

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, May 6, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 6th day of May 2025; there being present Supervisors Jess Harris, 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 Ogren. 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 County Service Area 4. Supervisor Kobseff 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

Interim Chief Probation Officer Stacey Jackson appeared before the Board, presenting and summarizing letters from the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) to the California State Assembly and the California State Senate regarding support for Assembly Bill (AB) 1213 and opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 357. Ms. Jackson briefly summarized both bills concerning victim restitution and the juvenile justice system.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At County Administrator Angela Davis' request, item 5E, County Administration – Personnel - Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule, Position Allocation List and approving new classifications specifications was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Supervisor Kobseff's request, item 5J, Health and Human Services - Public Health Division's Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the allocation award under the Standard Agreement Amendment for the Women, Infants and Children Program was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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

Behavioral Health Services Board

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the proclamation of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors proclaiming Mental Health Awareness Month for May 2025.

County Administration

Appoint Jessica Skillen as the Interim Director of General Services, effective May 11, 2025 and until the position of Director of General Services is appointed by the Board.

County Administration

Ratification of a letter sent to Assemblymember Diana Papan, in support of AB 1038 (Hadwick) - Bears: Pursuit by Dogs.

County Administration

Ratification of a letter sent to California Fish and Game Commission President Erika Zavaleta, in opposition to potential change in regulations regarding nongame status of coyotes.

County Clerk

Removal of Supervisor Harris as Delegate and Supervisor Valenzuela as Alternate to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) from the Board of Supervisors' Committee assignments.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

County Library

Ratify and approve applying for the grant, accept the grant funds and authorize the Auditor's Office to establish budget as necessary.

General Services - Sanitation

Approve the First Addendum to the Contract between Paradigm Software and the County and authorize the Chair to sign.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve Amendment #A2 to the DHCS Standard Agreement #21-10117, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Amendment #A2 to the DHCS Standard Agreement and the Contractor Certification Clause, Form CCC 04/2017. The term of this Amendment #A2 to the DHCS Standard Agreement #21-10117 is from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Amendment between Partnership Health Plan of California and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency to extend the Agreement for Covered Services of its Medi-Cal members to December 31, 2029.

Office of Emergency Services

Adopt adopt Resolution 25-49 of the Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County authorizing the Office of Emergency Services to participate in the Firefighter Property (FFP) program.

Sheriff

Approve the Sheriff to donate two Motorola XTL5000 radios to the Sheriff's Posse and allow the appropriate County departments to remove them from the Sheriff's inventory.

Transfer of Funds - Alcohol & Drug - \$434,932. Resolution 25-50 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Courthouse & Grounds - \$5,000. Resolution 25-51 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - District Attorney - \$13,500. Resolution 25-52 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Probation - \$3,000. Resolution 25-53 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Probation - \$10,916. Resolution 25-54 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Public Health - \$9,360. Resolution 25-55 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - General Services - Sanitation - \$376,377. Resolution 25-56 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Solid Waste Disposal - \$420,891. Resolution 25-57 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Information Technology - \$225,000. Resolution 25-58 adopted.

County Administration – Personnel - Adopt Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule, Position Allocation List, and approve new classifications specifications for positions in Human Services, General Services, Jail and Siskiyou Transportation Agency, effective May 11, 2025. Resolution P 25-59 adopted.

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

Deputy County Administrator – Personnel and Risk Management Hayley Hudson appeared before the Board, advising of the need to modify the item's agenda language to read: Health and Human Services – Behavioral Health Division rather than Human Services.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to adopt Resolution P 25-59 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule, Position Allocation List, and new classifications specifications for positions in County service effective May 11, 2025.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division - Adopt Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the allocation award under the Standard Agreement Amendment (STD 213) for County of Siskiyou for the Women, Infants and Children Program for an allocation in the amount of \$2,252,964, with spending authority through September 30, 2028. Resolution 25-60 adopted

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

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard appeared before the Board and responded to Supervisor Kobseff regarding the Funding Award Letter included in the agenda item.

