

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, July 11, 2023

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 11th day of July 2023; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren, Ray A. Haupt and Ed Valenzuela, 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 Valenzuela. 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 3 and County Service Area 4. Supervisor Criss led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

Invocation - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain Bob Mason provided an invocation.

Presentations from the Public

Local resident Mike Grifantini appeared before the Board, presenting and summarizing a one page letter in support of the County displaying the historic gold display and potential related economic benefits.

Local resident Bob Kaster appeared before the board, presenting and reading his one page letter in support of the County displaying the historic gold display and potential related economic benefits.

Audience member Dmitriy Vorik appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the inability to utilize 'tiny homes' as vacation rentals within Siskiyou County.

Supervisor Kobseff requested development of a future agenda item regarding the status of the County's gold display.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Supervisor Kobseff's request, item 5M, Behavioral Health's letters of commitment to the Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation re the Ascent Housing Permanent Supportive Housing project was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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

Agriculture

Approve rate contract for UBEO West, LLC for the Cannon copier extending the contract term for 2 years for the Agriculture's Noxious Weed program.

Assessor

Approve the Megabyte Property Tax System Annual Maintenance Contract as submitted, with the Chair authorized to sign.

County Administration

Approve the agreement between the Department of State Hospitals and County of Siskiyou, in the amount of \$500,000, term July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028. Authorize the County Administrator to sign all documents related to the agreement and authorize the Auditor/Controller to establish budget as provided by Administration.

County Administration

Approve the letter to Senator Nancy Skinner expressing opposition to AB/SB 120 and authorize the Chair to sign.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

County Administration - Personnel

Adopt Resolution P 23-125 amending the Siskiyou County Position Allocation List, regarding District Attorney Investigator (1.0) FTE, Department Fiscal Officer (1.0) FTE, and Staff Services Analyst I/II/III (1.0) FTE, effective July 9, 2023, and July 23, 2023, respectively. amending the Siskiyou County Position Allocation List, regarding District Attorney Investigator and Public Health Department Fiscal Officer and Staff Services Analyst I/II/III positions, effective July 9, 2023 and July 23, 2023, respectively.

Community Development

Adopt Resolution 23-126 adopting exceptions to the Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Guidelines.

Community Development

Approve the State Food Safety Contract for a term of 3 years.

Dunsmuir Recreation and Parks District

Approve the Resolution 23-127 for a temporary loan in the amount of \$80,000 to the Dunsmuir Recreation and Parks District, which loan shall be repaid to the County on or before April 10, 2024.

General Services - Sanitation

Approve and ratify approved by the Board on 6/20/23 for the County Administrator to sign the Addendum to move forward with transferring waste from all County operated Transfer Stations to Dry Creek Inc. and allow Auditor to establish budget.

General Services - Sanitation

Approve and ratify approved by the Board on 6/20/23 for the County Administrator to sign the contract with Mike Peters Inc. for the services of loading waste at Black Butte Transfer Station and allow Auditor to establish budget.

General Services - Sanitation

Approve and ratify approved by the Board on 6/20/23 for the County Administrator to sign the contract with Mike Peters Inc. for the services of loading waste at Oberlin Road Transfer Station and to allow the Auditor to establish budget.

General Services - Sanitation

Approve and ratify approved by the Board on 6/20/23 for the County Administrator to sign the contract to move forward with Recology Ashland Inc. to transferring waste from all County operated Transfer Stations and to allow Auditor's to establish budget.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve the grant application, authorize the Chair to execute the grant agreement, and authorize the Auditor to appropriate the budget and set expenditures.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Crisis Support Services of Alameda County, for the term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First Addendum to the Contract for services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency – Public Health Division and National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD) for the term of the contract through June 30, 2025, with an amount NTE \$80,000.00.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Accept and approve the grant agreement with California Department of Public Health (CDPH), for the Immunization Program FY 2022-2026, for the term July 1, 2022-June 30, 2027, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,350,639.58, authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriations as outlined in the agreement, and authorize the Chair to sign Grant Agreement #22-11084, Exhibit F – Certification Regarding Lobbying, the Contractor Certification Clauses attachment, and the California Civil Rights Laws attachment.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Fourth Addendum to the Contract for Services between Harold's Cleaning and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division, to reduce funding by \$19,550.00 and replace Exhibit "A", for the period of August 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, with a total amount of the Contract not to exceed \$236,000.00.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the MOU between Health Management Associates, Inc. and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division for the MAT in Jails and Drug Courts Implementation Grant, and authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriation as outlined in the MOU.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency – Public Health Division and Orbit Health, A Professional Corporation, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

