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*Siskiyou County Clerk, 311 Fourth St., Rm 201, Yreka, CA 96097*

# **Agenda Worksheet**

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| **Regular** | **[x]**  |  | **Time Requested:** | **30 Min**  | **Meeting Date:** | **May 22, 2023** |
| ***OR*** |
| **Consent** | **[ ]**  |  |
| **Contact Person/Department:** | **Elizabeth Nielsen, County Administration**  | **Phone:** | **530-842-8012** |
| **Address:** | **1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka CA**  |
| **Person Appearing/Title:** | **Tulelake Irrgiation District and Elizabeth Nielsen**  |
| **Subject/Summary of Issue:** |
| Discussion and possible direction regarding the collapse of soil throughout the Tulelake area, and impacts to the Tulelake high school gymnasium and public roads, utility infrastructure, homes, and outbuildings. Over the past 22 years, surface water allocations to farms and refuges have been diminished yearly, sometimes a zero allocation, often less than fifty percent of the water needed to irrigate crops and maintain refuges, always less than what is needed to maintain our soil profiles. The result has been an exponential depletion of the area’s shallow aquifer. After 22 years of assault on the shallow aquifer, and the recent drying up of the refuges, soil structure is failing, and shallow settling is occurring. Staff is seeking Board approval of a letter to Cal OES regarding the Tulelake public safety hazard.  |
| **Financial Impact:** |
| **NO** | [x]  | *Describe why no financial impact:*       |
| **YES** | [ ]  | *Describe impact by indicating amount budgeted and funding source below* |
| Amount: |       |  |  |  |  |
| Fund:  |       |  | Description: |       | Org.: |       | Description: |       |
| Account: |       |  | Description: |       |  |
| Activity Code:  |       |  | Description: |       |  |
| Local Preference: YES [ ]  NO [ ]  |
| For Contracts – *Explain how vendor was selected:*       |
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| Additional Information: |       |
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| **Recommended Motion:** |
| Staff recommends that the Board receives the presentation, approves the attached letter and authorizes the Chair to sign, and provides any direction desired regarding the Tulelake Public Safety Hazard.  |
| **Reviewed as recommended by policy:** |  | ***Special Requests*:** |
| County Counsel |       |  |  |
|  |  |  | *Certified Minute Order(s)* |       | *Quantity:* |       |
| Auditor |       |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Personnel |       |  | *Other:* |       |
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