

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, June 16, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 16th day of June 2026; there being present Supervisors Jess Harris, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Ray A. Haupt, County Administrator Angela Davis, Assistant 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 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 Valenzuela 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), 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, two Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957, commenced at 8:31 a.m. and concluded at 8:52 a.m., with no action taken.

Report On Closed Session

Assistant County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session for item 3A only, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Russell Mathis, et al., v. County of Siskiyou, et al., United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division, Case No. 2:22-cv-01378, concluded at 8:52 a.m., with no reportable action taken and that the remainder of the closed session would be taken up at the end of the regular meeting agenda.

Off Agenda Item – Office of County Counsel - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Christopher S. Friend, et al., v. Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc., et al., Siskiyou County Superior Court, Case No. 26CV06237. Added to the closed session agenda.

Assistant County Counsel Natalie E. Reed requested the addition of a closed session item that came to the County's attention after posting of the regular agenda and needing Board direction/action prior to the next regular meeting on July 7, 2026.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, to add an item not on the posted agenda to the closed session agenda.

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

Presentations from the Public

Siskiyou Economic Development Council (EDC) Executive Director Tonya Dowse and EDC Program Director AJ Brown appeared before the Board, presenting and summarizing a one-page study concerning the economic impacts on Siskiyou County from the Roseburg Mill closure. Ms. Dowse and Ms. Brown spoke about efforts being made to address the loss and the associated negative economic impacts.

County Librarian Teresa Johnson appeared before the Board and invited those present to visit the Library's booth at the Siskiyou Golden Fair taking place June 24-28, 2026. Ms. Johnson summarized the various planned activities at the booth.

County Administrator Angela Davis introduced two recently appointed Department Heads, Director of Facilities Management Justen Richardson and Director of Information Technology Cole Bray, who briefly appeared before the Board.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At County Administrator Angela Davis' request, item 7H, County Administration's addendum to contract with Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, Inc., was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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

Agriculture

Approve and ratify the extended agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and Siskiyou County Department of Agriculture for pesticide enforcement activities extending the term from June 1, 2026 thru August 31, 2026 and increasing the total amount of the agreement by \$18,795.25, and authorize the Auditor to establish a budget as such.

County Administration

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment #2 Employment Agreement between the County of Siskiyou and Angela Davis, removing Section 10: Residency, in its entirety.

County Administration

Ratify the comment letter submitted in response to the Draft Range of Flows for the Shasta River Watershed, released by the State Water Resources Control Board.

County Administration

Ratify the letter opposing trailer bill language (RN 26 14623) amending Welfare and Institutions Code section 12301.61 related to local In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) collective bargaining.

County Administration

Ratify the May 29, 2026 letter to CDFW Director Meghan Hertel.

County Administration

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the City of Dunsmuir's application for the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant Program for the Mossbrae Falls Trail Project.

County Administration

Ratify the letter to the Honorable Christopher Cabaldon opposing Assembly Bill 1337, as amended June 15, 2026.

County Administration - Personnel

Approve and adopt the Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Dawn Walton for 27 years of dedicated service and contributions to the community upon her retirement from Siskiyou County.

County Clerk

Approve request to abolish the Agriculture Preserve Advisory Board Committee and remove from the County Clerk's Committee Book.

County Counsel

Approve the Fifth Addendum to Agreement for Services with Renne Public Law Group, LLP, increasing the compensation under the contract by \$20,000, amends Exhibit "B", and authorize the Board chair to execute same.

County Library

Approve the MOU between the Siskiyou County Library and the Scott Bar Community Association for the County to provide technology backbone services.

Dunsmuir Recreation & Parks District

Approve (adopt) Resolution 26-97 for a temporary loan in the amount of \$90,000, to the Dunsmuir Recreation and Parks District, which loan shall be repaid to the County on or before April 10, 2027.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

General County Fire

Approve the Fire Protection Reimbursement Agreement with CalFire and the Notice of Intent letter to Greg Roath, Unit Chief with CalFire and authorize the Chair to sign them. Under Agreement 2CA07807, the County agrees to pay \$786,293 for CAL FIRE contracted services for staffing of the Hornbrook Station and Yreka Interagency Command Center for the term July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

General Services - Airports

Authorize the Chair to execute the Ground Lease between the County of Siskiyou and Daniel and Michelle Wycka at Weed Airport for the term of May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2031.