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 Siskiyou Child Care Council for the Bridge Program with a not to exceed amount of \$139,705.00 for a term effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve approve and the Chair sign the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and the California Department of Social Services for Resource Family Approval (RFA) services with a term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Sheriff

Adopt the Resolution 23-128 authorizing the Sheriff to apply and participate in the Boating & Enforcement Financial Aid Program for 2023-24.

Transfer of Funds - Public Health - \$507,310. Resolution 23-129 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Solid Waste Disposal - \$3,400,000. Resolution 23-130 adopted.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Approve two letters of commitment to the Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation re the Ascent Housing Permanent Supportive Housing project. Approved.

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

Project coordinator Maddelyn Bryan appeared before the Board. In response to Supervisor Kobseff regarding the loan related to the Project Homekey/Ascent Housing Permanent Supportive Housing Project, Ms. Bryan briefly summarized the details of the grant related to the 3% loan percentage.

Discussion followed between Supervisor Kobseff and Ms. Bryan regarding the restricted interest rate that was not related to market loan interest rates.

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

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela and seconded by Supervisor Criss to approve the Letter of Commitment to Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation and the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Enforceable Funding Commitment letter and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services Agency to sign the letters. Following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES and Supervisor Kobseff voting NO, the motion carried.

Siskiyou Modoc Regional Department of Child Support Services - Update on current operations and activities within the Department. Presentation and discussion only.

Siskiyou Modoc Regional Department of Child Support Services (SMRDCSS) Regional Director Gary Sams appeared before the Board and presented a powerpoint presentation including an overview of the Department's Mission, the various services provided by SMRDCSS (i.e. establish and enforce court orders for child support) and those not provided by the SMRDCSS (i.e. divorces, custody/visitation, restraining orders, establish spousal support). Mr. Sams provided various statistics related to child support services, including caseloads, clients served, support collected/paid and state/federal funding. Mr. Sams further summarized the Department's successes, various current and future legislation/initiatives (i.e. Assembly and Senate Bills impacting families' income, job search assistance, online enrollment, etc.) and the associated impacts to the Department's workload and customer assistance and challenges facing the Department.

Mr. Sams introduced SMRDCSS Attorney Katie Black and Child Support Specialist/Program Manager Shannon Martin who were present in the audience.

Brief discussion followed between members of the Board and those present regarding the job search assistance program and the various associated partnerships.

County Counsel - Discussion, direction, and possible action re first reading of an ordinance repealing Article 15 of Chapter 4 of Title 3 of the Siskiyou County Code regarding restrictions of water trucks. First reading approved; public hearing for second reading set on August 1, 2023.

Deputy County Counsel William Carroll appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to amend the County's ordinance regarding restrictions on water trucks due to the ordinance being enjoined by lawsuit.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Criss to introduce, waive, and approve the first reading of an ordinance repealing Article 15 of Chapter 4 of Title 3 of the Siskiyou County Code regarding restrictions of water trucks, find that the ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) and direct the Clerk to schedule a public hearing on, and second reading of, the ordinance on August 1, 2023.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Mr. Carroll provided the definition of enjoined related to a lawsuit filed with regard to County enforcement of the ordinance.

Following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES, the motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments received.

County Counsel - Discussion, direction and possible action re first reading of an ordinance amending Sections 3-13.601 and 3-13.702 and repealing Article 3.5 of Chapter 13 of Title 3 of the Siskiyou County Code regarding regulation of groundwater. First reading approved; public hearing for second reading set on August 1, 2023.

Deputy County Counsel William Carroll appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to amend the County's ordinance regarding regulation of groundwater due to the ordinance being enjoined by lawsuit.

Participation in this agenda item from various members of the public was provided via teleconference phone.

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County Counsel – (continued)

An anonymous caller shared concerns regarding the reduction of the daily penalty for using groundwater for cannabis cultivation from \$5,000 to \$2,500.

