

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, June 3, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 3rd day of June 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 Clerks Dana Brooks and 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. Supervisor Harris led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

Closed Session – Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case, commenced at 8:30 a.m., concluded at 9:19 a.m., with no action taken.

Report on Closed-

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 9:19 a.m., with no reportable action taken.

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

Presentations from the Public

There were no presentations from the public.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Supervisor Kobseff's request, items 7E and 7F, Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division's Resolution approving the Permanent Local Housing Allocation loan documents and supportive services Memorandum of Understanding, and FY 25/26 contract with Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative, were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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, that the following consent agenda is approved, and the Chair and/or clerk authorized to execute/record any necessary documents:

Assessor-Recorder

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

County Counsel

Approve the First Addendum to Professional Services Retention Agreement with Moscone Emblidge & Rubens, LLP, increasing the compensation under the Contract by \$25,000.00, and authorize the Board chair to execute same.

General Services - Airports

Authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Emergency use of Facilities between the County of Siskiyou and CALFIRE for the term of July 1st 2025 through June 30th 2028.

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Consent Agenda – Approved.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve the First Addendum to the Contract with John Leslie, Quality Innovations, a Sole Proprietor, and authorize the Board Chair to sign said First Addendum extending the term of the Contract through June 30, 2027, and increasing the compensation by \$35,000 to an amount not-to-exceed \$55,000, and increasing the general liability insurance from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the rate contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Yreka Guest Home, Sandee Crane, a Sole Proprietor for the term commencing January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 2nd addendum to the contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and California Hearing Officers, LLP for the term commencing through June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$75,000.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Michael Brown, MSW, LCSW, a Sole Proprietor for the term commencing through June 30, 2026 and increase compensation not to exceed to one hundred eighty nine thousand eight hundred dollars (\$189,800.00).

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Second Addendum to the Contract for services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency – Public Health Division and Champ Software, Inc. for the term of the contract through April 30, 2028, in the amount NTE \$104,182.00.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement between California Department of Health Care Service and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency Public Health Division for the Intergovernmental Transfer funding.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the addendum to the Standard Agreement (STD 213) Number 23-5029 between the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency for the first-level Quality Assurance and Case Review Contract effective July 1, 2023 through March 31, 2030.

Sheriff

Approve the Sheriff to amend the grant summary submitted for the 25/26 Boating Safety & Financial Aid Program, reflecting permissions to claim weighted regular wages and benefit cost in claims towards the program, and submit such claims to the State for reimbursement for the term July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, by adopting Resolution 25-69.

Transfer of Funds - Agriculture Commissioner/Sealer - \$25,000. Resolution 25-70 adopted

Transfer of Funds - Courthouse and Grounds - \$12,000. Resolution 25-71 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Weed Airport - \$25,000 Resolution 25-72 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$80. Resolution 25-73 adopted

Transfer of Funds - Courthouse and Grounds - \$30,000. Resolution 25-74 adopted.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Adopt Resolution approving the Permanent Local Housing Allocation loan documents and supportive services Memorandum of Understanding (with Danco Property Management) for Mountain Townhomes multi-family rental housing development project located at 735 Chestnut Street, Mt. Shasta CA 96067. Resolution 25-75 adopted.

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

Project Coordinator Maddelyn Bryan appeared before the Board.

Ms. Bryan addressed Supervisor Kobseff's concerns regarding repayment of the promissory note, the funding resources for the development project and the City of Mt. Shasta's previous work with the Developer, Danco Property Management.

Supervisor Valenzuela advised that the Developer had a history of development projects.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Bryan regarding the Developer choosing construction/general contractors, the various interest rates associated with this type of development project, and previous Board actions related to the development project.

Participation in this item by was provided by teleconference phone.

Lengthy discussion followed, including callers Danco Group representative McKenzie Dibble and Housing Tools representative Jess Hinchcliff regarding State exemptions from paying property taxes for affordable housing developments, the process for formulating tenants' monthly rent payments, the County's and/or City of Mt. Shasta's Area Median Income (AMI), various anticipated benefits associated with affordable housing (i.e. housing for local workforce), the administrative and monitoring fees that the County would recuperate from the project and lack of a Siskiyou County resident requirement (i.e. length of time residing within the County).