General Services - Airports

Ratify the FAA grant application and adopt Resolution 26-98 authorizing the County Administrator to execute any documents necessary to obtain financial assistance with the FAA AIP program on behalf of the County of Siskiyou for the Weed Apron project. Adopt the Resolution to apply, accept, and execute the State Match for the Weed Apron project. Authorize the Auditor to establish the budget.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division and Bakersfield Behavioral Healthcare Hospital, LLC for the term commencing May 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreements for services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) for the term commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Governing Board Resolution 26-99 with the State of California – Health and Human Services Agency – California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Local Oral Health Program (LOHP) Grant, Funding for Fiscal Years (FY) 2027-2030 and with an allocation of \$232,146, (\$77,382 annually), to support the Local Oral Health Program (LOHP), 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 amendment guidelines, for the allocation of \$232,146, with spending authority through June 30, 2030.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the California Department of Health Care Services Medi-Cal County Inmate Program Participation Agreement 26-MCIPSISKIYOU-47, and the Program Agreement for Administrative Services 26-60147, for FY 2026 through FY 2029.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Sixth Addendum to the Contract for Services between Harold's Cleaning and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division, to extend the term of the Contract to 6/30/2029, increase the compensation by \$104,964.00 and replace Exhibit "A", to remove Community Development Department at 804 S. Main Street, Yreka California starting 06/30/2026, with a total amount of the Contract not to exceed \$249,214.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair to sign the first addendum to contract for services between the SCHSA and the Adult Protective Services Training Consultants, thereby increasing compensation by the amount of \$42,875 for a total amount not to exceed \$262,425. The contract is effective September 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the First Addendum to the Contract with Social Change Partners to delete and replace Exhibit A by increasing the amount of the Contract to \$89,000 and extending the term to June 30, 2027.

Probation

Approve Second Addendum between Siskiyou County Probation and Dr. Bruce Ebert for juvenile psychological evaluations extending the term through June 30, 2027.

Probation

Approve Fourth Addendum with Justice Benefits, Inc. for Title IV-E time study and claim completion services, for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030.

Probation

Approve Second Addendum with Dr. Kitt Murrison, Ph.D. for psychological evaluations extending the term through December 31, 2026. Note: there is an increase in fees for initial evaluations from \$500 to \$550.

Public Defender

Approve Second Addendum to contract with Thomson Reuters, Inc. to extend the term through June 30, 2031, with a not to exceed amount of \$122,352.

Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District

Approve four appointments in lieu of election for the Scott Valley Service Area (x 2) and for the Shasta Valley Service Area (x 2) of the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District. Rod Dowse, Incumbent, and Gabe Bridwell, candidate, for the Shasta Valley Service Area with both terms expiring 12/01/2029. Jeff Fowle, Incumbent, for the Scott Valley Service Area with a term expiring 12/01/2029. Bradley Isbell, candidate, for the Scott Valley Area with a term expiring 12/01/2027.

Sheriff

Approve Agreement for services from Dr. Kobylanski at the rates identified in Exhibit "A" for the term of May 19, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

Sheriff

Approve Contract between the Siskiyou County Jail and Tek84, Inc., to purchase the Whole-Body Security Scanner and Software System including but not limited to installation, maintenance, annual certifications and County employee training.

Sheriff

Approve second addendum for services between National Medical Services Labs, Inc. and the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office for toxicology analysis for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. Authorize the Chair to sign the addendum and allow the Auditor to make appropriations.

