# State of California, County of Siskiyou
# Board of Supervisors Minutes, October 20, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 20th day of October 2026; there being present Supervisors Jess Harris, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Ray A. Haupt, County Administrator Cole L. Bray, County Counsel F. Dean Morgan and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham. Supervisor Ed Valenzuela was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Haupt. 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 and In Home Supportive Services Public Authority. Supervisor Kobseff led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

**Invocation -** Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain Keith Bradley provided an invocation.

**Presentations from the Public**

Behavioral Health Services Act Coordinator Sarah Evans appeared before the Board, presenting and summarizing a one-page flyer inviting members of the public to participate in upcoming community events or take a survey related to mental health needs in the community.

Siskiyou Humane Society representative Austin Browder appeared before the Board, presenting and summarizing a one-page report related to animals taken in for care and the associated community and resource impacts for local jurisdictions and the unincorporated areas of the County. Mr. Browder expressed a desire to develop a mobile spay/neuter clinic to better support and reduce the number of stray animals within the County.

Siskiyou Humane Society representative Riley Witherell appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the need for 'pet friendly' housing to potentially reduce the number of owner surrenders due to housing issues. Ms. Witherell spoke in support of the benefit an MOU with the County or a clear jurisdictional map could provide.

**Consent Agenda –** Approved.

At Supervisor Ogren's request, item 5H, Health and Human Services - Social Services' addendum to contract with Christine Wright dba Wright Education Services was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Supervisor Kobseff's request, items 5D, Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health's addendum to contract with James Coles dba Housing Tools, LLC and 5F, Behavioral Health's Resolution regarding the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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

County Library

Accept the contribution from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to provide Library Programming funds and allow the Auditor-Controller to establish budget for this donation.

Fort Jones Cemetery District

Adopt Resolution 26-152 for a temporary loan in the amount of $76,000 to the Fort Jones Cemetery District, which loan shall be repaid to the County on or before April 15, 2027.

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**Consent Agenda –** *(continued)*

Health and Human Services – Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 1st Addendum to Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Sutter Valley Hospitals DBA Sutter Center for Psychiatry 501C (3) for the term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027. Authorize the Auditor to appropriate the budget and set expenditures.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 1st Addendum to Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division and BHC Alhambra Hospital, dba Reasons Eating Disorder Center for the term commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30. 2029. Authorize the Auditor to appropriate the budget and set expenditures.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division and CF Modesto, LLC dba Modesto Post Acute Center for the term commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028. Authorize the Auditor to appropriate the budget and set expenditures.

Office of Emergency Services

Ratify the Siskiyou County Office of Emergency Services receiving the 2025 Homeland Security Grant for $115,045 and authorize the Auditor-Controller to create an activity code and establish budget as outlined in the grant guidance.

Public Works - Road

Approve plans and specifications and authorize the County of Siskiyou to advertise request for bids for the Jackson Ranch Rd. construction project.

Transfer of Funds - Predatory Animal Control - $7,100. Resolution 26-153 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Public Defender - $158,738. Resolution 26-154 adopted.

**Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division -** Approve addendum to contract with James Coles dba Housing Tools, LLC to provide certain housing/community development services, amending/establishing Workers' Compensation, liability, general liability and professional liability insurance as detailed in the addendum, increasing compensation by $95,850 to a total not to exceed $405,980 and extending the term through June 30, 2031. Approved.

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

Behavioral Health Services Administrative Services Manager Joshua Stanshaw and Social Services Project Manager Maddelyn Bryan appeared before the Board.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Mr. Stanshaw and Ms. Bryan provided a brief overview of the services provided by the consultant Housing Tools LLC with regard to the planned new Behavioral Health Services building project and answered questions regarding the project funding.

Supervisor Kobseff voiced concerns and opposition regarding the use of state grant funding to provide for housing projects, for which no property tax revenue is generated and the lengthy loan (30+ years) which may not need to be repaid.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Ogren, Harris and Haupt voting YES, Supervisor Kobseff voting NO and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 1st Addendum to Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division and Housing Tools for a term ending June 30, 2031. Authorize the Auditor to appropriate the budget and set expenditures. The Department is requesting approval for a retroactive addendum.

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**Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division -** Adopt Resolution authorizing encumbrance of the project pursuant to the applicant's application to and participation in the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) for the California Department of Health Care Services Proposition 1, Round 2: Unmet Needs. Resolution 26-155 adopted.

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

Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Coordinator Sarah Evans appeared before the Board.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Ms. Evans advised that County property near the existing Behavioral Health Services building would be encumbered and count as a match toward the future BHS building project and both the property and the new building would be considered County property.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT to adopt the Board Authorization Resolution 26-155 required for the County of Siskiyou's participation in the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program, Round 2: Unmet Needs, for the Siskiyou Integrated Wellness Center.

