



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dwight Ceresola, Vice Chair 1st District
Kevin Goss, Chair 2nd District
Sharon Thrall, 3rd District
Greg Hagwood, 4th District
Jeff Engel, 5th District

MEETING MINUTES

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA HELD IN QUINCY, ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

STANDING ORDERS

Due to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency, dated March 16, 2020, the County of Plumas is making several changes related to Board of Supervisors meetings to protect the public's health and prevent the disease from spreading locally.

The Plumas County Health Officer Recommendation Regarding Teleconferencing, issued on September 30, 2021, recommends local legislative bodies, such as commissions, committees, boards, and councils, hold public meetings with teleconferencing as authorized by Government Code section 54953 (e).

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (e) and to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting, the County of Plumas members of the Board of Supervisors may attend the meeting via teleconference or phone conference and participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present. Due to Government Code section 54953(e), the Boardroom will be open to the public but subject to state or federal social distancing or masking requirements, if applicable. It is strongly recommended that individuals attending meetings wear masks. The public may participate as follows:

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Public Comment Opportunity/Written Comment

Members of the public may submit written comments on any matter within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether the matter is on the agenda for Board consideration or action. Comments will be entered into the administrative record of the meeting.

Members of the public are strongly encouraged to submit their comments on agenda and non-agenda items using e-mail address Public@countyofplumas.com

10:00 A.M. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Roll Call.

Present: Supervisor Ceresola, Supervisor Engel, Supervisor Hagwood, Supervisor Thrall, Supervisor Goss

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Greg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

None noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Pastor George Tarleton offers a short prayer.

Tom McGowen reported on activity by the Public Works Department starting a road resurfacing project in District 3.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Interim Director of Behavioral Health announced that September is a Suicide Awareness month and offered awareness ribbons (MHSA Every Mind Matters Ribbons) to the Board and all attending the meeting. She also highlighted that **988** has been designated as the new three-digit Suicide and Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7, confidential support to people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress.

Director of Public Health Dr. Dana Loomis reported on the smoke from the Mosquito Fire, and poor air quality in Plumas County. More information related to mitigation of this Public Health matter to be released later this afternoon.

ACTION AGENDA

1. **UPDATES AND REPORTS**

A. **DIXIE FIRE COLLABORATIVE**

Report, update, and discussion on Dixie Fire Collaborative efforts

2. CONSENT AGENDA

These items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Board of Supervisors will act upon them at one time without discussion. Any Board members, staff member or interested party may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion. Additional budget appropriations and/or allocations from reserves will require a four/fifths roll call vote.

Motion: Approve the following consent matters, as submitted; **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor Hagwood.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor Ceresola, Supervisor Thrall, Supervisor Hagwood, Supervisor Engel, Supervisor Goss.

A. FACILITY SERVICES

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an Agreement between Plumas County Facility Services and Heat transfer Systems for service, repair, and inspection of the County's HVAC systems; not to exceed \$12,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and ratify Lease Agreement between Plumas County and Plumas Rural Services for the use of the Orchard House at the Courthouse Annex; effective September 1, 2022; Lease amount is \$300.00 per month for a total of \$3,600.00 per year; approved as to form by County Counsel.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment No. 11 to Agreement between Plumas County Public Works and MGE Engineering Inc., for "On-call Civil Engineering Services for Transportation Improvement Projects" for the "Snake Lake Road Bridge Replacement Project"; Amendment not to exceed \$32,182.40; approved as to form by County Counsel.

3. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

A. ASSESSOR – Cynthia Froggatt

Authorize the Assessor to recruit and fill, funded, and allocated, 1.0 FTE Auditor/Appraiser I/II/III position; vacancy due to retirement; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Authorize the Assessor to recruit and fill, funded, and allocated, 1.0 FTE Auditor/Appraiser I/II/III position; **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor Ceresola.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously (**summary:** Yes = 5).

- **Reconsideration of approval for Assessor to recruit and fill allocated 1.0 FTE Auditor/Appraiser I/II/III position.**

B. FACILITY SERVICES – JD Moore

Appoint Brandon Herbert as the Beckwourth – Nervino Airport Manager and approve and authorize the Chair to sign employment agreement; approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Appoint Brandon Herbert as the Beckwourth – Nervino Airport Manager and approve and authorize the Chair to sign employment agreement; **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor Ceresola

Vote: Motion passed unanimously (**summary:** Yes = 5).

C. **PROBATION DEPARTMENT** – Keevin Allred

Authorize the Director of Probation to recruit and fill, funded, and allocated, 1.0 FTE Deputy Probation Officer position, and 1.0 FTE Management Analyst position; vacancies due to resignations; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Authorize the Director of Probation to recruit and fill, funded, and allocated, 1.0 FTE Deputy Probation Officer position, and 1.0 FTE Management Analyst position; **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor Hagwood.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously (**summary:** Yes = 5).

D. **PUBLIC HEALTH** – Dr. Dana Loomis

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign certification statements for the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP); discussion and possible action.

