

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, May 20, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 20th day of May 2025; there being present Supervisors Jess Harris, 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 Ogren. 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, Siskiyou Power Authority and County Service Area 4. Deputy County Administrator Sherry Lawson led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), one case and conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), one case, commenced at 8:30 a.m., concluded at 9:37 a.m., with no action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 9:37 a.m., with no reportable action taken.

Invocation - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain James Howe provided an invocation.

Presentations from the Public

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard appeared before the Board and provided a brief update regarding the housing project on Deer Creek Way, Yreka. Ms. Collard advised that the developer had been unable to secure adequate funding that the project was not moving forward at the current time.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Supervisor Haupt's request, item 7I, Public Health's Amended Grant Agreement with California Department of Public Health for the California Public Health Workforce Career Ladder Education and Development Program, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Supervisor Kobseff's request, item 7J, Public Works' Resolution certifying maintained mileage within the County, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren 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 Workplace Violence Prevention Plan and attached Exhibit A, and to allow required updates as needed.

County Administration

Authorize the Deputy County Administrator, Sherry Lawson, to execute OMNIA Partners' Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and Terms of Use on behalf of the County, allowing all departments to utilize competitively bid contracts available through OMNIA.

County Administration

Ratify the letter to Daniel Berlant, California State Fire Marshal regarding a 120-day time extension due to significant concerns regarding the Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps.

County Counsel

Approve the Thirtieth Addendum to Professional Services Retention Agreement with Nossaman increasing the compensation under the Contract by \$10,000.00, and authorize the Board chair to execute same.

Continued...

Consent Agenda – (continued)

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Third Addendum to the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Sacramento Behavioral Healthcare Hospital, LLC., incorporating rate updates for FY24/25 & FY25/26. The contract term is July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and CalMHSA for the term commencing June 30, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Reno Behavioral Healthcare Hospital, LLC for the term commencing May 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First Addendum to the Canon USA Inc copier lease for additional funds.

Public Works

Approve and authorize chairperson to sign the Local Transportation Fund Claim for FY 25/26 in the amount of \$1,038,802.

Public Works

Request that the Board of Chair sign the Resolution 25-62 adopting a list of projects for fiscal year 25/26 funded by SB 1: The Road Repair Accountability Act of 2017.

Transfer of Funds - Code Enforcement - \$75,364. Resolution 25-63 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - General County Fire - \$30,492.82. Resolution 25-64 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Health and Human Services Agency - \$138,191. Resolution 25-65 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Road Department - \$142,321.13. Resolution 25-66 adopted.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division - Approve Amended Grant Agreement with California Department of Public Health (CDPH), for the California Public Health Workforce Career Ladder Education and Development Program, increasing contract by \$80,000 for a total not to exceed \$145,400, for the term ending June 30, 2026. Approved.

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

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard and Public Health Division's Fiscal Program Manager Dawn Walton appeared before the Board.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Ms. Collard advised that a portion of the funding was/would be utilized for staff development during work hours and a portion for staff training/education on their own time.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Ms. Walton advised that the Department has submitted reports versus completing an audit of the program.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to accept and approve the Amendment agreement with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), for the California Public Health Workforce Career Ladder Education and Development Program (PH-Career Ladder), for the term February 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026, for a total amount not to exceed \$145,400, authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriations as outlined in the agreement, and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment Grant Agreement #22-11325, A1.

Public Works - Adopt Resolution certifying maintained mileage within the County of Siskiyou as 1,353.646 miles as of May 20, 2025. Resolution 25-67 adopted.

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

Public Works Director Tom Deany appeared before the Board. In response to Supervisor Haupt regarding maintained mileage in the county versus total road mileage, Mr. Deany advised that there are dedicated County highways that may not be maintained or accounted for in the maintained mileage total.

Supervisor Haupt requested information regarding the number of road miles within the County beyond the maintained mileage total.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to approve and adopt Resolution 25-67 certifying Maintained Mileage within the County of Siskiyou.