Sheriff

Approve the Sheriff to enter a Contract for services with Mercier Electric, Inc. for capital improvements to the County Jail, not to exceed \$3,750, with a completion date within 90 days. Authorize the Sheriff to sign the Contract as the Department Head of the modified facility. Allow the Auditor to make appropriations.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Transfer of Funds - Animal Control - \$348. Resolution 26-100 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - County Administrator - \$46. Resolution 26-101 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Court Appointed Counsel - \$7,745. Resolution 26-102 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health - \$400,000. Resolution 26-103 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Health and Human Services Agency - \$350,000. Resolution 26-104 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Health and Human Services Agency - \$1,911. Resolution 26-105 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Probation - \$15,946. Resolution 26-106 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Public Defender - \$125,150. Resolution 26-107 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Public Defender - \$25,798. Resolution 26-108 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) - \$398,131. Resolution 26-109 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$14,000. Resolution 26-110 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$4,845. Resolution 26-111 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$3,750. Resolution 26-112 adopted.

County Administration - Approve addendum to contract with Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, Inc., to provide services related to various legislation, establishing and/or increasing Workers' Compensation, liability, general liability and professional liability insurance as detailed in the addendum, increasing compensation by \$36,000 to a total not to exceed \$66,000 and extending the term through June 30, 2028. Dropped from the agenda.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at County Administrator Angela Davis' request and was dropped from the agenda.

County Administration - Presentation of recognition and graduation certificates to various Siskiyou County employees who successfully completed the California Counties Executive Credential program offered by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). Presentation and discussion only.

County Administrator Angela Davis provided a brief overview of the request and introduced Paul Danczyk, PhD, Chief Operating Officer of California State Association of Counties (CSAC) California Counties Foundation.

Mr. Danczyk appeared before the Board and provided an overview/history of the California Counties Executive Credential program. Mr. Danczyk presented certificates and pins to program graduates General Services Director Adam Filippone; Deputy County Administrator-Personnel and Risk Management Hayley Hudson; Program Coordinator Joanne Johnson; Community Development Director Hailey Lang; Deputy County Administrator-Chief Fiscal Officer Sherry Lawson; and Public Works Director Garrett Richardson.

Brief discussion followed between members of the Board and Mr. Danczyk regarding County staff's participation in the program.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re Proclamation recognizing Harold Duchi for his service on the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission. Proclamation adopted and presented.

Project Coordinator Joanne Johnson appeared before the Board, providing a brief overview of the request and introducing Harold Duchi.

Supervisor Kobseff read the Proclamation recognizing Mr. Duchi for his service on the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission.

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County Administration – (continued)

Mr. Duchi appeared before the Board and discussed his time on the Commission.

Members of the Board thanked Mr. Duchi for his efforts during his time with the Commission, including efforts to increase the number of guzzlers to provide drinking water for local wildlife.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, that the Board sign a proclamation recognizing Harold Duchi for his service on the Siskiyou Fish and Game Commission.

The Proclamation was presented to Mr. Duchi.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Discussion, direction and possible action re approval of the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Three-Year Integrated Plan for Fiscal Years 2026-2029. Approved.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard, MHSA Coordinator Sarah Evans, Staff Services Analyst Tyler Mattson and Administrative Services Manager Joshua Stanshaw appeared before the Board.

Ms. Collard provided a brief overview of the request, advising of the changes from Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Three-Year Integrated Plan following recent legislation.

Following discussion between members of the Board and those present regarding new rules for use of BHSA funding versus MHSA funding and public outreach efforts, it was moved by Supervisor Ogren and seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela to approve the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Three-Year Integrated Plan for Fiscal Years 2026-2029 and authorize the County Administrative Officer (CAO), or designee, and the Director of Health and Human Services Agency, to make non-substantive, technical, or Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)- required revisions to the BHSA Integrated Plan following Board approval, as necessary to ensure timely finalization and submission by the June 30, 2026 deadline.

Supervisor Kobseff voiced concerns regarding the potential negative impacts associated with the State changing the BHSA funding structure and rules.

Following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Kobseff voting NO, the motion carried.

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. Local emergency extended.

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board and requested extension of the emergency proclamation. Mr. Schenone advised that efforts were being made to revise the existing proclamation to include updated information.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Mr. Schenone regarding efforts being made at the federal/state levels, the need to include the Sheriff's findings related to illegal cannabis available at legal dispensaries, the need to engage with Public Health regarding the emergency and an earlier request for an associated Public Health declaration.

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

Sheriff Jeremiah LaRue appeared before the Board, requesting extension of the local emergency.

