

# State of California, County of Siskiyou

## Board of Supervisors Minutes, August 6, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Ray A. Haupt, County Administrator Angela Davis, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kobseff. Pursuant to AB23, the Clerk announced that the Board members receive no additional compensation for sitting as members of the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Siskiyou Power Authority and In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority. Community Development Director Rick Dean led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

**Closed Session** - Conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, 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, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), 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), three cases, commenced at 8:32 a.m., concluded at 9:32 a.m., with no action taken.

### **Report On Closed Session**

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 9:32 a.m., with no reportable action taken. In addition, Ms. Reed advised that the Board would return to closed session at the conclusion of the regular agenda.

### **Presentations from the Public**

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office had been informed that the ZOOM meeting information listed in the online Board of Supervisors' agenda was incorrect.

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed advised that the County provides a ZOOM link to Board meeting agendas as a courtesy for the public to use in order to access meetings. Ms. Reed advised the Board that they could continue the meeting to another date or conduct the meeting as usual.

It was the consensus of the Board to conduct the meeting in the usual manner.

**Invocation** – Supervisor Haupt provided an invocation.

### **Presentations from the Public**

In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) union representative Jacob Hibbetts appeared before the Board advising of ongoing negotiating efforts on behalf of local IHSS providers. Mr. Hibbetts spoke in support of an increase for IHSS providers.

IHSS provider Cynthia Seavers appeared before the Board and spoke in support of an increase for IHSS providers' wages.

IHSS recipient Maya DeMers appeared before the Board, speaking in support of an increase in IHSS provider wages.

IHSS provider Neal Aronson appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the need for higher wages and additional service hours for recipients.

IHSS provider Alice DeMers appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the need for higher wages and trainings for IHSS workers.

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**Presentations from the Public – (continued)**

IHSS provider Cooper Freeman appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the need for an increase in wages for IHSS workers.

Participation in presentations from the public was provided via ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Caller Terri Mazingo spoke in support of the contract to provide shower and laundry service trucks to benefit local homeless population.

Caller Alice Rogers spoke in support of local IHSS providers and the need for higher wages.

Caller Ginger Sammito spoke in support of True the Vote and efforts to clean up voter rolls in the country and address non-citizen voters.

Caller Michael Clarno spoke in support of the contract to provide shower and laundry service trucks to benefit local homeless population.

IHSS provider Kelly West appeared before the Board, sharing support for efforts to support local IHSS providers.

**Consent Agenda – Approved.**

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

**Agriculture**

Approve the agreement for Nursery Inspections between the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the Siskiyou County Department of Agriculture. Authorize the auditor to establish budget.

**Assessor - Recorder**

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

**Community Development**

Adopt Resolution 24-127 approving an application for funding and the execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto in the amount of up to \$300,000 of State Community Development Block Grant for the Siskiyou County Protein and Produce Program.

**Community Development**

Approve a Subrecipient Agreement in the amount of up to \$288,000 with Great Northern Services to implement and operate the Siskiyou County Protein and Produce Program if the County receives an allocation of State Community Development Block Grant funds, and authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriations.

**County Administration**

Approve the Addendum and authorize the Chair to sign.

**County Administration**

Adopt Resolution 24-128 approving the transfer of \$100,000 Rule20A credits from the County's credit allocation to the City of Etna credit allocation.

**County Administration**

Ratify the MOU between the County of Siskiyou and the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management for Revision of the Resource Management Plan and Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.

**County Administration**

Ratify the rate agreement with Kevin Kimple, Private Investigator, for services relating to Personnel investigations for a term of 7/1/24 through 6/30/2027, and authorize the Auditor to establish budget.

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**Consent Agenda – (continued)**

County Administration - Personnel

Adopt Resolution P 24-129 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule, Position Allocation List, and new classifications specifications for positions in County service effective August 18, 2024.

County Counsel

Approve the Sixth Addendum to Agreement for Services with Spinelli, Donald & Nott, increasing the compensation under the contract by \$75,000, amend Exhibit "A", and authorize the Board chair to execute same.

County Library

Ratification and approval for applying for the grant with a possible award amount of \$25,000.00.

