

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, August 5, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 5th day of August 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 In Home Supportive Services Public Authority. Supervisor Valenzuela led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

Invocation - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain Jim Jacobsen provided the invocation.

Presentations from the Public

There were no presentations from the public.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At the Chair's request, item 7T, Health and Human Services - Public Health Division's request to appoint Donald E. Solus, MD as the County's Public Health Officer and approve associated contract for services, and item 7Z2, Transfer of Funds – Public Health - \$157,500 were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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

Agriculture

Approve the lease agreement between UBEO West, LLC and Siskiyou County Department of Agriculture Tulelake office for the copy machine. Authorize Auditor to establish budget.

Assessor - Recorder

Approve the Exchange Agreement with ParcelQuest as submitted, with the Chair authorized to sign.

County Administration

Ratify the letter to the Honorable Alex Padilla in support of the Fix Our Forests Act.

County Administration

Ratify the letter to the CAL FIRE Review Team in support for the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District's (SVRCD) McCloud Fuels Management and Forest Stewardship Fuel Project.

County Administration

Ratify the letter to Representative Doug LaMalfa seeking support for federal delisting of the gray wolf.

County Clerk

Approve Contract for Services with Granicus for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 in an amount not to exceed \$66,548.75.

County Counsel

Approve the First Addendum to Professional Services Agreement for Services with Prentice Long, PC, increasing the compensation under the contract by \$570.00 for FY 24/25 and by \$5,000.00 for FY 25/26, and authorize the Board chair to execute same.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

County Library

Approve and the Chair sign the Third Addendum to the Contract between Siskiyou County Library and Debra Davis for the full term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and California Department of State Hospitals and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) and participating counties for the term commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division and Restpadd Health Corporation - Red Bluff, for the term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division and Restpadd Health Corporation - Redding, for the term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division and Cal MHSA for the term commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the addendum for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Willow Glen Care Center, a Non-Profit Corporation for the term commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 1st Addendum for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and North American Mental Health Services, Inc. for the term commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

Health and Human Services – Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and for the term commencing November 1, 2024 through March 18, 2029.

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 Dana Kent Krone (formerly Dana Kent) for the term of the contract through September 30, 2028, with a total amount NTE \$183,360.00.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve (adopt) and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 25-110 with Partnership Healthplan to support the Community Health Assessment (“CHA”) and Community Health Improvement Plan (“CHIP”), authorize the County Administrator to act on behalf of the County to execute any and all program award documents as outlined in Section 2 of the Resolution, for the one time allocation of \$100,000.00 for spending over the three year period of July 2025 through June 30, 2028, and authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriation.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve (adopt) and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 25-111 with the Tuberculosis Elimination Alliance (TEA) Grant between Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division and authorize the County Administrator to act on behalf of the County to execute and deliver any and all program award documents as outlined in Section 2 of the Resolution, and authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriation.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Second Addendum to the Contract between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division and Diamond Drugs, Inc. dba Diamond Pharmacy Services for the term of the contract to additional duties to the Contract.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the First Addendum to the Contract with Language Line Services to extend the term of the Contract from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2028 and add additional funds for a total not to exceed amount of \$118,000.00.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the First Addendum to the Contract between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and Dr. J. Reid McKellar for the full term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

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, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Sheriff

Approve the contract for services between the Siskiyou County Sheriffs Office and Chaplain Keith Bradley, for the term July 1st 2025 - June 30th 2027 not to exceed \$89,140.

Siskiyou County Arts Council

Adopt Resolution 25-112 designating the Siskiyou County Arts Council as the County Arts Agency for Siskiyou County.

Transfer of Funds - County Administration - \$411,209. Resolution 25-113 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Risk Management - Liability - \$600,000. Resolution 25-114 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Siskiyou Airport - \$33,000. Resolution 25-115 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Solid Waste Disposal - \$363,000. Resolution 25-116 adopted.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division - Approve request to appoint Donald E. Solus, MD as the County's Public Health Officer and approve associated contract for services, at the services and rates specified in Exhibit A, for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the term August 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Chair Ogren's request.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard and Fiscal Program Manager Dawn Walton appeared before the Board.

Ms. Walton summarized a needed revision to the contract with Dr. Donald Solus, advising that the written dollar amount in Section II - Compensation on contract page 16, should read: One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars versus One Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars.

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

In addition, Ms. Collard advised of the need to revise the associated budget transfer, Consent Agenda item 7Z2, Transfer of Funds - Public Health - \$157,500 and summarized changes to the total amount - \$171,500 and line item 723000 changed from \$157,500 to \$165,000 and the addition of line item 729000 in the amount of \$6,500.