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

Sheriff LaRue summarized statistics related to cannabis eradication efforts and advised of new federal/state partnerships that could assist in the efforts.

Following discussion between members of the Board and Sheriff LaRue regarding other states' efforts to address illicit cannabis, other County departments' assistance in the efforts and recommended engagement with the Western Governors' Association for assistance.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, to extend the local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation declared by Resolution 25-11.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of three members to the scheduled vacancies on the Siskiyou County Assessment Appeals Board for terms ending September 3, 2029 and September 2, 2030. John Quinn and Jim Peluso appointed; remaining vacancy continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that incumbents John Quinn and Jim Peluso were interested in reappointment. Ms. Winningham requested that the remaining vacancy be continued to a later date.

It was moved by Director Kobseff, seconded by Director Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, to appoint John Quinn and Jim Peluso to the scheduled vacancies on the Siskiyou County Assessment appeals Board, for terms ending September 3, 2029 and continue the remaining vacancy to a later date.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one alternate member to an unscheduled vacancy on the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission to represent Supervisorial District 3, for a term ending January 4, 2027. Continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that there had been no letters of interest received by the Clerk's Office.

The vacancy was continued to a later date.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the scheduled vacancy on the Siskiyou County Behavioral Health Services Board for terms ending December 31, 2028. Marco Taylor appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Behavioral Health Services Board recommended appointment of Marco Taylor who was interested in serving.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, to appoint Marco Taylor to the scheduled vacancy on the Siskiyou County Behavioral Health Services Board for a term ending December 31, 2028.

Minute Approval - May 19, 2026. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, to approve the May 19, 2026 minutes as presented.

Public Hearings - County Administration - Public hearing to consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Recommended Budget as presented, of which includes but not limited to; County Department budgets, Committed Accounts, Fixed Assets, Capital Improvements, Contribution to Others, Statement of Salaries and adoption of a Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule and Position Allocation List. Resolution Res 26-113 adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Recommended Budget as presented.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

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Public Hearings - County Administration – (continued)

County Administrator Angela Davis provided an overview of the request and shared concerns regarding the potential need to utilize one-time funding in the amount of approximately \$684,000 at the close of fiscal year 2025/2026. Ms. Davis requested that Deputy County Administrator-Chief Fiscal Officer Sherry Lawson appear before the Board to further present the budget.

Ms. Lawson provided the budget overview, advising of \$249,485,718 in appropriations (expenses) and \$209,103,292 in revenues for a total budget of \$458,589,010, a decrease of approximately 1.14% from the previous fiscal year 2025/2026 budget. Ms. Lawson provided an overview of the budget process, including the process utilized for the Sheriff's portion of General Fund budget contributions.

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

Siskiyou Economic Development Council (EDC) Executive Director Tonya Dowse appeared before the Board to provide a public comment regarding the County's support for the EDC in previous years' budgets.

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

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Lawson regarding the potential negative impact of increasing CalPERs health insurance costs, a request for a CalPERs representative to present information before the Board at a future date, one-time Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) funding and projects the funding is earmarked for and General Fund departments' efforts to stay within their budgets.

Supervisor Kobseff voiced concerns regarding proposed cuts to the County contribution to the EDC and increase in the contribution to the Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) Joint Powers Association (JPA).

Further discussion followed regarding the proposed increase to CIIC and reduction in others, the need for information regarding the nine local cities' (also members of the JPA) contributions to the CIIC and concerns regarding the limitations for the CIIC to generate revenue at the Collier Roadside Rest Area location due to their contract with the State of California.

Ms. Davis requested clarification of the Board's direction with regard to the CIIC and Contributions to Others funding issue before the Board leaves the budget agenda item.

Assistant County Counsel Natalie E. Reed summarized the process for a member of the Board to request a revision after the close of a budget public hearing (a written request that is given to the Clerk of the Board).

Ms. Lawson suggested that a revision of Contributions to Others could be taken up during the Adopted Budget hearing that would take place in September.

Brief discussion followed regarding the request to increase CIIC and decrease the EDC and funding for local Library branches.

Ms. Davis shared concerns regarding the potential impacts associated with waiting to make revisions during the Adopted Budget process in September.