**Health and Human Services - Social Services Division -** Approve addendum to contract with Christine Wright dba Wright Education Services to provide certain therapeutic counseling services, deleting and replacing Exhibit A - Compensation and extending the term through September 30, 2026. Approved.

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

Deputy Director of Social Services Division Susan Cervelli and Program Manager Cindy Brooks appeared before the Board.

In response to Supervisor Ogren, Ms. Cervelli briefly summarized the need for continued services with Wright Education Services as certain counseling services for one client continued after the end of the 25/26 fiscal year. Ms. Cervelli advised that Wright Education Services would no longer provide their services within the State of California.

Ms. Brooks advised of the efforts being made to locate another service provider for similar services.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT to approve and the Chair sign the First Addendum to the previously approved Rate Agreement between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and Wright Education Services for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, extending the term to September 30, 2026, and replacing Exhibit A.

**County Clerk/Registrar of Voters -** Discussion, direction and possible action re appointments In-Lieu of Election to various Special Districts pursuant to Elections Code §10515, for persons who filed declarations of candidacy and other qualified appointees as detailed in the agenda packet. Various appointments in lieu of election made; remaining vacancies continued to November 10, 2026.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request to appoint in lieu of election, several persons who filed declarations of candidacy for full terms on the Lake Shastina Community Services District (CSD), Tennant Community Services District (CSD), South Yreka Fire Protection District (FPD), Weed Recreation and Parks District and Tulelake Irrigation District.

It was moved by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT to appoint in lieu of election to the Lake Shastina CSD, Larry Green and Richard Alan Dinges for full terms beginning December 4, 2026 through December 6, 2030; to appoint in lieu of election to the Tennant CSD, Marie Wear for a full term beginning December 4, 2026 through December 6, 2030; to appoint in lieu of election to the South Yreka FPD, Kristen "Liz" Bowles, Richard Greene and Craig Scott for full terms beginning December 4, 2026 through December 6, 2030; to appoint in lieu of election to the Weed Recreation and Parks District, Alan Schoemaker and Chester Hopkins for full terms beginning December 4, 2026 through December 6, 2030; and appoint in lieu of election to the Tulelake Irrigation District, Division 2 Walter Woodhouse for a full term beginning December 4, 2026 through December 6, 2030. Continued…

**County Clerk/Registrar of Voters –** *(continued)*

Ms. Winningham provided an overview of additional Special Districts that needed appointments in lieu of election for persons who did not file declarations of candidacy or were otherwise eligible to serve, including full and short terms on the Happy Camp Community Services District (CSD), a full and a short term on the Lake Shastina Community Services District (CSD), a full term on the Tennant Community Services District (CSD), full and short terms on the Happy Camp Fire Protection District (FPD), a full term on the Montague Fire Protection District (FPD), full terms on the Mt. Shasta Fire Protection District (FPD) and a full term on the Weed Recreation and Parks District.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT to appoint in lieu of election to the Happy Camp CSD, Nell Sakota Anderson and Nathan L. Tiraterra for full terms beginning December 4, 2026 through December 6, 2030; and appoint in lieu of election, Charles O. Fehely, Nicole Hokanson and Timothy A. Zink for short terms beginning December 4, 2026 through December 8, 2028.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT to appoint in lieu of election to the Lake Shastina CSD, Karla Chandler for a full term beginning December 4, 2026 through December 6, 2030.

One short term on the Lake Shastina CSD was continued to November 10, 2026.

It was moved by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT to appoint in lieu of election to the Tennant CSD, Cindy Fernandez for a full term beginning December 4, 2026 through December 6, 2030.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT to appoint in lieu of election to the Happy Camp FPD, Roberta Lantow, Beverly Chavez and Armando Villareal for full terms beginning December 4, 2026 through December 6, 2030 and appoint in lieu of election, Pedro Torres for a short term beginning December 4, 2026 through December 8, 2028.

One short term on the Happy Camp FPD was continued to November 10, 2026.

It was moved by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT to appoint in lieu of election to the Montague FPD, John McKnight for a full term beginning December 4, 2026 through December 6, 2030.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT to appoint in lieu of election to the Mt. Shasta FPD, Richard Kliewer and Harper Keene for full terms beginning December 4, 2026 through December 6, 2030.

One full term on the Mt. Shasta FPD was continued to November 10, 2026.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT to appoint in lieu of election to the Weed Recreation and Parks District, Susan Tavalero for a full term beginning December 4, 2026 through December 6, 2030.