The Chair advised that item 7Z2, Transfer of Funds - Public Health - \$157,500 was pulled from the previously approved consent agenda.

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 appoint Donald E. Solus as the Public Health Officer and approve the Chair to sign the Contract between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division and Donald E. Solus, MD., to provide the services listed on Exhibit A for the term of August 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, as amended and adopt Resolution 25-117, Transfer of Funds - Public Health, in the amount of \$171,500 as amended.

Transfer of Funds - Public Health - \$157,500. Resolution 25-117 adopted.

This item was pulled from the previously approved Consent Agenda at Chair Ogren's request.

Action to approve was taken during the previous agenda item.

Public Works - Presentation of an update re the Copco Road Project. Presentation only.

Public Works Director Tom Deany appeared before the Board and provided a brief update regarding the timing associated with the Copco Road Project. Mr. Deany advised that the Road Department was moving the major construction phase to next year due to ongoing restoration work by Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC (RES) which included heavy equipment traffic in the area.

General Services – Airports - Presentation of an update re Airport Layout Plan for the Siskiyou County Airport, including technical insights and discussion re next steps. Presentation and discussion only.

General Services Director Adam Filippone and Kimley Horn (Consultant) representative Andrew Scanlon appeared before the Board and provided a powerpoint presentation regarding an Airport Layout Plan (ALP) for the Siskiyou County Airport, a requirement for airports receiving federal funding assistance. Mr. Scanlon summarized the condition of the Airport's pavement, including issues needing to be addressed soon, and provided an overview of the critical aircraft determination and the relationship between that determination and requirements associated with runway length and width. Mr. Scanlon advised that the facility is utilized by firefighting agencies which would require larger, wider aircraft and longer runway.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff regarding the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Mr. Scanlon advised that the FAA follows regulations/legislation (law) with regard to determining potential assistance funding to airports.

Mr. Scanlon continued the powerpoint, including an overview of the runway length (6,000 feet or longer) requirements to accommodate fully loaded C-130 aircraft (typically for firefighting) and associated options for probable costs for varying runway lengths. Mr. Scanlon summarized options for the Board to consider and provide input with regard to the possible funding that could be available from the FAA (i.e. Option 0 – no change in runway length/width, anticipated \$32.7 million project cost; Option 1 – slightly shortened runway, no change in width, anticipated \$30.1 million project cost; and Option 2 – much shorter runway length and width, anticipated \$5.9 million project cost). Mr. Scanlon advised that the FAA may only provide minimal funding for Options 0 and 1 (approximately 18% of the anticipated runway project amounts) although the FAA may potentially fund 90% of the anticipated runway project amount under Option 2.

Supervisor Kobseff voiced concerns regarding the large difference in anticipated project costs between Options 0 and 1 versus Option 2 costs.

In response, Mr. Scanlon advised that Option 2 shortened the runway length and width bringing the costs down considerably.

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General Services – Airports – (continued)

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Scanlon and Mr. Filippone regarding Option 2 that the FAA would consider eligible for grant assistance, the need for information regarding the costs and reimbursements from the Forest Service and Cal Fire for their use of the facility, opposition voiced with regard to Option 2, the need to evaluate possible means to bring revenue from the facility versus downsizing, the need to continue requesting support and assistance from the County's legislative representatives and the need for the longer runway to support larger firefighting response aircraft.

Supervisor Harris suggested overlay as a less costly method to rehabilitate the airport.

Mr. Scanlon advised that the pavement sampling indicated reclamation of the surfaces would provide a stronger base at the location.

Further discussion followed regarding the FAA's funding process for general aviation airports, including determining factors at the airport (i.e. pavement condition index, critical aircraft determination), the County's ability to monitor to determine critical aircraft needs, the need to research and consider funding from outside of the FAA to support airport infrastructure (perhaps Department of Homeland Security), the ability of the Forest Service and Cal Fire to utilize their own air traffic controls if necessary, plans to identify recreational gliding areas at the airport and potential access issues at the facility.

Supervisor Kobseff spoke in support of the County drafting a letter to the new federal administration regarding FAA policy and funding and in support of one or two members of the Board meeting with airport representatives regarding the proposed ALP.

Mr. Scanlon continued the powerpoint, including an overview of various funding sources, sharing concerns regarding the lack of sufficient funding to support airports nationally.

Mr. Filippone spoke in support of establishing a group of like-minded agencies and County staff to meet and discuss possible means to support the larger runway Option 2.

