Executive Board meeting, an Ore-Cal RC&D meeting and a Behavioral Health Services Board meeting.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of his attendance at a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting, the Yreka Carnegie Library project Groundbreaking event, the Klamath Water Users Association (KWUA) annual meeting and the Weed Sons of Italy 100th Anniversary event, where he presented the Board’s Resolution honoring their 100th anniversary.

Brief discussion followed between members of the Board, Community Development Director Rick Dean and County Administrator Angela Davis regarding an earlier public request regarding information related to notification if/when the water in the Klamath River could be used for livestock and irrigation needs and for possible Behavioral Health assistance.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), three cases, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), two cases, commenced at 11:19 a.m., concluded at 11:53 a.m., with no action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 11:53 a.m., with no reportable action taken. In addition, Ms. Reed advised that, with regard to item 12D, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), two cases, one case was dropped from the agenda.

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Michael N. Kobseff, Chair

By: _____
Deputy