**Office of Emergency Services -** Review status of local emergency regarding illegal pesticides and illicit cannabis operations declared by Resolution 26-132, adopted on September 1, 2026; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board and provided a brief update on the status of the local emergency at the State level. Continued…

**Office of Emergency Services –** *(continued)*

Mr. Schenone requested that the local emergency proclamation be extended.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT, to extend the local emergency regarding illegal pesticides and illicit cannabis operations declared by Resolution 26-132.

**Board of Supervisors' Requests -** Board of Supervisors - Review status of local emergency due to the presence and impact of gray wolves in Siskiyou County as declared by Resolution 26-83, adopted on May 19, 2026; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

Project Coordinator Joanne Johnson and GIS Specialist Alia Roca Lezra appeared before the Board, providing a brief update regarding wolf activity within Siskiyou County and requesting that the emergency proclamation be extended.

It was moved by Supervisor Harris and seconded by Supervisor Kobseff to extend the local emergency due to the presence and impact of gray wolves in Siskiyou County as declared by Resolution 26-83.

Supervisor Haupt requested research into a Colorado county that recently adopted an ordinance to prevent the wildlife division from introducing non-native species, including the gray wolf, into that county.

Supervisor Kobseff requested research into wolf reports coming from western Siskiyou County as well as the east side.

The Chair called for the question and the motion to extend the local emergency carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT.

**Appointments -** County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the unscheduled vacancy on the Siskiyou County Planning Commission, Supervisorial District 2 representative, for a term ending June 30, 2029. Continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided a brief overview of the request, advising that the Clerk's Office had not received any letters of interest in serving on the Siskiyou County Planning Commission. Ms. Winningham requested that the item be continued.

This item was continued to a later date.

**Appointments -** County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the unscheduled vacancy on the Siskiyou Resource Conservation District for a term ending November 30, 2028. Continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided a brief overview of the request, advising that the Clerk's Office had not received any letters of interest although the District had someone in mind who may be providing a letter of interest. Ms. Winningham requested that the item be continued.

This item was continued to a later date.

**Minute Approval -** October 6, 2026. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Ogren, Kobseff and Harris voting YES, Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT and Supervisor Haupt ABSTAINING, to approve the October 6, 2026 minutes as presented.

**Public Hearings -** Board of Supervisors and Siskiyou County Planning Commission - Joint public hearing to review and receive public comment on the Public Review Draft of the Siskiyou County General Plan and the Public Review Draft of Title 10 Zoning Code. Presentation and discussion only.

This was the time set for a joint public hearing to review and receive public comment on the Public Review Draft of the Siskiyou County General Plan and Public Review Draft of Title 10 Zoning Code.

In attendance were Siskiyou County Planning Commissioners Dusty Veale, District 4 and Jeff Fowle, District 5 and Supervisors Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt.

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**Public Hearings -** Board of Supervisors and Siskiyou County Planning Commission – *(continued)*

Chair Haupt opened the public hearing for the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Fowle opened the public hearing for the Planning Commission, advising that although they did not have a quorum, no action would be taken and was allowed pursuant to the Brown Act.

Community Development Director Hailey Lang appeared before the Board and Planning Commission, advising that printed copies of the powerpoint regarding the Public Review Draft of the Siskiyou County General Plan and a powerpoint regarding the Public Review Draft of Title 10 Zoning Code were available for the public to view as monitors in the Board Chambers were temporarily offline.

Mintier Harnish representative Ryan Lester presented the powerpoint, including an overview of the General Plan Update project, a long range vision for the future of Siskiyou County and summarized the various Elements within the General Plan (i.e. Land Use, Open Space and Conservation, Circulation, Safety and Noise Elements and a Housing Update, published separately). Mr. Lester provided an overview of the Land Use Element designation, goals and programs.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Commission, Mr. Lester and Ms. Lang regarding the General Plan Vision Statement, the need to include information from the Scott Valley Area Plan when developing maps for the Land Use Element, the impact associated with and the need to protect high value agricultural land being purchased by Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), efforts made to provide options for farmers/ranchers to diversify and remain productive and impacts associated with management of public lands (i.e. National Forest lands).

Mr. Lester continued the powerpoint, including an overview of the Open Space and Conservation Element goals and programs (i.e. water and air quality, groundwater sustainability, well permitting, etc.).

Discussion followed regarding concerns related to agricultural lands (a ranch) purchased using State funds, actions taken on that property that negatively impacted endangered species (animal and plant), possible benefits to be had should the County develop its own Endangered Species Act (ESA), a component of the Open Space and Conservation Element that provides for review of potential groundwater sustainability impacts, the need to address the local flood plain (part of the Safety Element) and the need to include language in the General Plan concerning the County not adopting the State's fire hazard maps.