Discussion followed between Supervisor Kobseff and Ms. Collard regarding the breakdown of the funding (i.e. staffing, education, nutrition products, etc.) and the need for additional information.

Later in the meeting, Ms. Collard appeared back before the Board and summarized the various funding for Programs for Nutrition Services, Farmers Market Nutrition and Breastfeeding Peer Counseling.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to approve (adopt) Resolution 25-60 for another Three (3) year contract between the California Department of Public Health and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division and authorize the CAO to sign Standard Agreement Amendment (STD 213) and authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriation.

Community Development - Planning Division - Discussion, direction and possible action re proposed Bailey Hill Road Abandonment Project, located east of I-5 north of the community of Hornbrook. Staff directed to move forward with the Bailey Hill Road Abandonment project.

Deputy Director of Planning Hailey Lang appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request and proposed abandonment of Bailey Hill Road located along Interstate 5 (I-5) north of the community of Hornbrook. Ms. Lang advised that Planning and Public Works staff did not recommend abandonment as the project does not appear to be in the public interest. Ms. Lang summarized three required findings concerning General Plan conformity, nonmotorized transportation and present/prospective public use that would need to be addressed in a public hearing should the Board direct staff to move forward with the project.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Lang and Public Works Director Tom Deany regarding initial daily I-5 traffic information, only one private property accessible from Bailey Hill Road, the road's location within Scenic Highway designation, potential costs associated with roadway and bridge maintenance on the road (i.e. \$7,000 deferred maintenance, \$700,000 to replace/repair the bridge) and the anticipated public hearing process.

Supervisors Harris and Valenzuela spoke in support of abandoning the roadway for lack of public access and the anticipated costs associated with maintenance and/or bridge repair.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Ms. Lang advised that staff would research possible unintended consequences to be discussed during a public hearing.

Supervisor Ogren spoke in opposition to abandoning the roadway due to potential for public use (i.e. during winter weather closures on I-5).

Local private property owner Steve DeClerck appeared before the Board, speaking in support of the road abandonment request and advising that access to the overpass (would not be abandoned with the roadway) would continue which would give travelers the ability to exit I-5 during an emergency. Mr. DeClerck advised that he would take responsibility for the road and bridge maintenance/repairs and that local agencies would continue to have access to the property as needed.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Ogren voting NO to direct staff to move forward with the Bailey Hill Road Abandonment project.

Community Development/Fire Warden/County Counsel - Discussion, direction and possible action re first reading of an Ordinance to designate fire hazard severity zones and adding Chapter 6 of Title 9 of the Siskiyou County Code entitled "Siskiyou County Fire Hazard Severity Zones." No action taken.

Community Development Director Rick Dean, Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone and County Fire Warden Greg Roath appeared before the Board.

Mr. Dean provided an overview of the request to adopt an ordinance designating fire hazard severity zones identified by the State Fire Marshal as required by Senate Bill (SB) 63.

Mr. Roath advised that the State Fire Marshal was tasked with creating fire hazard severity zones for the Local Responsibility Area (LRA) similar to the zones that were created for State Responsibility Area (SRA) in the 1980s. Mr. Roath further advised that adopted fire hazard severity zones would provide clear direction with regard to county and city building codes/standards for new construction.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Mr. Dean advised that current building codes would not change considerably with adoption of the fire hazard severity zones, and that properties within medium, high and very high severity zone would require specific construction standards.

In response to Supervisor Haupt, Mr. Roath briefly summarized the anticipated process for performing property inspections within the SRA and LRA. In addition, Mr. Roath was not aware of a federal agency fining private property owners with regard to fire prevention measures.

Supervisor Haupt voiced concerns regarding the over five year timeframe to develop the fire hazard severity zones, the anticipated review of the zones every five years, the maps that are not interactive nor indicative of current on-the-ground fire prevention conditions and the anticipated property inspection process. Supervisor Haupt further voiced concerns that property inspections/assessments would not be performed by a Registered Forester and spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance and hazard severity zone map.

Supervisor Kobseff spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance and hazard severity zone map, sharing concerns that multiple fire prevention and fuels reduction efforts by local firesafe councils and private citizens was not taken into account during creation of the zones and map.