Facilities Management - Communications

Approve Emergency Pursuant to Public Code section 22050 for a Public Works Emergency Contract with Day Wireless Systems Inc. to repair and replace UHF link equipment. Allow the Auditors Office to establish a budget for the Emergency Contract.

General Services - Sanitation

Approve the contract for the services with Yreka Transfer LLC. for picking up and hauling appliances, mixed metal and cardboard from Black Butte Transfer Station.

General Services - Sanitation

Approve the second addendum to M Peters, Inc contract and authorize the Chair to Sign. Staff also requests allowing Auditor to process the budget transfer that is needed.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 1<sup>st</sup> Addendum for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Marin General Hospital Corporation for the term commencing through February 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First ageement for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and for the term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreements for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) for the term commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the ageement for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Department of Health Care Services effective last date of signature ("Effective Date").

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 Restpadd Health Corporation - Red Bluff, 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 Lease Agreement between Rizzo Real Estate and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division-WIC Program, for the rental property located at 700 S. Main Street, Suite 1, Yreka, CA, for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027, with a total amount of the Lease not to exceed \$61,200.

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**Consent Agenda – (continued)**

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the contract between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and Kevin Kimple for the full term July 1, 2024 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 which is effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Public Defender

Approve the contract with Language Line Services, Inc. for the term July 1, 2024 - June 30 2029 at the rates identified on the Statement of Work.

Public Defender

Approve the contract with LexisNexis Risk Solutions, Inc. to provide investigation services for the term June 1, 2024 - July 31, 2027 at the rates identified on Schedule A.

Public Works

Approve and authorize chairperson to sign the Local Transportation Fund Claim for FY 24/25 in the amount of \$1,104,310.00 and authorize the Auditor to adjust the budget for the Road Department.

Public Works

Approve and sign contract with Lakin Tire West to transport and legally dispose of all scrap tires placed in the Lakin Tire West trailer at the Central Yard for Public Works.

Treasurer - Tax Collector

Approve the Addendum to the Contract for services with Print N Mail, Inc., to print and mail the Siskiyou County Secured Property Tax Bills for Fiscal Years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027, increasing the contract amount by \$75,000 (\$25,000/year), for a total amount not to exceed of \$141,000.

Transfer of Funds - Fuel Services - \$13,020. Resolution 24-130 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Janitorial - \$75,000. Resolution 24-131 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Public Health - \$138,968. Resolution 24-132 adopted

Transfer of Funds - Risk Management-Liability - \$461,000. Resolution 24-133 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Solid Waste Disposal - \$570,000. Resolution 24-134 adopted.

**Public Requests** - United States Forest Service - Shasta-Trinity National Forest - Presentation of an update re various National Forest activities. Presentation and discussion only.

Shasta-Trinity National Forest Supervisor Rachel Birkey appeared before the Board, introducing Deputy Forest Supervisor Kari Otto, new Shasta- McCloud Management Unit Ranger Joe Rodarme, new Klamath National Forest Supervisor Chris Christofferson. Ms. Birkey presented a powerpoint presentation, including updates on various activities in the Shasta -Trinity National Forest with regard to wildfire crisis strategy (including funding available to provide protection from wildfire around communities) and efforts made to prepare for the 2024 fire season (Redding Air Tanker Base's upgraded fire retardant capacity).

Mr. Rodarme continued the powerpoint, including various forest planning efforts being made (i.e. National Old Growth Amendment (NOGA), Northwest Forest Plan Amendment/Update and a Pacific Crest Trail Trinity Alps to Castle Crags land exchange project) and an update on project in the Shasta-McCloud Management Unit (i.e. South Fork Sacramento Project, updates on road work, Youth Conservation Corps activities and fire suppression staffing).

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**Public Requests - United States Forest Service - Shasta-Trinity National Forest – (continued)**

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Birkey and Mr. Rodarme regarding Ski Park Highway, the South Fork Sacramento Project, work being done on the NOGA and Northwest Forest Plan, anticipated road efforts on Esperanza and Pilgrim Creek Roads in McCloud, the need to investigate certain public/forest roads that have been closed to the public, . Further discussion followed regarding various fuel reduction efforts, the Castle Crags land exchange project and public concerns related to flooding events.