Further discussion followed regarding the lack of a County residency requirement for the project, Human Services' role in processing/placing tenants, concerns regarding the lack of a veterans' preference in the tenant selection process and no anticipated impact of the project to the County's General Fund.

Supervisor Kobseff shared concerns regarding the need for a six-month residency requirement and a veterans' preference for similar, future projects.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to adopt the Resolution 25-75 to approve and authorize the CAO or designee to execute the MOU, Loan Agreement, Regulatory Agreement, Promissory Note, Deed of Trust, and Subordination Agreement. Authorize the CAO to approve non-substantive changes requested by project partners. Authorize the Auditor to appropriate funds.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Approve FY 25/26 contract with Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative to provide certain prevention and outreach services to community members in local jurisdictions, at the rates specified in Exhibit A. Approved.

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

Administrative Services Manager Develyn Sipple appeared before the Board.

Supervisor Kobseff requested information regarding the general liability and indemnification amounts detailed in the contract.

Following discussion between members of the Board, Ms. Sipple, County Administrator Angela Davis, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed and Deputy County Administrator-Personnel and Risk Management Hayley Hudson regarding the \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 amounts listed for indemnification and general liability on contract page 3 and Risk Management's process for determining those amounts, 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 and authorize the Chair to sign the Contract between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Siskiyou Community Resources Collaborative, a Non-Profit Corporation for the term January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to appoint Mr. Adam Filippone as Director of General Services effective June 8, 2025 at Step 4 of the Director of General Services salary schedule. Approved.

County Administrator Angela Davis provided an overview of the request and introduced Mr. Adam Filippone, who appeared before the Board.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to appoint Mr. Adam Filippone as the County of Siskiyou Director of General Services effective June 8, 2025 at Step 4 of the Director of General Services salary schedule.

Mr. Filippone thanked the Board for the appointment.

Agriculture - Animal Control - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution recognizing Rescue Ranch for their years of dedicated service to the citizens of the County and Animal Control staff. Resolution 25-76 adopted and presented.

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer Jim Smith appeared before the Board and introduced Rescue Ranch Executive Director John Golay.

Mr. Smith provided an overview of the request, including a brief summary of Rescue Ranch's support for the County's Animal Control Division during various emergencies and to take animals as an overflow facility.

Mr. Golay appeared before the Board and provided a overview of Rescue Ranch and their efforts, mission and goal to remain a 'no kill' shelter for dogs and to provide various services to those dogs and their adopters.

Chair Ogren read the Resolution into the record.

Following brief discussion between members of the Board and Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham regarding the motion that included approval of the costs associated with printing/framing the Resolution to be paid from the Animal Control budget, it was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to approve (adopt) Resolution 25-76 recognizing the support and cooperation with Siskiyou County Animal Control and approval to pay for the printing and framing of the Resolution presented to Rescue Ranch from Animal Control budget.

Members of the Board presented the Resolution to Mr. Golay.

Minute Approval - May 20, 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 May 20, 2025 minutes as presented.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider a Resolution adopting the 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and amending the General Plan Seismic Safety and Safety Element to incorporate the 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Project (GPA-25-01). Resolution 25-77 adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider a Resolution adopting the 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and amending the General Plan Seismic Safety and Safety Element to incorporate the 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Project (GPA-25-01).

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Senior Planner James Phelps appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request and speaking in support of the Board adopting the 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan into the County's General Plan Seismic Safety and Safety Element which would benefit the County by making various State and Federal emergency and disaster funding available. Mr. Phelps requested that the Board adopt the Resolution and find the project exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Continued...

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

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

There being not public comments received, the public hearing was declared closed.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to adopt Resolution 25-77 adopting the 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and amending the General Plan Seismic Safety and Safety Element to incorporate the 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, finding that the project is exempt from CEQA and is consistent with the Siskiyou County General Plan.

