

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, December 2, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 2nd day of December 2025; there being present Supervisors Jess Harris, 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. Supervisors Ed Valenzuela and Michael N. Kobseff were absent.

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 County Service Area 3 and Siskiyou Power Authority. Supervisor Haupt led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

Invocation – Supervisor Haupt provided an invocation.

Presentations from the Public

Audience members Elissa Fox and Renee Klous appeared before the Board and spoke in support of local In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers receiving an increased wage above minimum wage and an approved bargaining unit contract.

Off-Agenda Item – Hornbrook Community Services District – Appointment of a Board member to the Hornbrook Community Services District due to the District falling below a quorum. Robert Puckett appointed, effective December 5, 2025.

Hornbrook Community Services District (CSD) Board member Robert Puckett and District Counsel Dana Barton appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to appoint a District Board member to prevent the CSD from falling below a quorum and for the item to be added to the agenda.

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed advised that a unanimous vote to add the item was required as there were only three Board of Supervisors' members present.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Harris and Ogren voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Kobseff ABSENT, to add an item not on the posted agenda regarding appointing a Board member to the Hornbrook Community Services District.

Following discussion between members of the Board, Mr. Puckett, Ms. Barton and Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham regarding the District Board members terms, the person requested to be appointed, the need to maintain a quorum in order to hold a Prop 218 election meeting regarding service fees and an effective date for the appointment as the District would fall below a quorum on December 5, 2025, it was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Harris and Ogren voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Kobseff ABSENT, to appoint Robert Puckett to the Hornbrook Community Services District for a four-year term, effective December 5, 2025 to establish a quorum.

Off-Agenda Item – Office of Emergency Services – Review status of local emergency regarding illegal pesticides and illicit cannabis operations declared by Resolution 25-109, adopted on July 1, 2025; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Item added to the agenda; Local emergency extended.

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed provided a brief overview of the request to add an item not on the posted agenda.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Harris and Ogren voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Kobseff ABSENT, to add an item not on the posted agenda regarding review of the status of local emergency regarding illegal pesticides and illicit cannabis operations declared by Resolution 25-109.

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to extend the local emergency.

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Off-Agenda Item – Office of Emergency Services – (continued)

Following discussion between members of the Board and Mr. Schenone regarding plans to revise the emergency proclamation to include possible public health impacts, it was moved by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Harris and Ogren voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Kobseff ABSENT, to extend the local emergency regarding illegal pesticides and illicit cannabis operations declared by Resolution 25-109.

Board of Supervisors' Requests - Board of Supervisors - Review status of local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation declared by Resolution 25-11, adopted on January 21, 2025; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to extend the local emergency.

Following discussion between members of the Board and Mr. Schenone regarding plans to revise the emergency proclamation to include possible public health impacts including potential for deaths due to carbon monoxide poisoning (as seen in previous years), it was moved by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Harris and Ogren voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Kobseff ABSENT, to extend the local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation declared by Resolution 25-11.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Supervisor Haupt's request, item 5D, County Counsel's addendum to professional services retention agreement with Nossaman LLP was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham's request, items 5E and 5F, Health and Human Services - Public Health Division's Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map Strategist Program Grant and CDPH CHVP Innovation 3.0 Project Grant were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Chair Ogren's request, item 5J, Transfers of Funds were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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

Community Development

Adopt Resolution 25-201 approving the Moratorium (regarding certain Williamson Act contract processing), to be in effect until March 31, 2026.

County Administration - Personnel

Adopt Resolution P25-202 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule, position allocation list for positions in County service effective December 7, 2025, and new classification specifications.

County Counsel

Approve Third Addendum to Agreement for Services with Renne Public Law Group, LLP, increasing the compensation under the contract by \$80,000, and authorize the Board chair to execute same.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Workforce Development Grant Agreement Number 25-10628, from the CDPH Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch. These federal funds allocated by the Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Workforce Development award are for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, FY2026, FY2027, FY2028, and FY2029, are to be used to develop, expand, train, and sustain the DIS workforce. The total allocation amount is \$478,301.00 with spending authority through June 30, 2030.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Sheriff

Ratify the Sheriff's application to the BSCC JAG Grant for fiscal year 25/26. Adopt Resolution 25-203 to authorize the Sheriff to sign any award documents or program agreements and participate in allowable activities. Allow the Auditor to make appropriations, and or, new accounting if deemed appropriate.

