

NED COE
1st District

SHANE STARR
2nd District

KATHIE RHOADS
3rd District

CASEY COCKRELL
4th District

GERI BYRNE
5th District



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING REGULAR MEETING

June 10, 2025

10:00 AM Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ned Coe	Supervisor District I	Present	10:00 AM
Shane Starr	Supervisor District II	Present	10:00 AM
Kathie Rhoads	Supervisor District III	Present	10:00 AM
Casey Cockrell	Supervisor District IV	Present	10:00 AM
Geri Byrne	Supervisor District V	Present	10:00 AM
Scott McLeran	Deputy County Counsel	Remote	10:00 AM
Chester Robertson	County Administration Officer	Present	10:00 AM
Tiffany Martinez	Clerk of the Board/ACAO	Present	10:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

None.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Casey Cockrell, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

Correspondence

The Chair of the Board entered a letter from the Bureau of Land Management regarding the signed decision for the Coleman, Lost, and Cold Springs Post-Fire IAG Treatments (DOI-BLM-CA-N020-2025-0014-CX).

a. Correspondence Received: 2025 Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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b. Correspondence Received: Come Together for the People Event

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Department Head Reports

None.

1. Public Hearing - 10:00 AM:

1.a. PUBLIC HEARING: AB 2588 Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Annual Report, as required by the California Air Resources Board. (Air Pollution Control District)

The Chair of the Board opened the public hearing at 10:06 a.m. and asked for a staff report.

Air Pollution Control Officer, Heather Kelly and Extra Help, Frank Rosales, provided a background on AB 2588 Air Toxics "Hot Spots" annual report. Rosales reported there are thirteen (13) facilities registered for 2024 and nineteen (19) for 2025.

A discussion was held on the qualifications to be on the list within the report.

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

There being no public present to speak on the matter, the Chair of the Board closed the public hearing at 10:09 a.m.

2. Consent Agenda Items:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

2.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the County Administrative Officer to sign the annual Medi-Cal County Inmate Program Certification of Voluntary Contributions to the non-federal share of Medicaid expenditures for the State Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (Administrative Services)

Contract# 2025-120

- 2.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Sturmer Consulting for electronic health record (EHR) support for Modoc County Health Services, not to exceed \$30,000.00 per fiscal year, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. (Behavioral Health)

Contract# 2025-121

- 2.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) annual update. (Behavioral Health)

Contract# 2025-122

- 2.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an annual contract between the County of Modoc and California Hearing Officer, LLP for 5150 hearings, not to exceed \$30,000.00 per fiscal year, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (Behavioral Health)

Contract# 2025-123

- 2.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the annual agreement between the County of Modoc Department of Agriculture and the California Crop Improvement Association for Seed Improvement, not to exceed \$250.00, effective July 1, 2025 through June 2026. (Agriculture)

Contract# 2025-124

- 2.f. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval to dispose of records within the Auditor's office from fiscal years 2009 through 2018 per the Accounting Standards and Procedures for Counties 2024 Edition. (Auditor)

3. Behavioral Health Items:

- 3.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement between the County of Modoc and National Purchasing Cooperative, effective June 10, 2025. (Behavioral Health)

Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, provided a background on the proposed agreement.

Contract# 2025-125

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

- 3.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to purchase a mobile public announcement and video creation system from Sweetwater Music Instruments and Pro Audio and waive the competitive procurement requirements due to utilizing the BuyBoard contract# 739-24, not to exceed \$38,511.25. (Behavioral Health)**

Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, provided a background on the proposed purchase.

Contract# 2025-126

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Casey Cockrell, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

4. Health Services Items:

- 4.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign an agreement with Dr. Tiffany Wang, DDS, not to exceed \$13,500.00, effective June 10, 2025 to December 30, 2025 for the Prop 56 Local Oral Health Program. (Public Health)**

Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, provided a background on the proposed agreement.

Contract# 2025-127

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

5. Agriculture Items:

- 5.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to the Agriculture Reserve Fund 274; modifying revenue in the amount of \$350,000.00. (Agriculture)**

Agriculture Commissioner, Heather Kelly, provided a background on the proposed budget modification.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Casey Cockrell, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

6. District Attorney Items:

- 6.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and the Law Office of Richard Cotta for Assistant District Attorney Prosecutor Services, in the amount of \$12,073.00 monthly, effective July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. (Administrative Services)**

District Attorney, Nina Salarno, provided a background on the proposed contract.

Contract# 2025-128

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

7. Planning Department Items:

- 7.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to 0286 LEAP Grant and 0287 REAP Grant, modifying expenditures in the amount of \$ 2,888.80 and closing out both grants. (Planning)**

Interim Planning Director, Sean Curtis, provided a background on the proposed budget modification.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

8. Auditor Items:

- 8.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to General Fund 001; Payroll 1120, Auditor 1130, Elections 1310, and Clerk 2600, modifying expenditures for a net zero impact. (Auditor)**

Auditor, Stephanie Wellemeyer, provided a background on the proposed budget modification.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

9. Road/Airport Items:

- 9.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the agreement for Contract #25-002 and #25-011 between the County of Modoc and Hat Creek Construction and Materials for the purchase of hot mix asphalt for calendar year 2025, effective June 10, 2025 through December 31, 2025. (Road/Airport)**

Road Commissioner, Mitch Crosby, provided a background on the proposed agreement.

Contract# 2025-129

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
SECONDER:	Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

- 9.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the agreement covering Contract #25-004 and #25-012 between the County of Modoc and Hat Creek Construction and Materials for the purchase of aggregate base for calendar year 2025, effective June 10, 2025 through December 31, 2025. (Road/Airport)**

Road Commissioner, Mitch Crosby, provided a background on the proposed agreement.