Mr. Christofferson appeared before the Board, providing updates on efforts being made to reactivate a Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), public access/roads in the Forest, the Northwest Forest Plan amendment/update, the status of Greyback Road and efforts being made to address issues and ongoing efforts to reduce fire risks and natural emissions in the forest.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Mr. Christofferson regarding the need to discuss water issues in the Butte Valley (i.e. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act-SGMA), issues to address at Orr Lake, future projects related to junipers and biomass, the County's stewardship agreement to help with forest management, fuels management in the Northwest Forest Plan, the need to assess various road closures and the need to address dead trees in the landscape.

**Health and Human Services - Social Services Division** - Discussion, direction and possible action re request of Supervisor Ogren that a motion to reconsider the addendum to the Emergency Command Support contract, which was previously not approved on July 2, 2024, be made by a Board member who previously voted "no" and is eligible to make the motion for the addendum to contract with Emergency Command Support, Inc. to provide certain shower and laundry services, increasing the contract by \$114,800 to a total not to exceed \$224,000 and extending the term through January 31, 2025. Continued to August 13, 2024.

In response to Chair Kobseff, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed provided an overview of the request to reconsider a contract addendum that did not pass during the July 2, 2024 regular Board meeting as one Supervisor (Ogren) was absent and the vote at the time was 2/2 (a tie vote). Ms. Reed advised that under Robert's Rules of Order an item can be reconsidered should one of the Supervisors who voted NO previously request so, and that the request for reconsideration come from the previously absent Supervisor (Ogren).

Audience member Tara Kilcollins appeared before the Board, speaking in support of the County approving the addendum to allow additional shower and laundry facilities to the local homeless population.

Supervisor Kobseff spoke in support of continuing this agenda item to the next regular Board meeting as the City of Yreka would be addressing homelessness at its upcoming City Council meeting.

Audience member Louise Gliatto appeared before the Board, speaking in support of continuing the item to the next Board meeting.

Yreka City Mayor Pro Tem Paul McCoy appeared before the Board, spoke in support consideration of the item today, as the City's upcoming agenda item/ordinance discussion stemmed from the California Governor's Executive Order related to homeless encampments and may not help the Board in making their decision should the item be continued.

Following discussion between members of the Board regarding the upcoming City meeting, the ability of the County to cancel the contract addendum should it be approved and the large expense related to the shower/laundry contract, the Chair advised that agenda items 9A and 9B were continued to the August 13, 2024 Board meeting.

**Health and Human Services - Social Services Division** - Discussion, direction and possible action re reconsideration of addendum to contract with Emergency Command Support, Inc. to provide certain shower and laundry services, increasing the contract by \$114,800 to a total not to exceed \$224,000 and extending the term through January 31, 2025 that was previously not approved on July 2, 2024. Continued to August 13, 2024.

Continued to August 13, 2024 as noted in the previous agenda item.

**Community Development** - Discussion, direction and possible action re review of the County's Williamson Act/Agricultural Preserve Program and possible revision of the Rules for Establishment and Administration of Agricultural Preserves and Williamson Act Contracts. Presentation and discussion only.

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

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board and presented a powerpoint presentation regarding the Williamson Act/Agricultural Preserve Program, including an overview of various statistics (i.e. total acreage within the County under Williamson Act Contract, under the Williamson Act Contract Non-renewal process, etc.). Ms. Cizin continued the powerpoint, including an overview of various staff recommendation related to non-conforming Agricultural Preserves, primary use - Timber Production, application requirements/parcel creation, substandard parcels (size) and minor amendments/additional housekeeping.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Cizin regarding various staff recommendations as follows:

#1 - Non-conforming Ag Preserves – it was the consensus of the Board to support Option 1 to remove all property currently under Williamson Act Contract from existing Ag Preserves and bring all that property under one single Preserve.

#2 – Primary Use-Timber Production – it was the consensus of the Board to support Option 1 to remove the growing and harvesting of timber from allowed Primary Agricultural Uses.

#3 – Application requirements – the Board was in need of additional information related to an applicant providing proof of a legal parcel in lieu of providing a required Title Report.

#4 – Substandard parcels (size) – it was the consensus of the Board to support option 2 to continue to require that all parcels are at least 40 acres in size unless the primary use is intensive (i.e. growing fruits, nuts or vines).