Public Hearings – Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing for the first reading of an Ordinance reclassifying approximately 640 acres of land south and west of the City of Yreka, from Non-Prime Agricultural, 40-acre minimum (AG-2-B-40) and Rural Residential Agricultural, 40-acre minimum (R-R-B-40) to Timberland Production District (TPZ) on APNs 014-200-040 and 014-200-050; Township 44 North, Range 8 West, Section 1, MDB&M and consider a Resolution approving the cancellation of a portion of Williamson Act Contract No. 72025, on the rezone to Timberland Production Zone for the Bennett Zone Change (Z2403) and partial Williamson Act Contract Cancellation Project. First reading approved; public hearing continued to June 17, 2025 for Ordinance second reading and Resolution adoption.

This was the time set for a public hearing for the first reading of an Ordinance reclassifying approximately 640 acres of land south and west of the City of Yreka, from Non-Prime Agricultural, 40-acre minimum (AG-2-B-40) and Rural Residential Agricultural, 40-acre minimum (R-R-B-40) to Timberland Production District (TPZ) on APNs 014-200-040 and 014-200-050; Township 44 North, Range 8 West, Section 1, MDB&M and consider a Resolution approving the cancellation of a portion of Williamson Act Contract No. 72025, on the rezone to Timberland Production Zone for the Bennett Zone Change (Z2403) and partial Williamson Act Contract Cancellation Project.

Chair Ogren opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to rezone certain property to Timber Production District (TPZ), advising that the approximately 640 acres of land was currently under a Williamson Act contract with a recorded Notice of Non-Renewal. Ms. Cizin further advised that rezoning the property to TPZ would allow for cancellation of the existing Williamson Act contract rather than waiting for the non-renewal process to be completed in 2035. Additionally, Ms. Cizin advised that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the zone change and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption for Timberland Preserves.

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

There were no public comments received.

Following brief discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Winningham regarding a potential date for the second reading, 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 introduce, waive, and approve the first reading of the proposed ordinance rezoning approximately 640 acres of land to Timberland Production District (TPZ) and amending Zoning District Map 10-6.205-248; and direct the Clerk to schedule a continued public hearing on adoption of the CEQA exemption, a second reading of the ordinance amending Zoning District Map 10-6.205-250 and consideration of the adoption of the resolution cancelling a portion of the Williamson Act Contract on June 17, 2025.

Public Hearings – Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider a Resolution approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve, a Resolution approving the rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act contracts under Application APA-24-02 and a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for substandard parcels under new Williamson Act contract, for the Chase Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry, Agricultural Preserve Amendment Project for property located south of the community of Grenada CA. Resolutions 25-78, 25-79 and Resolution 25-80 adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider a Resolution approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve, a Resolution approving the rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act contracts under Application APA-24-02 and a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for substandard parcels under new Williamson Act contract, for the Chase Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry, Agricultural Preserve Amendment Project for property located south of the community of Grenada CA.

Chair Ogren opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to establish an Agricultural Preserve consisting of property under one owner and to determine the project exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines related to open space easements or contracts. In addition, Ms. Cizin recommended that a Notice of Non-Renewal be issued for nineteen (19) substandard parcels.

In response to the Chair, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office received two public hearing notification letters back marked Undeliverable, addressed to A. Kuttel and a state or federal agency.

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

Following brief discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Cizin regarding the possible impact of non-renewing the nineteen (19) substandard parcels and the property owners' consideration of possibly pursuing a boundary line adjustment to bring those parcels into Williamson Act contract compliance, 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 determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts; and adopt Resolution 25-78 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserves and establish a new Agricultural Preserve, adopt Resolution 25-79 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract and adopt Resolution 25-80 directing staff to process the Notice of Non-Renewal for the nineteen substandard parcels.

Public Hearings – Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider a Resolution approving an amendment to an Agricultural Preserve and a Resolution approving the rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act contracts under Application APA-24-07 for the Lutz Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry, Agricultural Preserve Amendment Project for property located west of the community of Macdoel CA. Resolution 25-81 and Resolution 25-82 adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider a Resolution approving an amendment to an Agricultural Preserve and a Resolution approving the rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act contracts under Application APA-24-07 for the Lutz Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry, Agricultural Preserve Amendment Project for property located west of the community of Macdoel CA.