Motion: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign certification statements for the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP); **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor Hagwood.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously (**summary:** Yes = 5).

E. **PUBLIC WORKS** – John Mannle

Authorize the Director of Public Works, Road Department to recruit and fill, funded, and allocated, 1.0 FTE PW Road Maintenance Worker II position in the LaPorte Maintenance District; vacancy due to transfer; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Authorize the Director of Public Works, Road Department to recruit and fill, funded, and allocated, 1.0 FTE PW Road Maintenance Worker II position in the LaPorte Maintenance District;

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor Hagwood.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously (**summary:** Yes = 5).

4. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A. Review, pursuant to Health and Safety code section 101080, RESOLUTION No. 21-8609 ratifying the Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to the Beckwourth Complex, Dixie, and Fly Fires; discussion and possible action and recommendation to continue the emergency and bring back within 30 days, on October 11, 2022.

Motion: Review, pursuant to Health and Safety code section 101080, RESOLUTION No. 21-8609 ratifying the Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to the Beckwourth Complex, Dixie, and Fly Fires; discussion and possible action and recommendation to continue the emergency and bring back within 30 days, on October 11, 2022; **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor Hagwood.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously (**summary:** Yes = 5).

- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for H.R. 6903 - to require the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service to carry out activities to suppress wildfires; introduced by Congressman Tom McClintock; discussion and possible action.

Hannah Hepner Program Manager of the Fire Safe Council, commented on her concerns regarding some of the specifics of this bill, and handed out some information for research information.

A member of the audience urged the Board to take time to get input from our local experts regarding this complex matter.

Tracey Ferguson, Plumas County Director of Planning, said that though general support for this bill was given from other counties, there were some cautionary items within those letters of support that she wanted to bring to the Supervisor's attention today.

Matt West of Fire Safe Council commented on his concerns regarding some of the specifics of this bill.

Following further discussion, the Board gave direction to the Planning Director and the Fire Safe Council members to review the language within the letter of support, modify as discussed; and bring the matter back to the Board for approval.

- C. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:** The Board of Supervisors will continue the public hearing from September 6, 2022, on FY 2022-2023 County Budget. Any member of the general public may appear at the hearing or submit their comments using e-mail address Public@countyofplumas.com

- 1) Report and update by Interim Auditor/Budget Committee on the FY 2022-2023 Budget; discussion and possible action regarding various county departments and programs.

Supervisor Goss reported on the progress of the Auditor and Budget Committee.

Chairman Goss opened the public hearing to public comment:

Hearing no public comment at this time, the public hearing on the FY 2022-2023 County Budget has been continued. Any member of the general public may appear at the hearing or submit their comments using the e-mail address Public@countyofplumas.com

D. **APPOINTMENTS**

Appoint Craig Osborne, Senior Plumas County Public Defender, and Sharon Sousa, Interim Director of Behavioral Health to the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee; discussion and possible action.

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Vote: Motion passed unanimous (**summary:** Yes = 5).

E. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Hagwood received correspondence encouraging ongoing support for the Sheriff's Office; correspondence regarding H.R. 6903; conversations regarding Dame Shirley Plaza rural economic group and road conditions and intersection issues in East Quincy.

Supervisor Thrall received correspondence regarding the Public Works Department starting their project of resurfacing the roads in Lake Almanor; and complaints from constituents regarding a large amount of material that has either been abandoned or stored on County property on the corner of Airport Rd. and HWY 36.

Supervisor Engel received correspondence regarding H.R. 6903; correspondence regarding the New CAO; and correspondence regarding smoke.

Supervisor Ceresola received correspondence regarding road conditions in a few areas; fire consolidation moving forward; correspondence regarding Sierra Valley Ground Water. Supervisor Ceresola thanked Facility Services for the work they did in the Pilots Lounge at Beckwourth-Nervino Airport.

Supervisor Goss received correspondence regarding a stripped-down BMW that has been sitting at the top of Goat Hill; correspondence regarding H.R. 6903; water levels at Lake Almanor.

F. INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly report by Board members of meetings attended, key topics, project updates, standing committees and appointed Boards and Associations

Reported by Supervisor Hagwood regarding matters related to County Government and include attending the Plumas District Hospital Volunteer Luncheon.

Reported by Supervisor Thrall regarding matters related to County Government and include meeting with the New CAO and touring District 3.

Reported by Supervisor Ceresola regarding matters related to County Government and include The Beckwourth-Nervino Fly-In Pancake Breakfast (mentioned earlier during correspondence).

Reported by Supervisor Engel regarding matters related to County Government and include Long term Fire Recovery meeting.

Reported by Supervisor Goss regarding matters related to County Government and include the NorCal EMS Board of Directors meeting; attending the kickoff meeting for Long Term Fire Recovery; and hosted a tour of Greenville with North Valley Catholic Services.

5. CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel: Public employee performance evaluation –Charles White, Building Department Director
- B. Personnel: Public employee performance evaluation – Director of Social Services (Board Only)
- C. Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (1 Case)

REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned meeting to Tuesday, September 20, 2022, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California



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Mission: to reduce the loss of natural resources and human values caused by wildfire through Firewise community programs and pre-fire activities.