In response to Ms. Lang, Supervisor Haupt spoke in support of an added policy or program in the General Plan Elements concerning fire hazard mapping.

Further discussion followed regarding the requirement that certain mapping be contained in the General Plan before it can be approved, concerns regarding future requirements related to snow load mapping and the efforts being made to address local snow load mapping in the General Plan.

Mr. Lester continued the powerpoint, including an overview of the Circulation Element goals and programs (i.e. transportation needs).

Discussion followed regarding the need to note an emergency access route for Happy Camp via Thompson Low Gap Road (a Forest Service Road), efforts being made to address year-round access via Grayback Road, an ongoing update to the County's Regional Transportation Plan, the need to note the importance of keeping the Siskiyou County Airport maintained with runway lengths to accommodate C130 aircraft and note that the Happy Camp Airport is no longer the County's (Forest Service has ownership).

Supervisor Kobseff recommended that 'as funding is available' be noted in the Circulation Element.

Mr. Lester continued the powerpoint, including an overview of the Safety Element goals and programs (i.e. emergency readiness, community resilience, protection from natural disasters and hazards). Mr. Lester advised that the Element must be reviewed and approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE).

Supervisor Haupt reiterated the need to include language in the Safety Element related to maintaining the runway lengths at Siskiyou County Airport long enough to support C130 (fire fighting) aircraft and addressing that need to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Continued…

**Public Hearings -** Board of Supervisors and Siskiyou County Planning Commission – *(continued)*

Discussion followed regarding the requirement for CAL FIRE to review/approve the Safety Element, and the need to address potential hazards that could impact lands within the County from hazards happening on State/Federal lands.

Mr. Lester continued the powerpoint, including an overview of the Noise Element goals and programs (i.e. noise exposure management and mitigation).

Discussion followed regarding potential increased truck traffic noise related to an anticipated Roundabout Project to be located in McCloud and the need to comment during the Project's comment period.

Mr. Lester summarized the Next Steps in the process, advising that the Draft General Plan's Public Review Period would remain open until November 30, 2026, that County staff would hold office hours to be available to answer questions from the public and that preparation of an Environmental Impact Report would commence. Mr. Lester additionally advised that an online map would be prepared to allow viewing of zoning and General Plan information.

Discussion followed regarding the various benefits associated with the County having an updated General Plan, the need to send comments regarding Congressional committees' Endangered Species Act (ESA) habitat sessions and the need to incorporate local plans within National Forest Management Plan revisions.

Ms. Lang appeared before the Board and presented a powerpoint regarding an update to Title 10 Zoning Code, including the legal framework associated with zoning, the purpose of the zoning code, new zoning code organization (i.e. section numbering) and benefits associated with the new layout. Ms. Lang provided an overview of the new residential and agricultural Zoning Districts as well as commercial, industrial and other Zoning Districts, advising that some Districts (in residential, commercial and industrial) were consolidated and others were renamed.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Planning Commission, Ms. Lang and Mr. Phelps regarding rural residential housing density and parcel sizes related to various Zoning Districts.

Mr. Phelps continued the powerpoint, including an overview of Land Use Tables providing information (i.e. uses allowed for specific zoning and whether permits are required) for various Zoning Districts.

Discussion followed regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) permitted on certain Zoning Districts, potential impact of businesses allowed within areas of Home Owner Associations (HOAs), minimum and maximum parcels sizes for various Zoning Districts, definitions of home businesses versus home occupations, concerns regarding how to address 'like for like' replacement requirements and Environmental Health's plans to update related policies.

Mr. Phelps continued the powerpoint, including an overview of various elements of the Scott Valley Area Plan that will be included in the revised General Plan Draft, advising that maps would be included to identify the various Scott Valley communities. Mr. Phelps additionally summarized expanded allowable uses in certain new zones (i.e. portable wood processing allowed) and the permitting requirements under each zone (administrative use permit versus use permit).

Discussion followed regarding possible opportunities for property owners to diversify use of their property, the benefits associated with creation or existing opportunity zone designation and fee waivers to local property business owners.

Ms. Lang advised that staff could bring back program suggestions related to fee waivers and/or opportunity zone designation.

Continuing the powerpoint, Mr. Phelps summarized expanded rural lodging opportunities, the zones those uses would be allowed and added flexibility for property owners to use their undeveloped parcels (i.e. storage building construction, access to electrical service).