Later in the meeting Supervisor Kobseff requested that the County Administrator's Office draft a letter to the new federal administration in support of Option 1, which would shorten the runway length and leave the width as is, and expressing the County's funding concerns.

Office of Emergency Services - Presentation re Siskiyou County Wildfire Impacts: 2015-2025. Presentation, discussion only and direction to staff to draft letters to Cal OES and DHS.

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board and briefly provided an update regarding an ongoing request for Yreka residents to shelter in place due to a plume of concrete dust in the area. Mr. Schenone presented a powerpoint presentation entitled: Siskiyou County Wildfire Impacts: 2015-2025, including statistics related to wildfire activity, estimated costs for suppression, damage and recovery efforts and impact to local communities (i.e. structures and lives lost) during 2015 to 2025. Mr. Schenone continued the powerpoint, including an overview of three major wildfires that impacted the County (i.e. Slater, McKinney and Mill Fires), statistics related to the impacts to those residents impacted by fires and their ongoing recovery and housing situations and summarized key takeaways (i.e. wildfires continue to grow in size and frequency, mitigation funding is needed for mitigation, prevention and recovery with efforts being made to foster partnerships with State and Federal fire agencies).

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Mr. Schenone regarding the need for information related to costs associated with the Boles Fire recovery efforts, associated fuel reduction efforts prior to the Boles Fire, concerns regarding US Forest Service firefighting tactics/policies/procedures, the need to impress upon the federal administration the negative public safety and timber production impacts associated with those firefighting tactics, a County Resolution adopted invoking Unified Command during wildfires within the County and the need to express concerns to the State Fire Marshal regarding the State Responsibility Area (SRA) designation with regard to fire response near local communities.

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Office of Emergency Services – (continued)

Mr. Schenone shared concerns regarding the County's receipt of a letter denying the request for the Governor's declaration of a State of Emergency related to illegal pesticides and illicit cannabis operations in Siskiyou County (per Resolution 25-109) and concerns regarding the Federal Administration's refusal to provide emergency related grant funding to sanctuary jurisdictions (i.e. the State of California). Mr. Schenone suggested contacting the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in response to the emergency proclamation and the shutoff of grant funding.

Further discussion followed regarding California's status as a sanctuary jurisdiction, DHS Homeland Security grant funds that are distributed through the state, Siskiyou County's Resolution (17-25) adopted declaring the County complies with Federal immigration laws and does not constitute a sanctuary jurisdiction and direction to staff to draft letters for Board consideration addressing both issues.

County Counsel/County Administrator - Discussion, direction and possible action re request from Somach, Simmons and Dunn for waiver of potential conflicts related to their dual representation of the City of Yreka and the County with regard to legal consult concerning groundwater and code enforcement issues and possible delegation of authority to the County Administrator to execute a conflict waiver. County Administrator authorized to execute a conflict waiver.

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed provided an overview of the request from Somach, Simmons and Dunn (SSD) for a waiver of potential conflicts related to their dual representation of the City of Yreka and the County with regard to groundwater and code enforcement issues and the Fall Creek Watershed/water right. Ms. Reed recommended approval of the waiver request with the County Administrator authorized to execute.

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 waive potential conflicts due to SSD's dual representation of the City of Yreka and the County, and to delegate authority to the County Administrative Officer (CAO) to execute a conflict waiver.

County Administration - Presentation of a staff summary of legislative items relevant to the Board. Presentation and discussion only.

Project Coordinator Joanne Johnson appeared before the Board and provided a brief overview of the County's press release and opposition letter to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) voicing concerns regarding livestock depredation by gray wolves within the County. In addition, Ms. Johnson summarized California Assembly Bill 263 (AB263) that would extend/continue emergency instream flow requirements for the Shasta and Scott Rivers until permanent regulations/rules are established. Ms. Johnson also summarized House of Representatives - HR1 (The One Big Beautiful Bill) and anticipated impacts associated with revised funding and eligibility requirements for receipt of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) within the State's CalFresh Program and Medicaid/Medi-Cal benefits beginning in 2027, including age and work requirements to receive certain benefits and the ratio of State to County administration costs. Ms. Johnson further advised that there would no longer be automatic renewal of Medi-Cal benefits, which would now require re-application for benefits every six months and that the new rules could impact up to 3.4 million Californians' medical benefits coverage.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Johnson regarding the approximately 40% of individuals in the County currently enrolled in Medi-Cal, the potential for local healthcare providers to not be reimbursed for those individuals receiving care services, funding that states can apply for and associated distribution process, possible lengthy timeframe associated with fully understanding the impacts associated with the new rules and the need for additional information regarding possible Rural Healthcare Infrastructure funding within the Bill.