Chair Ogren opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to amend an existing Agricultural Preserve to effectuate a boundary line adjustment to transfer 0.57 acres between two parcels (one parcel is within Agricultural Preserve, the other is not). Ms. Cizin requested that the Board determine the project exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines related to open space easements or contracts.

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

In response to the Chair, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office had received one public hearing notification letter back marked Undeliverable, addressed to California Fish and Game.

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

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 determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts and adopt Resolution 25-81 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve, and adopt Resolution 25-82 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contracts.

Public Hearing – Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider a Resolution approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and a Resolution approving the rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act contracts under Application APA-24-13 for the Truax Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry, Agricultural Preserve Project for property located east of the community of Macdoel CA. Resolution 25-83 (amend) and Resolution 25-84 (rescission/reentry) adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider a Resolution approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and a Resolution approving the rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act contracts under Application APA-24-13 for the Truax Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry, Agricultural Preserve Project for property located east of the community of Macdoel CA.

Chair Ogren opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to establish an Agricultural Preserve consisting of property under one owner for property located near the community of Macdoel and requested that the Board determine the project exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines related to open space easements or contracts.

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

There were no public comments received.

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 determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts and adopt Resolution 25-83 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserves and establish a new Agricultural Preserve; and adopt Resolution 25-84 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contracts.

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisor Harris advised of his attendance at a Patriots meeting, the McCloud Mushroom Festival, the Living Memorial Sculpture Garden Memorial Day service with Supervisor Kobseff and a DARE graduation in Dorris.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of his attendance at the Living Memorial Sculpture Garden Memorial Day service, a First 5 Siskiyou meeting and the Bill and Nancy Hoy celebration/concert at Hoy Park in Lake Shastina.

Supervisor Valenzuela advised of his attendance at a Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium (NoRTEC) quarterly meeting, a County Medical Services Program (CMSP) meeting and a quarterly Chamber meeting in Dunsmuir.

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Board and Staff Reports – (continued)

Supervisor Haupt advised of participating in a conference call with the State Fire Marshal and Supervisor Ogren regarding the State's Fire (Hazard) Map and reported on recent seven-counties litigation regarding Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) groups, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and fuels reduction efforts on public lands. In addition, Supervisor Haupt advised of meeting with the Agricultural Commissioner regarding Scott Valley ag issues and a video conference with Congressman Doug LaMalfa's DC Office regarding upcoming meetings with the Governor and the State Water Quality Control Board concerning water curtailments.

Supervisor Ogren advised of her attendance at a Sheriff's Townhall meeting, an Ore-Cal Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) meeting, a meeting regarding Siskiyou Local Responsibility Area (LRA) and the wildfire hazard severity map with the State Fire Marshal, a meeting regarding the Siskiyou I-5 wildlife crossing by Ore-Cal RC&D and a meeting regarding Klamath Shasta-Trinity National Forest prescribed fire projects. Additionally, Supervisor Ogren advised of her attendance at a meeting regarding a wildfire treatment outcome study with Forest Service representatives, a Criminal Justice meeting, a Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) meeting, the grand opening for the Siskiyou Village (pallet shelters/tiny homes) for unhoused persons, a groundbreaking ceremony for Fairchild Medical Center's new emergency center, Yreka Fireman's fundraising dinner and a McKinney Fire Restoration meeting with the Forest Service.

Supervisor Kobseff requested research into a possible policy for County protections with regard to affordable housing projects, associated grant funding and contracts.

Closed Session – Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case, conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), one case, commenced at 11:05 a.m., concluded at 11:32 a.m., with no action taken.

Report on Closed-

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 11:32 a.m., with no reportable action taken.

Adjournment - There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned in honor of former Supervisor Bill Hoy and his wife Nancy.

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Nancy Ogren, Chair

By: _____
Deputy