Mr. Carroll advised that the reduction to the daily penalty was part of the lawsuit details. Additionally, Mr. Carroll recommended the addition of verbiage that a person must be 'knowing' of the wrongful use before a fine is imposed.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES to introduce, waive, and approve the first reading of an ordinance amending sections 3-13.601 and 3-13.702, and repealing Article 3.5 of Chapter 13 of Title 3, of the Siskiyou County Code regarding regulation of groundwater, find that the ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) and direct the Clerk to schedule a public hearing on, and second reading of, the ordinance on August 1, 2023.

County Administration/Natural Resources - Discussion, direction and possible action re letter to the State Water Resources Control Board providing comments on the Petition for Rulemaking to Set Minimum Flows on the Scott River. Letter approved with modifications.

Natural Resource Policy Specialist Matt Parker appeared before the Board, providing a brief overview of the request to provide comments on the Environmental Law Foundation and Karuk Tribe's Petition for Rulemaking to Set Minimum Flows on the Scott River.

Scott Valley resident Sari Sommarstrom appeared before the Board, advising that she suggested edits to the draft letter, recommending that the tone of the letter reflect Scott Valley's diversity as pro-fish and pro-farming/agriculture. Ms. Sommarstrom further suggested pointing out errors within the Petition.

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed advised that the Petition arose following the California Governor's Emergency Regulations associated with Scott Valley water which will end on August 1, 2023.

Supervisor Haupt advised that the County has a history of making efforts to support local fishery projects, including multiple support letter that could be mentioned in the comment letter.

Etna resident Theo Johnson appeared before the Board, speaking in support of Ms. Sommarstrom's suggestions regarding the tone of the comment letter. Ms. Johnson suggested including various reports and flow data/information related to the County's Coho and Salmon successes.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Mr. Parker regarding support for the letter's 'tone', the need to comment regarding the County's Coho/Salmon successes and work toward off-stream storage, the need to provide the comment letter directly to the Petition proponents and to attend the State Water Resources Control Board's hearing regarding the Petition and provide comments.

Supervisor Valenzuela shared concerns regarding the lack of collaboration between and willingness to work together with various entities concerning Scott Valley's water.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES to approve the outline of the proposed content of the oppositional comment letter to the State Water Resources Control Board, direct staff to put the letter into its final form, and authorize the Chair to execute the final copy of the letter with the approved content.

Board of Supervisors' Requests - Board of Supervisors - Review status of local emergency related to drought declared by Resolution 22-74, adopted on April 5, 2022; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency terminated.

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board, requesting that the local emergency be terminated.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES, to terminate the local emergency related to drought declared by Resolution 22-74.

Board of Supervisors' Requests - Board of Supervisors - Review status of local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation as declared by Resolution 20-18, adopted on January 21, 2020; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES, to extend the local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation as declared by Resolution 20-18.

Board of Supervisors' Requests - Board of Supervisors - Review status of local emergency related to McKinney Fire burn scar and debris flows declared by the Director of Emergency Services; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board, requesting that the local emergency be continued/extended.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES, to extend the local emergency related to McKinney Fire burn scar and debris flows declared by the Director of Emergency Services.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the unscheduled vacancy on the Dunsmuir Recreation and Parks District, with a term ending June 30, 2026. Jack Sutcliffe appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that Cami Giacomelli-Declusin, Jack Sutcliffe and Noelle Harrison were interested and eligible to fill the vacant position.

Following brief discussion between members of the Board, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES to appoint Jack Sutcliffe to the unscheduled vacancy on the Dunsmuir Recreation and Parks District, with a term ending June 30, 2026.

Minute Approval - June 20, 2023. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES to approve the June 20, 2023 minutes with the following additions:

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General Services – Airports - Approve agreement with the United States Forest Service for Tanker Base lease located at the Siskiyou County Airport, for the term July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2043 in an amount not to exceed \$829,186.50.

Add this paragraph:

Supervisor Haupt shared concerns regarding the potential negative impacts to firefighting capability should a runway at the Siskiyou County Airport be shortened.