#5 – Minor amendments – it was the consensus of the Board to support option 1 to allow the Ag Preserve Administrator to approve a change in Use as a Minor Contract Amendment (which would decrease fees for this type of project).

With regard to minor additional housekeeping/cleanup, the Board and Ms. Cizin discussed including Short Term Vacation Rentals as an existing Use, removing the term 'Agritourism' from Compatible Uses, clarification of landowner responsibility with regard to entering Conservation Easements and Programs and the need to clarify the withdrawal process for Notices of Non-Renewal (i.e. with regard to who originally issued the notice).

Additional brief discussion followed, including Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham regarding the Department's request to bring the revised Rules for Establishment and Administration of Agricultural Preserves and Williamson Act Contracts back before the Board for adoption during a public hearing on September 3, 2024.

Supervisor Criss returned to the Board Chambers.

**Community Development** - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to award bid for Head Fire structural debris removal services to SW Maintenance Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$586,550. Approved.

Community Development Director Rick Dean provided an overview of the request, advising of the process utilized to select SW Maintenance Corporation to perform certain debris removal services associated with the Head Fire.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt and seconded by Supervisor Ogren to award bid to SW Maintenance Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$586,550 for structural debris removal services for properties involved in the Head Fire.

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## **Community Development – (continued)**

Brief discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Dean and County Administrator Angela Davis regarding the anticipated reimbursement process from the State and additional debris and hazard tree removal services currently out for bid.

The Chair called from the question and following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, the motion carried unanimously.

**County Clerk** - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution from the Shasta Valley Cemetery District requesting a reduction in the number of the District's Board Trustees from five members to three members, including setting a public hearing to consider the request.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Shasta Valley Cemetery District requested, via Resolution, to reduce the number of District Board Trustees from five to three members. Ms. Winningham additionally advised that the Board would need to set a public hearing to consider the request.

Following brief discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Winningham regarding potential public hearing dates and the current status of the District Board's membership, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to set a public hearing to consider the Shasta Valley Cemetery District's Resolution requesting a reduction in the number of the District's Board Trustees from five members to three members on September 3, 2024.

**County Clerk** - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to reschedule or cancel the November 5, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting due to the 2024 Presidential General Election, to allow for staff to be available to the Clerk's Office for office coverage and assisting voters. November 5, 2024 Board meeting cancelled.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request to either cancel or reschedule the November 5, 2024 regular Board meeting due to the upcoming Election.

Following brief discussion regarding the request, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to cancel the November 5, 2024 regular Board meeting due to the 2024 Presidential General Election.

**Personnel Hearing** - Board of Supervisors - Personnel hearing re an appeal of termination filed on behalf of a Sheriff's Office employee. Hearing vacated; no action was taken.

In response to Chair Kobseff, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the County Clerk was notified of a request that the Personnel hearing be vacated. Ms. Winningham advised that both parties (County and Appellant) were in agreement with the request to vacate the hearing with a new hearing date yet to be determined.

Following brief discussion regarding the anticipated process for setting a new hearing date, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to vacate the Personnel hearing re an appeal of termination filed on behalf of a Sheriff's Office employee scheduled for August 6, 2024.

**Closed Session** - Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957, consider the discipline, dismissal or release of a public employee. Dropped from the agenda.

In response to Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed advised that this item and associated Report on Closed Session were dropped from the agenda as the previous agenda item/public hearing was vacated.

## **Report on Closed Session**

This item was dropped from the agenda.

**Appointments** - County Clerk - Appointment of three members to the scheduled vacancies on the Siskiyou County Range Advisory Board for two-year terms ending July 28, 2026. Caroline Luiz, Greg Kuck and Mark Coats appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that incumbents Caroline Luiz, Greg Kuck and Mark Coats expressed interest in reappointment to the Range Advisory Board.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint Caroline Luiz, Greg Kuck and Mark Coats to the scheduled vacancies on the Siskiyou County Range Advisory Board for two-year terms ending July 28, 2026.

**Appointments** - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the unscheduled vacancy on the PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, for a four-year term effective the date of appointment. Joan Smith Freeman appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Clerk's Office had received two applications/letters of interest in serving on the PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging Advisory County from Jon Michael Patterson and Joan Smith Freeman and that members of the Advisory Council and Executive Board were contacted regarding their thoughts on the applicants.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint Joan Smith Freeman to the unscheduled vacancy on the PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, for a four-year term ending August 6, 2028.