Public Requests - U.S. Forest Service - Shasta-Trinity National Forest - Presentation of an update re the Mount Shasta and McCloud Ranger Districts, concerning fire readiness for this summer and a summary of recent activities and planned projects. Presentation and discussion only.

District Ranger for the Mount Shasta and McCloud Ranger Districts Joe Rodarme and Fuels Specialist Hanne Meyers appeared before the Board.

Mr. Rodarme presented a powerpoint presentation, including an update regarding resources (i.e. staffing, vehicles, patrols, etc.) anticipated for the 2025 fire season and various prescribed burns that took place in the spring. Mr. Rodarme summarized active timber sales, replanting efforts within the Lava Fire footprint and upcoming/future planning project which included roads repair, fuels treatment development and the associated public engagement (i.e. meetings and comment periods). Additionally, Mr. Rodarme provided anticipated road repair activities, including road/area closures within both Ranger Districts for storm damage, logging operations and addressing Port Orford Cedar Root Disease.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Mr. Rodarme regarding detection of the Port Orford Cedar Root Disease, mileage and locations of various roads within the Lava Fire footprint/area possibly being decommissioned, the Management Unit's work with California and US Fish and Wildlife agencies, funding applied for but not received yet for the Ski Park Highway Project, the need for additional information regarding the status of Military Pass and Mud Creek Roads, no plans for the Forest Service to permanently close existing roads, a recent letter received from the Modoc National Forest concerning wolf activity, seasonal staffing levels, recreational sites availability and the status of a USGS risk assessment report related to mud/debris flows from Mt. Shasta.

County Counsel - Discussion and possible direction re an update concerning Charter County discussion and a potential future California State Association of Counties presentation.

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed provided a brief overview of the request, advising that staff had researched the Board's earlier request for a possible presentation regarding Charter Counties from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). Ms. Reed advised that CSAC was willing to present before the Board although their schedule would place it late in September.

In response to Mr. Reed, it was the consensus of the Board for staff to request and schedule a presentation from CSAC regarding Charter Counties.

Board Of Supervisors' Request - 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; staff directed to evaluate possible new emergency declaration for Board consideration at a later date.

Supervisor Haupt spoke in support of extending the emergency declaration and revising/modifying the current declaration to recognize low numbers of fish from the Shasta and Scott systems.

Continued...

Board Of Supervisors' Request - Board of Supervisors – (continued)

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed advised that modification of the current emergency was not possible, although a new emergency declaration could be developed to address new circumstances for an emergency declaration.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Reed regarding concerns over minimal numbers of fish from both river systems, the ability to extend the current emergency declaration and direct staff to research a possible new emergency declaration.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren 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.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to direct staff to further evaluate possible conditions for a new emergency and bring back before the Board at a later date.

Board Of Supervisors' Request - Supervisor Ed Valenzuela - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution commending and thanking the Friends of Tauhindauli Park and Trail at Upper Soda Springs, a community-based 501(C)(3) organization, for its contributions to Siskiyou County and commending and supporting its efforts to accept additional responsibility for Tauhindauli Park in Dunsmuir, California. Resolution 25-68 adopted.

Supervisor Valenzuela provided an overview of the request, speaking in support of the Friends of Tauhindauli Park and Trail group that was interested in becoming owners of the Park and requested that the completed Resolution be forwarded to California Senator Megan Dahle's Office's representative Bruce Ross.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to adopt Resolution 25-68 commending and thanking the Friends of Tauhindauli Park and Trail at Upper Soda Springs, for its contributions to Siskiyou County and commending and supporting its efforts to accept additional responsibility for Tauhindauli Park in Dunsmuir, California.

Minute Approval - May 6, 2025. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to approve the May 6, 2025 minutes as presented.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance reclassifying land west of the City of Weed from Non-Prime Agricultural (AG-2) to Rural Residential Agricultural, 5-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-5) on APN : 021-640-070; Township 41 North, Range 5 West, Section 15, MDB&M, for the Pfeiffer Zone Change (Z-24-02) Project. Ordinance 25-03 adopted.