And add this paragraph to the end of the agenda item:

Supervisor Kobseff directed staff to provide information related to the runway length for possible future Board input and/or action.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Continued public hearing for discussion, direction and possible action re presentation of a vacation rental analysis report and identified policy recommendations. Public hearing continued to September 5, 2023.

This was the time set for a public hearing for discussion, direction and possible action re presentation of a vacation rental analysis report and identified policy recommendations, having been continued from March 21, 2023.

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

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Public Hearings - Community Development – (continued)

Planning Director Hailey Lang appeared before the Board, summarizing the three Regions within the County (McCloud, South County and North County) and various associated policies related to each Region concerning the minimum parcel size, the type of vacation rental permit required, whether an inspection is necessary, homeowner residency requirements, and the total number of permits allowed for each Region. Ms. Lang requested input from the Board regarding the zoning districts allowing for short term vacation rental activity, snow storage/maintenance requirements (in South County) possible prohibition of vacation rentals in certain neighborhoods, public notification to nearby properties when a vacation rental is approved, a vacation rental permitting process, allowing vacation rentals on public or private roads, the ability of a vacation rental on Williamson Act properties and possible enforcement of vacation rental permits.

Ms. Lang additionally provided information regarding 'tiny homes' in relation to vacation rentals, advising that Community Development/Planning Department would be unable to permit 'tiny homes' or recreation vehicles as vacation rentals. In addition, Ms. Lang advised that Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) were prohibited by the State as vacation or short-term rentals. Ms. Lang suggested rezoning as a possible means to provide 'tiny home' short-term rentals on commercial property designated a campground.

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

Audience member Monet Allen appeared before the Board and spoke in support of vacation rentals being allowed on Williamson Act properties.

Following discussion between members of the Board, Ms. Lang, Community Development Director Rick Dean and County Counsel Natalie E. Reed regarding Planning's recommendation to allow vacation rentals in all residential, commercial and agricultural zoning districts, the recommended 2.5 acre parcel minimum requirement for the South County Region only and Planning's standard practices related to certain restrictions in the zoning process, it was the consensus of the Board to allow vacation rentals in the above mentioned zoning districts.

Further discussion followed, including County Administrator Angela Davis and Deputy County Counsel William Carroll regarding snow storage and maintenance requirements in the South County and McCloud Regions, possible methods for notifying vacation rental permit applicants of the need to address snow removal and/or storage on their property, potential impacts of vacation rentals properties on private roads and within a Home Owner Association (HOA), a possible method for providing neighboring property notification within a ministerial vacation rental permit process and the benefits associated with the ability of the public to comment on a potential rental in their neighborhood.

Supervisor Haupt shared concerns regarding multiple dwellings that share a common water well, Mr. Dean summarized the associated permitting process.

Supervisor Kobseff spoke in support of the Department utilizing the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process which would provide an opportunity for the public to voice support or concerns prior to a permit being issued.

Further discussion followed regarding possible public notification options to be further explored, the pros and cons associated with allowing vacation or short-term rentals on Williamson Act contracted lands and the possible impact of allowing short- and/or long-term rentals on lands within the Scott Valley Area Plan.

Supervisor Valenzuela spoke in opposition to allowing short-term/vacation rentals on Williamson Act properties, with workforce housing as the exception.

Ms. Lang advised that she anticipated continuing to work with the McCloud Community Services District (CSD) to address their concerns regarding the potential impacts to McCloud area housing created by increased number of short-term/vacation rentals.

Discussion followed regarding support for capping the number of vacation rental permits at 5% (versus 10%), the potential to set a 2.5 acre minimum parcel size in the McCloud Region and the recommendation that a property owner live in a residence for a minimum of two years prior to requesting a vacation rental permit.

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Public Hearings - Community Development – (continued)

Following further discussion regarding the negative impacts to local schools and workforce from loss of affordable long-term housing, options for enforcing vacation rental permits, various Planning permitting processes related to ‘tiny homes’ and possible options for allowing ‘tiny homes’ as short-term/vacation rentals, the public hearing was continued to September 5, 2023.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider Resolutions approving the rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contracts and an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve under Application APA-23-03 for the Allen Trust Williamson Act contract rescission and reentry project. Resolutions 23-131 (rescind) and 23-132 (amend) adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider Resolutions approving the rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contracts and an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve under Application APA-23-03 for the Allen Trust Williamson Act contract rescission and reentry project.