Supervisor Valenzuela advised that the map fairly represents his District and that funding for fuels reduction projects would be forthcoming.

Supervisor Ogren shared concerns regarding the potential for inconsistency with regard to city and county rules/regulations and possible significant changes to residential neighborhoods once fire hazard severity zones/maps are adopted. Supervisor Ogren spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance, advising of the need for clarity with regard to anticipated property inspections and enforcement of the adopted zones/map.

Mr. Schenone advised of the need to adopt the proposed ordinance in order for County staff to utilize toward wildfire hardening funding and requested Board input with regard to modification of the ordinance.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Schenone and Mr. Roath regarding the difficulties associated with city or county property lots split between two or more severity zones, the short timeframe provided by the State for adoption of the zones/map, the likelihood that certain property owners would not be able to physically modify their property to meet the zones/map standards, CalFire's ability to work with property owners toward meeting those standards and to work with local jurisdictions/cities toward education and assistance with the inspection process and the potential for increased insurance rates or cancelled insurance for property owners.

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed advised that, pursuant to Government Code §51179, the County (local agency) shall designate, by adopting an ordinance, the fire hazard severity zones within 120 days of receiving the State Fire Marshal map. Ms. Reed further advised that the ordinance would need to be adopted on or before June 9, 2025.

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Community Development/Fire Warden/County Counsel – (continued)

Discussion followed, including Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham, regarding the timeline for publishing/posting a notice of public hearing for the ordinance's second reading, the inability of the County to decrease or remove areas from the State's map, the need to complete and approve the ordinance's first reading at the current meeting in order to hold a second reading public hearing at the Board's regular June 3, 2025 meeting.

Supervisor Kobseff suggested that the County demand that the State extend the timeline for adopting the zones/map.

Further discussion followed regarding the anticipated inspection process, possible violations and associated fines (misdemeanors), Board members' concerns regarding the punitive nature of the zones/map, the potential for negative impacts to property owners (i.e. possible cancelation of property insurance), the need for the zones/map to be accurate with on-the-ground conditions, confusion within the legislation regarding those responsible for property inspections/assessments and the lack of State support of Siskiyou County.

Supervisor Valenzuela shared concerns regarding the short time frame for adopting the zones/map and spoke in support of the prevention and mitigation funding that would be available upon adoption of the zones/map.

In response to Chair Ogren, Ms. Reed advised that, if the Board does not take action to adopt the ordinance and the zones/map, the Board could be subject to a Writ of Mandate issued by the Court which could order the Board to comply. Additionally, Ms. Reed advised that the legislation requires that a copy of the adopted ordinance be transmitted to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Supervisor Kobseff advised that he was open to a dialogue with the State Fire Marshal concerning possible methods for revising the zones/map and time extension.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela to introduce and waive the first reading of the Ordinance to Designate Fire Hazard Severity Zones and Adding Chapter 6 of Title 9 of the Siskiyou County Code entitled "Siskiyou County Fire Hazard Severity Zones" and direct the Clerk to schedule a second reading and public hearing on the ordinance and the associated proposed CEQA exemption determination (CEQA Guidelines, §15307 and §15308).

The motion died for lack of a second.

Additional discussion followed, including Ms. Reed and Mr. Dean regarding the addition of verbiage in the ordinance regarding multiple designation (i.e. more than one zone for a property parcel), Community Development's efforts to work with CalFire and property owners concerning the zones/map, the lack of credit for home and property hardening efforts in lower a zone's hazard level, the potential that homeowners could experience insurance foreclosures as insurance costs increase or insurance becomes unavailable.

Supervisor Haupt suggested a letter to the State Fire Marshal regarding the Fire Severity Zone Maps, the adoption/approval timeframe and correction to the zones/maps.

Additional discussion followed regarding information to include in the letter and request for Mr. Roath to state the County's concerns to the State Fire Marshal.

No action was taken with regard to the proposed Ordinance to designate fire hazard severity zones.

Sheriff - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to extend the State of Emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation pursuant to Resolution 25-11 adopted on January 21, 2025 for an additional 60 days. Local emergency extended.