Chair Haupt re-opened the public hearing.

Supervisor Kobseff provided a written request to the Board Clerk to revise the Contribution to the CIIC from \$15,000 to \$11,000. It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff and seconded by Supervisor Harris to revise the Contribution to the CIIC from \$15,000 to \$11,000 within the proposed Recommended Budget, with the cities required to participate. Following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren and Haupt voting NO and Supervisors Kobseff and Harris voting YES, the motion failed.

Chair Haupt declared the public hearing closed.

Supervisor Kobseff requested information regarding the revenue produced from the Sheriff's contracts with individual cities to provide certain law enforcement services.

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Public Hearings - County Administration – (continued)

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Sheriff Jeremiah LaRue, who appeared before the Board, regarding the disposition/status of two boats that were in the Sheriff's inventory, the process for developing and collecting revenue generated by Sheriff's law enforcement efforts within contract city boundaries, the need to ensure compensation for certain law enforcement services provided by the Sheriff's Office, the challenges associated with properly computing and collecting that compensation, the need to continue to address and remove duplicative processes for better efficiency and the need to stay current with regard to the County's labor force.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, to adopt the FY 2026-2027 Recommended County Budget as presented, adopt Resolution 26-113 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule and Position Allocation List, adopt the Statement of Salaries, approve new job classifications, and authorize the Auditor to establish budget upon approval by County Administration, to fund allocated vacant positions as requested by the respective department.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance to repeal and replace Title 2, Chapters 36 and 37 of the Siskiyou County Code regarding the organization of the Community Development Department and Health and Human Services Agency, reassigning the Environmental Health Division from Community Development to Health and Human Services. Ordinance 26-02 adopted.

This was the time set for a continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance to repeal and replace Title 2, Chapters 36 and 37 of the Siskiyou County Code regarding the organization of the Community Development Department and Health and Human Services Agency, reassigning the Environmental Health Division from Community Development to Health and Human Services, having been introduced on May 5, 2026.

Community Development Director Hailey Lang appeared before the Board, advising that there had been no changes since the first reading of the Ordinance and requesting approval/adoption of same.

In response to Chair Haupt, 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 Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, to find the ordinance is not a project under CEQA and is exempt under the common sense exemption; and waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 26-02 repealing and replacing Title 2, Chapters 36 and 37 of the Siskiyou County Code.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance reclassifying approximately 160 acres of land located off Schulmeyer Gulch Road, south of the City of Yreka, from Non-Prime Agricultural, 40-acre minimum (AG-2-B-40) to Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) on APN 014-350-050; Township 44N, Range 7W, Section 28, MDM, for the Shasta Cascades Zone Change (Z-24-04) Project. Ordinance 26-03 adopted.

This was the time set for a continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance reclassifying approximately 160 acres of land located off Schulmeyer Gulch Road, south of the City of Yreka, from Non-Prime Agricultural, 40-acre minimum (AG-2-B-40) to Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) on APN 014-350-050; Township 44N, Range 7W, Section 28, MDM, for the Shasta Cascades Zone Change (Z-24-04) Project, having been introduced on May 5, 2026.

Deputy Director of Planning James Phelps appeared before the Board, advising that there been no changes since the first reading of the Ordinance and requesting approval/adoption of same.

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

In response to Chair Haupt, 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 Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, to determine the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15264; and waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 26-03 amending Zoning District Map No. 10-6.205-289.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance reclassifying approximately 640 acres of land located off Mill Creek Road and Soap Creek Road, west of the City of Yreka, from Rural Residential Agricultural, 40-acre minimum (R-R-B-40) to Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) on APNs 014-181-160 and 014-181-370; Township 45N, Range 8W, Sections 25 and 35, MDM, for the Acer Klamath Forest Zone Change (Z-24-05) Project. Ordinance 26-04 adopted.

This was the time set for a continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance reclassifying approximately 640 acres of land located off Mill Creek Road and Soap Creek Road, west of the City of Yreka, from Rural Residential Agricultural, 40-acre minimum (R-R-B-40) to Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) on APNs 014-181-160 and 014-181-370; Township 45N, Range 8W, Sections 25 and 35, MDM, for the Acer Klamath Forest Zone Change (Z-24-05) Project, having been introduced on May 5, 2026.