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

Chair Valenzuela opened the public hearing.

Assistant Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to amend an existing Agricultural Preserve and Williamson Act contract for the Allen Family.

In response to Chair Valenzuela, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk’s Office received two public hearing notification letters related to this item addressed to the USA BLM and Purisma Ridge Partners LP returned by the US Mail.

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

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Ogren and Valenzuela 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 23-131 approving the rescission & reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract; and adopt the attached Resolution 23-132 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider Resolutions approving rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contract, an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve under Application APA-23-02 and directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for 2.5-acres under new Williamson act Contract for the Burroughs Williamson Act contract rescission and reentry project. Resolutions 23-133 (rescind), 23-134 (amend) and 23-135 (non-renew) adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider Resolutions approving rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contract, an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve under Application APA-23-02 and directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for 2.5-acres under new Williamson act Contract for the Burroughs Williamson Act contract rescission and reentry project.

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

Assistant Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to amend an existing Agricultural Preserve and Williamson Act contract for the Burroughs Family. In addition, Ms. Cizin recommended non-renewal of one 2.5 acre parcel which was less than the 40 acre minimum, advising that the Applicant was aware and supported the recommendation.

In response to Chair Valenzuela, 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.

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Public Hearings - Community Development – (continued)

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Ogren and Valenzuela 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 23-134 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserves and establish a new Agricultural Preserve, adopt the attached Resolution 23-133 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract, and adopt the attached Resolution 23-135 directing staff to process the Notice of Non-Renewal for the 2.5-acre parcel.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider Resolutions approving the rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contracts and an amendment to two existing Agricultural Preserves under Application APA-23-06 for the Fiock Williamson Act contract rescission and reentry project. Resolutions 23-136 (rescind) and 23-137 (amend) adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider Resolutions approving the rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contracts and an amendment to two existing Agricultural Preserves under Application APA-23-06 for the Fiock Williamson Act contract rescission and reentry project.

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

Assistant Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to amend an existing Agricultural Preserve and Williamson Act contract for the Fiock Family.

In response to Chair Valenzuela, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office received two public hearing notification letters related to this item addressed to the Karuk Tribe Trust USA and Sarah Ann Stickel Trustee.

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

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Ogren and Valenzuela 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 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve, and adopt the attached Resolution approving the rescission & reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract.

Supervisor Criss returned to the Board Chambers.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Continued public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance adding Chapter 5, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, to Title 9, Building Regulations, of the Siskiyou County Code and to consider Resolution adopting a checklist for electric vehicle charging stations. Ordinance 23-06 adopted and Resolution 23-138 adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing for the second reading of an Ordinance adding Chapter 5, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, to Title 9, Building Regulations, of the Siskiyou County Code and to consider Resolution adopting a checklist for electric vehicle charging stations, having been introduced on June 20, 2023.

Planning Director Hailey Lang appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to adopt an Ordinance and related Resolution.

In response to Chair Valenzuela, 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.

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Public Hearings - Community Development – (continued)

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt to find the proposed ordinance will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and that the proposed ordinance is therefore exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), introduce, waive and approve the second reading of an ordinance adding Chapter 5, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to Title 9, Building Regulations, of the Siskiyou County Code and approve the Resolution formalizing the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations checklist. Following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES, the motion to adopt Ordinance 23-06 and to adopt Resolution 23-138 carried unanimously.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), two cases, conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54957.6, Liability claims pursuant to Government Code §54956.95, commenced at 11:51 a.m., concluded at 1:03 p.m., with no action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 1:03 p.m., with no reportable action taken.

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisor Kobseff advised of plans to attend a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) meeting in Sacramento and further advised of receiving community comments regarding the County’s fireworks (ban) Ordinance.

Supervisor Criss advised of attending 4th of July events in Butte Valley and Copco Lake and reported on a Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway economic study.

Supervisor Ogren advised of assisting the California Fish and Wildlife Department with installation of guzzlers in the Macdoel area and advised of the upcoming North Coast Resource Partnership business meeting and strategic plan meeting taking place in Yreka.

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Ed Valenzuela, Chair

By: _____
Deputy