**Minute Approval** - Reconsider approval of June 18, 2024 minutes. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Criss and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Ogren ABSTAINING to approve the June 18, 2024 minutes, revised as follows:

Added to June 18, 2024, Volume 79, page 102 – Consent Agenda

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the CAO to sign the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) through one year from the effective date (Term).

**Minute Approval** - July 2 and 9, 2024. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Ogren ABSTAINING, to approved the July 2, 2024 minutes as presented.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSTAINING, to approved the July 9, 2024 minutes as presented.

### **Board and Staff Reports**

Supervisor Criss advised of his attendance at a Tulelake Fire Protection District BBQ, the McCloud Lumberjack Festival, OreCal RC&DC strategic planning workshops, a McCloud Garden Club and Dorris Lions Club meetings, an OreCal RC&DC meeting and two special Klamath Endangered Species Act (ESA) meetings. Supervisor Criss further advised of attending a Superior California Economic Development District (SCEDD) loan meeting and that he was appointed to the California 4-H Foundation Board.

Supervisor Ogren advised of her attendance at the Siskiyou Crossroads grand opening, an Airport Open House, a County Firesafe Council meeting, an OreCal RC&DC meeting, a public fire meeting in Etna, a Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (RCD) meeting regarding a Juniper Project, a Yreka City Council meeting, a Yreka Rotary luncheon, a Continuum of Care Advisory Board meeting, a Shelly Fire cooperators meeting and a Forestry meeting in Weed.

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## **Board and Staff Reports – (continued)**

Supervisor Ogren additionally advised of attending a Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) meeting, Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) meetings, a North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) Executive Committee meeting, OreCal RC&DC strategic planning workshops and advised of working the Siskiyou Golden Fair Garden for a conservative Republican Group.

Supervisor Haupt advised of his attendance for various Shelly Fire fireteam meetings as well as being evacuated during the Shelly Fire. Supervisor Haupt further advised of attending his daughter Lindsay's induction into the Big Sky Conference Hall of Fame for volleyball and voiced concerns regarding curtailment letters/orders sent to private Scott Valley landowners from the State Water Board.

Supervisor Valenzuela advised of attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for Siskiyou Crossroads in Yreka, a California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force meeting, various California State Association of Counties (CSAC) meetings and a lobbyist seminar in Sacramento.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of his attendance at a Weed Airport meeting, a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) meeting in Sacramento, various Tri-County meetings, OreCal RC&D strategic planning session, a First 5 Siskiyou Children and Families Commission meeting and a Mt. Shasta football booster's fundraiser.

**Closed Session** - Conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, 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, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), 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), three cases, commenced at 12:27 p.m., concluded at 2:10 p.m., with no action taken.

### **Report On Closed Session**

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 2:10 p.m., with reportable action taken.

With regard to item 4C, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Case No. 1-17-MD-2804, Ms. Reed advised that it was moved by Supervisor Criss and seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried with a unanimous vote of YES to add a defendant to the County's complaint and once formally filed upon inquiry of any person information about the identity of the defendant will be disclosed.

With regard to item 4D, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Casey G. Lowe v. Natalie Reed in her capacity as Siskiyou County Counsel, et al., Siskiyou County Superior Court, Case No. 24cv07519, Ms. Reed advised that County Counsel recused herself from the matter and leaving the Board room with the Assistant County Counsel at 1:02 p.m. and returning to the Board room at 1:08 p.m. In addition, Deputy County Administrator - Personnel and Risk Management Hayley Hudson reported that it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela and seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried with a unanimous vote of YES to authorize defense of suit and representation by outside counsel Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

With regard to item 4E, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Jeramie Foster v. Siskiyou County, et al., Siskiyou County Superior Court, Case No. 24CV05169, Ms. Reed advised that it was moved by Supervisor Haupt and seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried with a unanimous vote of YES to authorize defense of suit and representation by outside counsel Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

With regard to item 4G, Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), three cases, Ms. Reed advised that Chair Kobseff recused himself from one of the exposure items leaving the Board room at 12:38 p.m. and returning at 1:02 p.m.

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

Attest:  
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

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Michael N. Kobseff, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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