Sheriff

Ratify the Sheriffs 25/26 application in the amount of \$138,000.00 to the Drug Enforcement Administration covering the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. Authorize the Sheriff to accept an award and participate in the programs allowable activities. Authorize the Sheriff, or designee, and County Treasurer to sign any additional documents towards formal award acceptance. Allow the Auditor to establish budget appropriations.

County Counsel - Approve addendum to professional services retention agreement with Nossaman LLP, increasing compensation by \$15,000 to a total not to exceed \$744,750, and substituting a new Exhibit A - Rates, effective September 2025. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Haupt's request. Supervisor Haupt requested an update regarding Nossaman lobbying/activities to be brought before the Board at a later date.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Harris and Ogren voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Kobseff ABSENT, to approve the Thirty-First Addendum to Professional Services Retention Agreement with Nossaman increasing the compensation under the Contract by \$15,000, amends Exhibit "A", and authorize the Board Chair to execute same.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division - Adopt Resolution authorizing approval to compete for the Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map Strategist Program Grant for the period of January 2026 through September 2026, from the Alzheimer's Association in an anticipated award of \$50,000 with spending authority through September 30, 2026. Dropped from the agenda.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham's request. Ms. Winningham advised that the Department requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

In response, the Chair advised that this item was dropped from the agenda.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division - Adopt Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the award under the CDPH CHVP Innovation 3.0 Project Grant for County of Siskiyou, for an allocation of \$1,648,815 from California Department of Public Health for the California Home Visiting Program, with spending authority through June 30, 2029. Dropped from the agenda.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham's request. Ms. Winningham advised that the Department requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

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

Transfer of Funds - Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) - \$5,400. Continued to December 9, 2025.

Chair Ogren advised that this item was continued to December 9, 2025.

Transfer of Funds - Public Health - \$13,155.87. Continued to December 9, 2025.

Chair Ogren advised that this item was continued to December 9, 2025.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$1,168. Continued to December 9, 2025.

Chair Ogren advised that this item was continued to December 9, 2025.

County Clerk - Discussion, direction and possible action re Appointments In Lieu of Election of eligible persons to various Special Districts pursuant to California Elections Code §10515. Various appointments in lieu of election were made.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request to make appointments in lieu of election to the Sawyers Bar Water District, Hornbrook Fire Protection District, Butte Valley Fire Protection District and Grenada Fire Protection District and those persons who notified the Clerk's Office of their interest serving on each District Board.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to appoint in lieu of election Paul Liotsakis to the Sawyers Bar Water District for a full term, December 5, 2025, ending December 7, 2029.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to appoint in lieu of election Tim Thurner and Sherri Thurner to the Hornbrook Fire Protection District for full terms, December 5, 2025, ending December 7, 2029 and appoint in lieu of election Sharon Johnson for a short term, December 5, 2025, ending December 3, 2027.

It was moved by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to appoint in lieu of election Manfred Lutz and Wilda Vanderboegh to the Butte Valley Fire Protection District for short terms, December 5, 2025, ending December 3, 2027.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to appoint in lieu of election William Nicoletti, Erik Erickson and Randy Risner to the Grenada Fire Protection District for full terms, December 5, 2025, ending December 7, 2029.

Appointments - County Clerk/Board of Supervisors - Discussion, direction and possible action re: Continued to December 9, 2025.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided a brief overview of the request.

Following discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Winningham regarding the timing for completion of the various appointments, the Chair advised that the appointments to the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) and Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Board of Directors for 2026 were continued to December 9, 2025.

Appointment of a Delegate and one Alternate from the Board of Supervisors to the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board of Directors for 2026;

Appointment of a Delegate and one Alternate from the Board of Supervisors to the Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Board of Directors for 2026; and

Appointment of a Delegate and one Alternate from the Board of Supervisors to the Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Board of Directors for 2026.

Appointments - County Clerk/Board of Supervisors - Discussion, direction and possible action re appointment of a delegate and alternate(s) to the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA) Board of Directors for 2026. Continued to December 9, 2025.