This was the time set for a continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance reclassifying land west of the City of Weed from Non-Prime Agricultural (AG-2) to Rural Residential Agricultural, 5-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-5) on APN : 021-640-070; Township 41 North, Range 5 West, Section 15, MDB&M, for the Pfeiffer Zone Change (Z-24-02) Project, having been introduced on May 6, 2025.

Senior Planner Rachel Jereb appeared before the Board and provided a brief overview of the request to rezone the subject property in order to facilitate a Tentative Parcel Map project at a future date. Ms. Jereb advised that the Department had not received correspondence related to the project.

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

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

Continued...

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division – (continued)

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to adopt the categorical exemption and “common sense” exemption for the project pursuant to CEQA; and waive the second reading of the draft ordinance amending Zoning District Map 10-6.205-451; and adopt the draft Ordinance 25-03 amending Zoning District Map 10-6.205-451.

Board and Staff Reports

County Administrator Angela Davis shared concerns regarding the current State budget with an estimated \$12 billion shortfall and reminded the Board and staff to keep in mind potential impacts as the County goes through the preliminary budget process. Later, in response to Supervisor Kobseff, Ms. Davis advised that the Weed Airport was open and operational following completion of the Weed Taxiway and Apron Reconstruction Project.

Supervisor Haupt advised of participating in a video teleconference call with Senator Limon and others and Supervisor Kobseff with regard to AB 263 (water flow regulations in the Scott and Shasta Rivers), a meeting with California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) regarding the same issue and a meeting with a local rancher, including Supervisor Kobseff, regarding the County’s Williamson Act Contracts/Agricultural Preserve program. Supervisor Haupt reported on a meeting with Klamath National Forest (KNF) and including Supervisor Ogren, regarding fire readiness, road closures and the McKinney Fire recovery. Supervisor Haupt advised of plans to work with County legislators regarding inground water tanks to be utilized for air tankers during wildfire operations.

Supervisor Harris advised of his attendance at a retirement party for General Services Director Joy Hall, a Siskiyou Republican lunch, a Town Hall in Dorris with the Sheriff and other agencies, a Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission meeting, a wolf update from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) a Dorris Lions Club meeting, a Foresters’ meeting in Weed, an Economic Development meeting in Redding, a Farm Bureau meeting and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) dinner.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of his attendance at a Tri Counties meeting, an Air Pollution Control District (APCD) meeting, his participation in a video teleconference call with Senator Limon, Senator Dahle and others including Supervisor Haupt concerning AB 263 (water flow regulations in the Scott and Shasta Rivers), a Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission meeting, a meeting regarding Williamson Act Contracts/Agricultural Preserves with Supervisor Haupt and County staff and a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) dinner.

Supervisor Ogren advised of her attendance at a North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB) meeting held in Yreka, including a tour of agricultural operations in the Shasta Valley, an Air Pollution Control District (APCD) meeting, a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) preliminary budget hearing, a Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission meeting, a PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging Resource Fair in Yreka, a meeting with Klamath National Forest (KNF) including Supervisor Haupt, a CalLAFCo regional meeting in Chico, a Foresters’ meeting in Weed and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) dinner. Supervisor Ogren additionally advised of volunteering at the Siskiyou Scenic Bike Tour (a Rotary bike race), her attendance at a PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging Executive Board meeting and a Behavioral Health Service Board meeting which included a tour of the local Siskiyou Village (pallet housing) and Basecamp shelter that should be opening soon.

Supervisor Valenzuela advised of his attendance at an Air Pollution Control District (APCD) meeting, a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) meeting, a PRISM (Workers’ Compensation) meeting, a PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging meeting via ZOOM and a community forum event in Gazelle Grange regarding the effect of recent changes in Federal government (funding, policies) on County residents.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), two cases and conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, commenced at 10:34 a.m., concluded at 10:52 a.m., with no action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 10:52 a.m., with no reportable action taken.

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Nancy Ogren, Chair

By: _____
Deputy