Deputy Director of Planning James Phelps appeared before the Board, advising that there been no changes since the first reading of the Ordinance and requesting approval/adoption of same.

In response to Chair Haupt, 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 Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, to determine the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15264; and waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 26-04 amending Zoning District Map No. 10-6.205-209.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance reclassifying approximately 2,600 acres of land located off Shovel Circle and Rock Springs Road, north and west of the City of Montague, from existing Agricultural Zoning Classifications to Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) on APNs 004-170-130, 004-150-040, 004-150-100, 004-160-010, 004-160-020, 004-160-030, 004-160-040, 004-170-020, and 004-170-030; Township 46N, Range 4W, Sections 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 26 and 27 MDM, for the Acer Klamath Forest Zone Change (Z-24-06) Project. Ordinance 26-05 adopted.

This was the time set for a continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance reclassifying approximately 2,600 acres of land located off Shovel Circle and Rock Springs Road, north and west of the City of Montague, from existing Agricultural Zoning Classifications to Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) on APNs 004-170-130, 004-150-040, 004-150-100, 004-160-010, 004-160-020, 004-160-030, 004-160-040, 004-170-020, and 004-170-030; Township 46N, Range 4W, Sections 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 26 and 27 MDM, for the Acer Klamath Forest Zone Change (Z-24-06) Project, having been introduced on May 5, 2026.

Deputy Director of Planning James Phelps appeared before the Board, advising that there been no changes since the first reading of the Ordinance and requesting approval/adoption of same.

In response to Chair Haupt, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office received one public hearing notification letter back from the Post Office marked Undeliverable.

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

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

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, to determine the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15264; and waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 26-05 amending Zoning District Map Numbers 10-6.205-138 and 10-6.205-177.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance reclassifying approximately 11.40 acres of land located at the intersection of Mott Road and Mott Airport Road from Rural Residential Agricultural, 10-acre minimum (R-R-B-10) to Highway Commercial District (C-H) on APN 030-230-270; Township 39N, Range 4W, Section 12, MDM, for the Allen Baradar Zone Change (Z-26-01) Project, located near the City of Dunsmuir. Ordinance 26-06 adopted.

This was the time set for a continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance reclassifying approximately 11.40 acres of land located at the intersection of Mott Road and Mott Airport Road from Rural Residential Agricultural, 10-acre minimum (R-R-B-10) to Highway Commercial District (C-H) on APN 030-230-270; Township 39N, Range 4W, Section 12, MDM, for the Allen Baradar Zone Change (Z-26-01) Project, located near the City of Dunsmuir, having been introduced on May 5, 2026.

Deputy Director of Planning James Phelps appeared before the Board, advising that there been no changes since the first reading of the Ordinance and requesting approval/adoption of same.

In response to Chair Haupt, 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 Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, to determine the project exempt from CEQA pursuant to the common sense exemption; and waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 26-06 amending Zoning District Map No. 10-6.205-526.

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisors Kobseff and Haupt reported on their attendance at an educational tour of the Klamath Project near Tulelake with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Regional Administrator Jennifer Quan regarding fisheries work being done in the area.

Supervisor Haupt additionally advised of his attendance at an annual Fire Readiness meeting facilitated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the Klamath National Forest (KNF).

Supervisor Ogren advised of her attendance at a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) legislative lunch with Supervisor Valenzuela and a Rural Counties of California (RCRC) meeting in Mariposa County.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), four 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, two Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957, commenced at 11:42 a.m. and concluded at 1:00 p.m., with action taken.

Report On Closed Session

Assistant County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 1:00 p.m., with reportable action taken.

With regard to the matter of: Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Christopher S. Friend, et al., v. Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc., et al., Siskiyou County Superior Court, Case No. 26CV06237, which was earlier described and added to the agenda, Ms. Reed advised that it was moved by Supervisor Harris and seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried with a unanimous vote of YES to authorize defense of suit.

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Ray A. Haupt, Chair

By: _____
Deputy