Chair Ogren advised that this item was continued to December 9, 2025.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Continued public hearing to consider a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for substandard parcels under Williamson Act Contract No. 71019 for the Friden Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2501) project, located south and west of the city of Fort Jones, including discussion, direction and possible action re options for proposed Williamson Act rescission/reentry and Agricultural Preserve amendment. Public hearing closed; no action taken.

This was the time set for a continued public hearing to consider a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for substandard parcels under Williamson Act Contract No. 71019 for the Friden Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2501) project, located south and west of the city of Fort Jones, including discussion, direction and possible action re options for proposed Williamson Act rescission/reentry and Agricultural Preserve amendment, having been continued from October 7, 2025.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board, requesting continuation of the item.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed, Planning Director Hailey Lang and Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham regarding the need for a date certain to continue the public hearing and a moratorium adopted regarding processing certain Agricultural Preserve/Williamson Act contracts until spring 2026.

Ms. Reed suggested closing the public hearing and re-noticing a new public hearing at a later date.

The Chair declared the public hearing closed and no action was taken.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Continued public hearing to consider a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for substandard parcels under Williamson Act Contract No. 75008 for the Martin Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2505) project, located north and east of the community of Big Springs, including discussion, direction and possible action re options for proposed Williamson Act rescission/reentry and Agricultural Preserve amendment. Public hearing closed; no action taken.

This was the time set for a continued public hearing to consider a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for substandard parcels under Williamson Act Contract No. 75008 for the Martin Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2505) project, located north and east of the community of Big Springs, including discussion, direction and possible action re options for proposed Williamson Act rescission/reentry and Agricultural Preserve amendment, having been continued from October 7, 2025.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board, summarizing the request to continue.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed, Planning Director Hailey Lang and Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham regarding the need for a date certain to continue the public hearing and a moratorium adopted regarding processing certain Agricultural Preserve/Williamson Act contracts until spring 2026.

Ms. Reed suggested closing the public hearing and re-noticing a new public hearing at a later date.

The Chair declared the public hearing closed and no action was taken.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance reclassifying approximately 318.73 acres of land north of the City of Etna, from Rural Residential Agricultural, 5-acre minimum (R-R-B-5) and Rural Residential Agricultural, 40-acre minimum (R-R-B-40) to Timberland Production District (TPZ) on APNs 023-060-640 and a portion of 023-060-650; Township 42 North, Range 9 West, Sections 17 & 20, MDB&M, and Resolution approving the cancellation of a portion of Williamson Act Contract No. 71011, upon the rezone to Timberland Production Zone, for the Whiteland Walker Zone Change Z2501 project. Second reading approved, Ordinance 25-08 adopted.

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

This was the time set for a continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance reclassifying approximately 318.73 acres of land north of the City of Etna, from Rural Residential Agricultural, 5-acre minimum (R-R-B-5) and Rural Residential Agricultural, 40-acre minimum (R-R-B-40) to Timberland Production District (TPZ) on APNs 023-060-640 and a portion of 023-060-650; Township 42 North, Range 9 West, Sections 17 & 20, MDB&M, and Resolution approving the cancellation of a portion of Williamson Act Contract No. 71011, upon the rezone to Timberland Production Zone, for the Whiteland Walker Zone Change Z2501 project, having been continued from November 18, 2025.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to reclassify acreage to Timber Production Zone (TPZ) and cancel associated Williamson Act contract once the rezoning is complete.

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.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Harris and Ogren voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Kobseff ABSENT, to determine the project exempt from CEQA in accordance with Section 15264; waive the second reading of the draft ordinance amending Zoning District Map 10-6.205-362; adopt Ordinance 25-08 amending Zoning District Map 10-6.205-362; and adopt Resolution 25-204 cancelling the subject property from the Williamson Act Contract.

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisor Haupt advised of attending a California Rifle and Pistol Association (CRPA) dinner and a special Farm Bureau meeting concerning wolves in the County.

Supervisor Harris advised of attending a Dorris Lions Club meeting, two wolf meetings and the California Rifle and Pistol Association (CRPA) dinner.

Supervisor Ogren advised of attending a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) and Siskiyou Transportation Agency (STA) meeting, a CalOre RCD meeting, a California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) meeting, a Heather Hadwick townhall meeting and a California Rifle and Pistol Association (CRPA) dinner.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), one case, commenced at 9:41 a.m., concluded at 9:44 a.m., with no action taken.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 9:44 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