Sheriff Jeremiah LaRue appeared before the Board, providing a brief overview of the ongoing emergency declaration and various statistics related to cannabis eradication efforts. Sheriff LaRue voiced concerns regarding potential health and safety hazards related to pesticides found at grow sites which are presumed to be smuggled from foreign locations (i.e. packages labeled in Chinese or other foreign languages).

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Sheriff – (continued)

Sheriff LaRue further voiced concerns regarding the possibility that cannabis product contaminated by illegal pesticides is being sold through legal cannabis dispensaries and potentially impacting human health and safety. Sheriff LaRue requested extension of the emergency declaration.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Sheriff LaRue regarding the California Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) recall program to identify and recall contaminated product from dispensaries, the need for the County's Public Health Officer to weigh in on the potential health/safety risks associated with illegal cannabis operations, the need for the County to share information and educate the public regarding potentially hazardous product available in legal dispensaries, the groups cultivating cannabis illegally, the potential for associated violent crimes in/around grow operations (i.e. human trafficking, etc.), grow operations that have been linked to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and minimal assistance from the State with regard to illegal grow activities.

Supervisor Kobseff suggested a letter to the State regarding the State not recognizing the County's emergency declaration.

Following additional discussion regarding the one-time joint eradication operation which included the County and various State agencies in 2023 and the need to be proactive and educate the public regarding potential health/safety hazards, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to extend the local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation pursuant to Resolution 25-11.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to appoint Erin Welch as Chief Probation Officer effective May 11, 2025, at Step 2 of the Chief Probation Officer salary schedule. Approved.

County Administrator Angela Davis provided an overview of the request to appoint Erin Welch as Chief Probation Officer.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to appoint Ms. Erin Welch as the County of Siskiyou Chief Probation Officer, effective May 11, 2025 at Step 2 of the Chief Probation Officer salary schedule.

Ms. Davis introduced Ms. Welch who appeared before the Board, thanking members of the Board and Ms. Davis for the opportunity to serve Siskiyou County.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Road Maintenance Worker III Eric Todd Egeline for 21 years of dedicated service and contributions to the community upon his retirement from Siskiyou County. Proclamation adopted.

Deputy County Administrator-Personnel and Risk Management Hayley Hudson appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the County's 20-Year Retiree Recognition Program and the Proclamation recognizing Road Maintenance Worker III Eric Todd Egeline on the occasion of his retirement. Ms. Hudson advised that Mr. Egeline was unable to attend the meeting and would be given the Proclamation and a gift.

It was moved by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to approve and adopt the Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Eric Todd Egeline for 21 years of dedicated service and contributions to the community upon his retirement from Siskiyou County.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re the Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Deputy Public Guardian/Conservator/Assistant Public Administrator Karen Goyeneche for 26 years of dedicated service and contributions to the community upon her retirement from Siskiyou County. Proclamation adopted.

Deputy County Administrator-Personnel and Risk Management Hayley Hudson appeared before the Board, providing a brief overview of the County's 20-Year Retiree Program. Continued...

County Administration – (continued)

Ms. Hudson additionally provided an overview of the Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Deputy Public Guardian/Conservator/Assistant Public Administrator Karen Goyeneche for 26 years of dedicated service to the County. Ms. Hudson advised of the need to revise the Proclamation language to indicate 23 years of service with the County.

Supervisor Harris read the Proclamation into the record.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to approve and adopt the Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Karen Goyeneche for 23 years of dedicated service and contributions to the community upon her retirement from Siskiyou County.

Social Services Division Director Trish Barbieri appeared before the Board, thanking Ms. Goyneche for her time and efforts in the Social Services Division and advising that she had worked 26 years total for both the Courts and the County.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard appeared before the Board and wished Ms. Goyneche the best in her future endeavors.

The Proclamation and gift were later presented to Ms. Goyneche.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Deputy Director of Behavioral Health Aimee Von Tungeln for 24 years of dedicated service and contributions to the community upon her retirement from Siskiyou County. Proclamation adopted.