Contract# 2025-130

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
SECONDER:	Casey Cockrell, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

- 9.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Aviation Administration and the California State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the Tulelake Municipal Airport Proposed Perimeter Fence Project, effective June 10, 2025. (Road/Airport)**

Road Commissioner, Mitch Crosby, provided a background on the proposed Memorandum of Agreement. Road Commissioner Crosby provided an update on the signature pages and the status of obtaining the final signatures. Road Commissioner Crosby provided a background on the

coordination between state and federal agencies regarding the site. Road Commissioner Crosby detailed the proposed access, monitoring, and construction plans.

A discussion was held, and several questions were asked of Road Commissioner Crosby.

Contract# 2025-131

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

10. Administrative Services Items:

- 10.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the Law Office of Dawn N. Becker, Esq. and the County of Modoc for Public Defender Services, in the amount of \$18,095.73 monthly, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (Administrative Services)**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed contract. County Administrative Officer Robertson reported on the term within the contract which states the contractor must have a physical presence in Modoc County.

Contract# 2025-132

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Casey Cockrell, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

- 10.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the Law Office of Jessica Ryan Keeney, Esq. and the County of Modoc for Public Defender Services, in the amount of \$18,095.73 monthly, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (Administrative Services)**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed contract. County Administrative Officer Robertson reported he has requested the contractor research grant opportunities.

Contract# 2025-133

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Casey Cockrell, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

- 10.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to approve for one (1) Payroll Specialist III, Range 280: Step-G; \$6,222.00 monthly as an exempt employee to laterally transfer to the Sheriff's Financial Manager, Range 291: Step-G; \$6,250.00 monthly as a non-exempt confidential employee, effective July 1, 2025. (Administrative Services)**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed lateral transfer.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

- 10.d. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to appoint Macey VonRader to the elected position of Treasurer/Tax Collector of the County of Modoc with the compensation amount of \$7,167.50 monthly as set by Resolution No. 2021-61 and benefits for elected officials as set by Resolution No. 2023-56, effective August 1, 2025. (Administrative Services)**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed appointment.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

11. Board of Supervisors Items:

- 11.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA) for payroll preparation services at a contracted hourly rate for specific services, effective June 10, 2025 and authorize County Counsel to work with CLA to finalize contract terms. (Board of Supervisors)**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed contract.

Auditor, Stephanie Wellemeyer, reported she would like to hold a meeting with the Chair of the Board due to some concerns. Auditor Wellemeyer reported on several areas of concern within the contract and detailed what tasks would be completed by the Auditor's Office and what tasks would be completed by CLA. Auditor Wellemeyer reported she has staff within her department that has training in payroll.

A discussion was held, and several questions were asked of Auditor Wellemeyer and County Administrative Officer Robertson.

A lengthy discussion was held on the contract details.

Contract# 2025-134

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

11.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to appoint the Information and Technology department as the software administrator of ADP and work with CliftonLarsonAllen on the development of permission levels to allow for the implementation of the time and attendance and human resources information system modules. (Board of Supervisors)

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed action.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Casey Cockrell, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

12. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided an update on the following: 1) Clean-up event in Davis Creek; 2) Upcoming community clean-up in Newell; 3) Upcoming community clean-up in Fort Bidwell.

c. Department Head Reports

None.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Rhoads had no report.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Williamson Act Solar Use Easements (AB 1156) meeting; 2) County of Chair Organizational meeting; 3) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Carrier of Last Resort Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 4) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Officer meeting.

Supervisor Cockrell had no report.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Sierra Nevada Conservancy Northeast Subregion meeting; 2) Meeting with Trevor Paige from Senator Schiff's Office regarding issues with the Bonneville Power Administration's Warner Sub Station in Alturas; 2) Meeting with Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition Executive Director; 3) Meeting with Chair of the Board Coe and Roberto Arteaga in Senator Padilla's Office on various topics; 4) Forest Service Coordination meeting; 5) Modoc County Transportation Commission (MCTC) meeting; 6) Modoc County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo); 7) Sierra Nevada Conservancy tour on work being completed in the Warner mountains; 8) Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board meeting.

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) Interview with California State Association of Counties (CSAC) media; 2) Attended Congressman's LaMalfa event in Butte County; 3) Special meeting of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Committee; 4) Meeting with Senator, Alex Padilla's Northern California local government staff; 5) Modoc County Transportation Commission (MCTC) meeting; 6) Modoc Transportation Agency (MTA) meeting; 7) Modoc County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) meeting; 8) Sierra Nevada Conservancy tour; 9) NorCal Emergency Medical Services (EMS) meeting; 10) Meeting with the California Fish and Wildlife Director, Chuck Bonham; 11) First Friday in Cedarville.

The Chair of the Board read the closed session items into the record.

11:33 a.m. Motion to go into Closed Session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

13. Closed Session:

13.a. CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Appointment - Conduct Interview (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957 (b)(1)): Title: Watermaster. (Administrative Services)

RESULT:	DIRECTION GIVEN
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13.b. CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54956.9 (d) (2)): Number of cases one (1). (County Counsel)

Direction given to staff and County Counsel.

RESULT:	DIRECTION GIVEN
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13.c. CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957): Title: County Administrative Officer. (Board of Supervisors)

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
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Report at the conclusion of closed session any actions, if any, taken under Closed Session (Pursuant to Section 54957.1 of the CA Government Code).

3:30 p.m. The Board reconvened and reported out of closed session with Supervisor Coe, Rhoads, Starr, Cockrell, and Byrne present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the June 10, 2025 meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 PM

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Ned Coe
Chair of the Board