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- Sally McGowan
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- Michael Hall
Feather River RCD
- Don Gasser
Registered Professional Forester
- Mike Callaghan
Gold Mountain Firewise
- Chuck Bowman
Graeagle Firewise
- Dan Martynn
retired NRCS
- Joe Smailes
Seneca Firewise (retired USFS)

Staff Members:

- Hannah Hepner
Program Manager (since 2016)
- Matt West
Public Lands Project Manager & Plumas Underburn Cooperative Coordinator
- Bethany Rouse
Outreach Assistant & Firewise Coordinator
- Rachel Wehrman
Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project Manager
- Liam Galleher
Site visit/volunteer Coordinator
- Gary Parque
Community Chipping Program Manager
- Tommy Brenzovich
Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance & Home Hardening Incentive Program Manager

Pyrosilviculture needed for Landscape Resilience of Dry Western United States Forests

North, M. P., R. A. York, B. M. Collins, M. D. Hurteau, G. M. Jones, E. E. Knapp, L. Kobziar, et al. 2021. "Pyrosilviculture Needed for Landscape Resilience of Dry Western United States Forests." *Journal of Forestry* 119 (5): 520–544. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jofore/fvab026>.

Research Brief

Impacts of different land management histories on forest change

Collins, Brandon M.; Fry, Danny L.; Lydersen, Jamie M.; Everett, Richard; Stephens, Scott L. 2017. *Impacts of different land management histories on forest change. Ecological Applications*. 27(8): 2475-2486. <https://doi.org/10.1002/eap.1622>.

Efficacy of variable density thinning and prescribed fire for restoring forest heterogeneity to mixed-conifer forest in the central Sierra Nevada, CA

Eric E. Knapp, Jamie M. Lydersen, Malcolm P. North, Brandon M. Collins, *Efficacy of variable density thinning and prescribed fire for restoring forest heterogeneity to mixed-conifer forest in the central Sierra Nevada, CA, Forest Ecology and Management, Volume 406, 2017, Pages 228-241, ISSN 0378-1127, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2017.08.028>.*

Trends in Wildfire Severity: 1984 to 2010 in the Sierra Nevada, Modoc Plateau, and Southern Cascades, California, USA

Miller, J.D., Safford, H. *Trends in Wildfire Severity: 1984 to 2010 in the Sierra Nevada, Modoc Plateau, and Southern Cascades, California, USA. fire ecol* 8, 41–57 (2012). <https://doi.org/10.4996/fireecology.0803041>.

Historical Review and Framework for Managed Fire Decision Making

Fillmore, Stephen D., Sarah M. McCaffrey, and Alistair M.S. Smith. 2021. *A Mixed Methods Literature Review and Framework for Decision Factors That May Influence the Utilization of Managed Wildfire on Federal Lands, USA. Fire* 4, no. 3: 62. <https://doi.org/10.3390/fire4030062>.

Research Brief

Contrasting prescription burning and wildfires in California Sierra Nevada national parks and adjacent national forests

Keeley, Jon E., Anne Pfaff, and Anthony C. Caprio. 2021. Contrasting prescription burning and wildfires in California Sierra Nevada national parks and adjacent national forests. *International Journal of Wildland Fire* 30:255-268. <https://doi.org/10.1071/WF20112>.

Research Brief

Post-fire vegetation and fuel development influences fire severity patterns in reburns

Coppoletta, M., Merriam, K. E. and Collins, B. M. (2016), *Post-fire vegetation and fuel development influences fire severity patterns in reburns*. *Ecol Appl*, 26: 686–699. [doi:10.1890/15-0225](https://doi.org/10.1890/15-0225).

Research Brief

Pyrosilviculture: Merging Prescribed Fire and Silviculture

York, Robert A., Hunter Noble, Lenya N. Quinn-Davidson, and John J. Battles. "Pyrosilviculture: Combining prescribed fire with gap-based silviculture in mixed-conifer forests of the Sierra Nevada." *Canadian Journal of Forest Research* 51, no. 999 (2021): 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1139/cjfr-2020-0337>.

Research Brief

Drought and bark beetle induced tree mortality elevates wildfire severity of California's Sierra Nevada forests

Wayman RB and Safford HD. 2021. Recent bark beetle outbreaks influence wildfire severity in mixed-conifer forests of the Sierra Nevada, California, USA. *Ecological Applications*. [doi:10.1002/ecap.2287](https://doi.org/10.1002/ecap.2287).

Research Brief

Costs of alternative fuel reduction treatments

Hartsough, B.R., Abrams, S., Barbour, R.J., Drews, E.S., McIver, J.D., Moghaddas, J.J., Schwilk, D.W., Stephens, S.L. 2008. The economics of alternative fuel reduction treatments in western United States dry forests: Financial and policy implications from the National Fire and Fire Surrogate Study. *Forest policy and Economics* 10: 344-354. [DOI:10.1016/j.forpol.2008.02.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.forpol.2008.02.001).

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