Deputy County Administrator-Personnel and Risk Management Hayley Hudson appeared before the Board, providing a brief overview of the County's 20-Year Retiree Program and the Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Deputy Director of Behavioral Health Aimee Von Tungeln for 24 years of dedicated service and contributions to the community upon her retirement from Siskiyou County.

Ms. Von Tungeln appeared before the Board and thanked members of the Board and County staff for the honor.

Supervisor Valenzuela read the Proclamation into the record.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to approve and adopt the Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Aimee Von Tungeln for 24 years of dedicated service and contributions to the community upon her retirement from Siskiyou County.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard appeared before the Board, thanking Ms. Von Tungeln for her hard work and diligence over the years.

The Proclamation and gift were later presented to Ms. Von Tungeln.

Board of Supervisors' Requests - Supervisor Kobseff - Discussion, direction and possible action re Proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of First 5 Siskiyou Children and Families Commission.

Supervisor Kobseff provided an overview of the request to adopt and present a Proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of First 5 Siskiyou Children and Families Commission. Supervisor Kobseff read the Proclamation into the record.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to adopt and sign the Proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of First 5 Siskiyou Children and Families Commission.

First 5 Siskiyou Children and Families Commission Executive Director Karen Pautz and Systems and Evaluation Coordinator Allison Scull appeared before the Board and thanked members of the Board for supporting First 5.

The Proclamation was later presented to Ms. Pautz.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the unscheduled vacancy on the Lakeview Cemetery District, for a short-term ending January 3, 2028. Continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the District had someone interested in serving although the Clerk's Office was unable to verify that person's eligibility to serve.

The Chair advised that this item was continued to a later date at Ms. Winningham's request.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the unscheduled vacancy on the Etna Cemetery District, for a term ending January 3, 2028. Altha Lindsay appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that local resident Altha Lindsay was interested and eligible to serve on the special district board.

Brief discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Winningham regarding possibly combining cemetery and other special districts and the Local Agency Formation Commission process that would be required.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to appoint Altha Lindsay to the unscheduled vacancy on the Etna Cemetery District, for a term ending January 3, 2028.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the unscheduled vacancy on the Mayten Fire Protection District, for a short-term ending August 15, 2026. Jacki Zediker appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that local resident Jacki Zediker was interested and eligible to serve on the special district board.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to appoint Jacki Zediker to the unscheduled vacancy on the Mayten Fire Protection District, for a short-term ending August 15, 2026.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of two members to the scheduled vacancies on the Local Child Care Planning Council (LPC) for one Consumer and one Public Agency Representative, for terms ending February 28, 2027. Amanda Elsemore appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Local Childcare Planning Council (LPC) requested/recommended appointment of Amanda Elsemore to fill a vacant Public Agency Representative position on the LPC.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to appoint Amanda Elsemore to the scheduled vacancy on the Local Childcare Planning Council, Public Agency Representative, for a term ending February 28, 2027.

Minute Approval - April 15, 2025. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to approve the April 15, 2025 minutes as presented.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider Resolution approving an exception of Pine Place Road from the fifty-foot setback centerline of Right-of-Way and twenty-foot setback from property line requirement along County roadways to a reduced ten-foot setback (SP-24-04), for project located along the entire length of Pine Place Road in the Indian Creek Subdivision, north of the unincorporated community of Happy Camp, CA. Resolution 25-61 adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider Resolution approving an exception of Pine Place Road from the fifty-foot setback centerline of Right-of-Way and twenty-foot setback from property line requirement along County roadways to a reduced ten-foot setback (SP-24-04), for project located along the entire length of Pine Place Road in the Indian Creek Subdivision, north of the unincorporated community of Happy Camp, CA.

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

Chair Ogren opened the public hearing.

Senior Planner Rachel Jereb appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request and the request to modify the setback requirements on Pine Place Road located north of Happy Camp. Ms. Jereb advised that the Planning Commission had approved the request and that the Board was also required to consider and approve the request or not.

In response to the Chair, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that there had been no correspondence received by the County Clerk's Office with regard to this item.