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**Public Hearings -** Board of Supervisors and Siskiyou County Planning Commission – *(continued)*

Discussion followed regarding a new State law that allows up to three units (recreational vehicles) to stay on undeveloped rural or agricultural lots, suggested short term (seasonal) stays of up to 30 days, possible issues related to enforcing a 30 day maximum stay, the need to keep the power/electric company aware of the allowable use and the ability of staff to indicate in the code specifics related to access to power and septic on undeveloped lots.

Mr. Phelps continued the powerpoint, including an overview of new opportunities for agricultural properties to provide commercial uses (i.e. U-pick farms, farm stays) or special event facilities (i.e. wedding or festival venues, organized events) in the new zoning code and the types of permits that would be required.

Discussion followed, including County Administrator Cole L. Bray regarding the triggers for collection of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), enforcement of TOT collection that is not related to the zoning code, the difference between special events versus temporary events, administrative use permit versus use permit processes and the ability for those permits to be appealed and/or revoked.

Mr. Phelps continued the powerpoint, summarizing the difference between home occupations versus home enterprises (home-based businesses), the associated permitting processes and advised that a permit for a home occupation based business was not necessary.

Supervisor Kobseff shared concerns regarding the possible negative impacts to local housing market associated with utilizing residences for commercial business.

Discussion followed regarding the requirement that employees be residents on the property (in the home) where the business is located.

Continuing the powerpoint, Mr. Phelps summarized changes in the new code versus the old code with regard to short-term vacation rentals, including Planning Commission recommendation that the 2.5 acre minimum parcel size be removed which would allow for short-term vacation rentals on smaller parcels.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff's concerns regarding removal of the acreage minimum, Mr. Fowle advised that the Planning commission attempted to be firm, fair and consistent for all areas of the County.

Discussion followed regarding concerns that smaller lot size will increase the number of short-term vacation applications/permits, potential negative impacts to various County communities (i.e. McCloud) related to increased vacation rental permits, limitations being placed on the number of possible permits within the General Plan's Housing Element, suggested adjustment to density levels versus specific parcel size, potential benefits to be gained should McCloud develop a plan listing goals and limitations associated with vacation rentals and changes to the new code to identify various entities, other than a licensed property manager or management company, to oversee vacation rentals.

Continuing the powerpoint, Mr. Phelps provided an overview of a Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) a State requirement to be included in the zoning code.

Discussion followed including concerns regarding negative impacts associated with enforcing the MWELO and staff's efforts to make the MWELO the least restrictive as possible (as removal of MWELO from the code was not allowed).

Mr. Phelps continued the powerpoint, addressing an emerging land use for data centers and associated zoning requirements. Mr. Phelps suggested that data centers be allowed within properties in the Industrial Zoning District with a Use Permit required.

Discussion followed, including Assistant County Counsel William Carroll and Mr. Bray regarding the proposed Industrial Zoning District, concerns regarding the suggested Industrial or Commercial zoning, the possibility of Industrial and/or Commercial zoned properties to be near residential areas or businesses, the Planned Development zoning process, the need to be prepared as development of data center(s) is an emerging issue currently, suggested addition of an emergency technologies section and the need for additional information regarding the issue to be brought back before the Board at a later date.

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Mr. Phelps concluded the powerpoint with a summary of the major zoning code changes and provided an overview of the anticipated timeline to complete the zoning code update project and eventually adopt the new code.

In response to Chair Haupt, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office received correspondence related to this item from Yreka resident Anthony Intiso.

Local resident Eliza Ya appeared before the Board and Planning Commission, sharing concerns regarding her inability to build on her property due to being unable to drill for water (neighboring wells have dried up).

McCloud resident Angelina Cook appeared before the Board and Planning Commission, speaking in support of McCloud (and other small communities) developing a plan as mentioned earlier with possible County assistance. Ms. Cook additionally spoke in support of the benefits communities could gain by incentivizing resource management policies and the addition of water reduction in the proposed plan.

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

In response to Chair Haupt, Ms. Lang advised that staff would take the comments and recommendations provided during the public hearing and update the zoning code project for further future discussions.

Supervisor Kobseff suggested noting the County's logging community history in the General Plan Update as communities were self sufficient at one time based on that history.

**Closed Session -** 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 2:25 p.m., concluded at 3:26 p.m., with no action taken.

**Report On Closed Session**

County Counsel F. Dean Morgan announced that closed session concluded at 3:26 p.m., with no reportable action taken.

Supervisor Harris was recused from participating in closed session.

**Board and Staff Reports**

There were no board or staff reports given.

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

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Ray A. Haupt, Chair

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

By: _____
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