Public Hearings - 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-25-04 and finding the project exempt under CEQA for the Langford Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2504) project, located north and east of the City of Montague. Resolutions 25-118 and 25-119 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-25-04 and finding the project exempt under CEQA for the Langford Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2504) project, located north and east of the City of Montague.

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 bring approximately 690 acres of land into one Williamson Act contract under one owner and to 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 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 project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts; and adopt Resolution 25-118 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve; and adopt Resolution 25-119 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract.

Public Hearings - 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-25-07 and finding the project exempt under CEQA for the Root Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2507) project located south and west of the community of Gazelle. Resolutions 25-120 and 25-121 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-25-07 and finding the project exempt under CEQA for the Root Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2507) project located south and west of the community of Gazelle.

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 bring approximately 1,927 acres of land into one Williamson Act contract under one owner and to 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 received one public hearing notification letter back marked Undeliverable, addressed to USA Public Domain.

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

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Ms. Cizin clarified that 233 acres of one parcel was included in the entire legal parcel which should be included under Williamson Act contract.

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

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 25-120 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve; and adopt Resolution 25-121 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract with the additional 233 acres.

Public Hearings - 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-25-02 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Forest House Ranch LLC Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2502) project, located south and east of the City of Yreka. Resolutions 25-122 and 25-123 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-25-02 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Forest House Ranch LLC Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2502) project, located south and east of the City of Yreka.

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 bring approximately 1,660.30 acres of land into one Williamson Act contract under one owner and to 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 being not public comments received, the public hearing was declared closed.

In response to Supervisor Haupt, Ms. Cizin advised that the property owner was informed of the option to rezone the property to the Timber Production Zoning (TPZ) versus revising the Agricultural Preserve and Williamson Act contract.

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 project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts; and adopt Resolution approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve; and adopt Resolution 25-123 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract.

Public Hearings - 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-25-06 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Allen Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2506) project, located north of the community of Big Springs. Resolutions 25-124 and 25-125 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-25-06 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Allen Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2506) project, located north of the community of Big Springs.

Chair Ogren opened the public hearing.

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

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to amend an existing Agricultural Preserve to bring approximately 160 acres of land into one Williamson Act contract under one owner and to 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 being no public comments received, the public hearing was declared closed.

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 25-124 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve; and adopt Resolution 25-125 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract.

Public Hearings - 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-25-08 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Cofer Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2508) project, located east of Highway 97, south of the community of Macdoel. Resolutions 25-126 and 25-127 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-25-08 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Cofer Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2508) project, located east of Highway 97, south of the community of Macdoel.

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 bring approximately 2,404.6 acres of land into three Williamson Act contracts (for three separate ranches) under one owner and to 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 received one public hearing notification letter back marked Undeliverable, addressed to USA Public Domain, Arnold and Marian Hoffman Trust and Ville Vang.

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, 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 25-126 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserves and establish a new Agricultural Preserve; and adopt Resolution 25-127 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contracts.

Public Hearings - 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-25-10 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Sylva Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2510) project, located north and east of the City of Montague. Resolutions 25-128 and 25-129 adopted.

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

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-25-10 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Sylva Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2510) project, located north and east of the City of Montague.

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 bring approximately 690 acres of land into one Williamson Act contract under one owner and to 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 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 25-128 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve; and adopt Resolution 25-129 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract.

Public Hearings - 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-25-11 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Johnson Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2511) project, located south and west of the community of Gazelle. Resolutions 25-130 and 25-131 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-25-11 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Johnson Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2511) project, located south and west of the community of Gazelle.

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 bring approximately 104 acres of land into one Williamson Act contract under one owner and to 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 being no public comments received, the public hearing was declared closed.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors 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 25-130 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve; and adopt Resolution 25-131 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract.

Public Hearings - 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-25-12 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Custer Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2512) project, located south and west of the community of Gazelle. Resolutions 25-132 and 25-133 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-25-12 and finding the project exempt from CEQA for the Custer Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2512) project, located south and west of the community of Gazelle.

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 bring approximately 145 acres of land into one Williamson Act contract under one owner and to 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 received one public hearing notification letter returned Undeliverable, addressed to Jack a Jones Trustee.

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

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 25-132 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve; and adopt Resolution 25-133 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for substandard parcels under Williamson Act Contract No. 71019 for the Friden Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2501) project, located south and west of the city of Fort Jones. Public hearing continued to September 16, 2025.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for substandard parcels under Williamson Act Contract No. 71019 for the Friden Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2501) project, located south and west of the city of Fort Jones.