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

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to determine the Pine Place Road Setback Exception (SP-24-04) exempt from the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15305, Class 5, Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations; and adopt Resolution 25-61 approving the exception of Pine Place Road (#8C003) from the fifty-foot centerline and twenty-foot property line setbacks detailed in Siskiyou County Code Section 10-3.03, to a reduced ten-foot property line setback.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Public Hearing for the first reading of an Ordinance reclassifying land west of the City of Weed from Non-Prime Agricultural (AG-2) to Rural Residential Agricultural, 5-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-5) on APN : 021-640-070; Township 41 North, Range 5 West, Section 15, MDB&M, for the Pfeiffer Zone Change (Z-24-02) Project. First reading approved; public hearing for the second reading continued to May 20, 2025.

This was the time set for a public hearing for the first reading of an Ordinance reclassifying land west of the City of Weed from Non-Prime Agricultural (AG-2) to Rural Residential Agricultural, 5-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-5) on APN : 021-640-070; Township 41 North, Range 5 West, Section 15, MDB&M, for the Pfeiffer Zone Change (Z-24-02) Project.

Chair Ogren opened the public hearing.

Senior Planner Rachel Jereb appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the proposed zone change request from Non-Prime Agricultural to Rural Residential Agricultural for property located west of the City of Weed. Ms. Jereb advised that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) common sense exemption and existing facilities exemption.

In response to the Chair, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that there had been no correspondence received by the County Clerk's Office with regard to this item.

There were no public comments received.

Following discussion between members of the Board, Ms. Jereb and Ms. Winningham regarding the option to continue the public hearing to May 20th for the second reading and various conditions of approval placed on the project and subsequently removed by the Planning Commission, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to introduce, waive and approve the first reading of the proposed Pfeiffer rezoning to amend Zoning District Map 10-6.205-451; and direct the Clerk to schedule a continued public hearing on adoption of the CEQA exemption and a second reading of the ordinance amending Zoning District Map 10-6.205-451 on May 20, 2025.

Board and Staff Reports

County Administrator Angela Davis recognized Supervisor Haupt and presented him with a 10 year County service pin. In addition, Ms. Davis advised that Supervisor Haupt was recognized and presented the Tillicum Award by the American Forest Resource Council (AFRC) at their recent conference.

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Board and Staff Reports – (continued)

Supervisor Valenzuela advised of his attendance at the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Legislative Days/Conference, including a report on a CSAC Board meeting.

Supervisor Harris advised of his attendance at a Tulelake Cornerstone Senior Advocacy lunch and a DARE graduation in McCloud.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of his attendance at a meeting with California Fish and Wildlife regarding the volunteer local program for wolves, a First 5 Siskiyou Children & Families Commission meeting and a meeting via ZOOM with Humboldt and Mendocino Farm Bureaus regarding Siskiyou County's dam removal experience.

Supervisor Haupt advised of his attendance at a California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) breakfast in Weed and the annual Firefighter of the Year award dinner and reported on his attendance at the American Forest Resource Council (AFRC) Conference in Washington State.

Supervisor Ogren advised of her attendance at the California Licensed Foresters (CLFA) breakfast in Weed with Supervisor Haupt, a Continuum of Care (COC) all members meeting, the annual Firefighter of the Year award dinner, a Behavioral Health Services Board meeting, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Legislative Conference in Sacramento, a career technical education event by Siskiyou Works in Yreka and a Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center (SDVCC) Denim Day event. Supervisor Ogren additionally advised of observing Shasta-Trinity (Shasta-T) National Forest prescribed burn activities in/around Mt. Shasta.

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), one case, commenced at 12:01 p.m., concluded at 12:48 p.m., with action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 12:48 p.m., with the following action taken.

With regard to item 14D, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Michael J. Furlong v. Bill D. Barton, et al., Siskiyou County Superior Court, Case No. 25CV00320, Ms. Reed advised that it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela and seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried with a vote of YES by Supervisors Haupt, Ogren, Valenzuela and Harris to authorize defense of suit with Supervisor Kobseff ABSTAINING.

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Nancy Ogren, Chair

By: _____
Deputy