Chair Ogren opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board provided an overview of the request to amend an existing Agricultural Preserve to bring approximately 52.06 acres of land into one Williamson Act contract. Ms. Cizin advised that the property consists of 20.2 acres of land that did not meet the Class I or Class II equivalent soils or the required parcel acreage size minimum and recommended the issuance of a Notice of Non-renewal for the project.

In response to the Chair, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office received one public hearing notification letter returned Undeliverable, addressed to USA Public Domain and a letter from property owner Charles Friden. Ms. Winningham distributed copies of the Friden letter to the Board.

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

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Cizin regarding the Planning Department's process for reviewing Agricultural Preserve/Williamson Act contract requests, including soil quality classification, irrigated or unirrigated (dry land farming), minimum parcel size and agricultural activities taking place on the land.

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In response to Supervisor Harris, Ms. Cizin advised that consideration of whether land is under a State Water Board irrigation water curtailment is not taken into account during the evaluation process.

Further discussion followed regarding a Siskiyou Economic Development Council (EDC) soil improvement program and the evaluation process utilized for the various amendment projects being requested.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela to determine the issuance of a notice of non-renewal is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts; and adopt the Resolution directing staff to process the Notice of Non-Renewal with any changes directed by the Board.

Following brief discussion regarding the motion to deny the project and potential negative impacts to the property owner, Supervisor Ogren seconded the motion.

In response to Supervisor Haupt, Ms. Cizin briefly summarized the process and timeframe for non-renewal of Williamson Act Contracts and Supervisor Haupt voiced concerns regarding possible negative impacts to the historical agricultural nature of the County and did not support the recommended motion.

In response to Supervisor Ogren, Ms. Cizin advised that the item could come back before the Board for discussion of options versus the project's denial.

Supervisor Ogren withdrew her second.

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed advised that the motion died for lack of a second.

In response to Ms. Reed, Ms. Cizin requested Board direction with regard to the Friden Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2501) and whether to continue the item to another meeting to consider options.

Further discussion followed, including Ms. Reed regarding options that could be presented to the Board at a later Board meeting, the need to develop a new or revised staff report, including possible irrigation for cultivation and upland grazing portion of the property.

In response to Ms. Reed, Chair Ogren reopened the public hearing

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to continue the public hearing to September 16, 2025, with staff directed to bring the item back for consideration including options for amending the Agricultural Preserve and/or Williamson Act Contract.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for substandard parcels under Williamson Act Contract No. 75008 for the Martin Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2505) project, located north and east of the community of Big Springs. Public hearing continued to September 16, 2025.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for substandard parcels under Williamson Act Contract No. 75008 for the Martin Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2505) project, located north and east of the community of Big Springs.

Chair Ogren opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board.

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 continue the public hearing to September 16, 2025, with staff directed to bring the item back for consideration including options for amending the Agricultural Preserve and/or Williamson Act Contract.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of two members to the scheduled vacancies on the Siskiyou County Range Advisory Board for terms ending July 28, 2027. Jim Morris and Gary Rainey appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that incumbents Gary Rainey and Jim Morris were interested in reappointment to the Advisory Board.

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 Jim Morris and Gary Rainey to the scheduled vacancies on the Siskiyou County Range Advisory Board, for terms ending July 28, 2027.

Minute Approval - July 1 and 8, 2025. Approved.

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 the July 1 and 8, 2025 minutes as presented.

Board and Staff Reports Board

Supervisor Valenzuela advised of his participation in a Family Resource Center pilot project to provide South County youth camping experience at Lake Siskiyou.

Supervisor Haupt advised of his participation in various conference calls/meetings with the Forest Service Incident Management Teams regarding local wildfires, and with Cal Fire regarding the Butler Fire, a Use Permit compliance visit to the JH Ranch, a meeting in Scott Valley regarding irrigation water curtailments and a meeting with Sierra Pacific Industries.

Supervisor Harris advised of his participation in a Shasta Producers meeting, a Siskiyou County Gun Owners meeting and the National Night Out event.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of his participation in a meeting in Scott Valley regarding irrigation water curtailments.

Supervisor Ogren advised of her participation in various wildfire meeting, a Siskiyou County Fish and Game meeting, a fundraiser for Stable Hands, Cal LAFCo Annual Conference planning meetings, an OreCal RC&D meeting, opening of the Basecamp transitional housing/homeless shelter and reported on a Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) meeting, including a grant funding opportunity application.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), two cases, 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 labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54957.6, Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957, commenced at 12:05 p.m., concluded at 1:33 p.m., with no action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 1:33 p.m., with no reportable action taken.

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