

NED COE
1st District

SHANE STARR
2nd District

KATHIE RHOADS
3rd District

ELIZABETH CAVASSO
4th District

GERI BYRNE
5th District



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING REGULAR MEETING

March 12, 2024

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
Elizabeth Cavasso	Supervisor District IV	Present	10:00 AM
Geri Byrne	Supervisor District V	Present	10:00 AM
Margaret Long	County Counsel	Present	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

Doreen Smith Powers provided comments on the Modoc County Code.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

Correspondence

Supervisor Coe reported he would like to see comments drafted by the county on correspondence a.

- a. **Correspondence received - California Department of Fish and Wildlife Notice and Request for Information: Greater Sage-grouse is a Candidate for Listing under CESA.**

RESULT: ANNOUNCED

- b. **Correspondence received - Notice of Intent to Adopt Tulelake Groundwater Subbasin Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan.**

RESULT: ANNOUNCED

- c. **Correspondence received - State Water Resources Control Board Notice of Petition Requesting Changes in Water Rights of the Department of Water Resources for the Delta Conveyance Project.**

RESULT: ANNOUNCED

Department Head Reports

Library Director, Kris Anderson, provided an update on the status of the maintenance needs at the Library and the activities of the Library.

Handout Provided - Modoc County Library Open House Invitation

RESULT: ANNOUNCED

1. Board of Supervisors Items:

- 1.a. **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Update on the status of wolves in California and Modoc County from California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist, Kent Laudon and Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist, Richard Shinn. (Board of Supervisors)**

Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist, Kent Laudon, provided a report on the following: 1) Background on his career; 2) Provided an update on the number of wolves in California; 3) Dispersing Collared Wolves; 4) Number of wolves increasing over the years; 5) Property Use by Season; 6) Depredation Investigations; 7) Investigations and results.

Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist Laudon provided an update on the incident in Modoc County regarding wolf presence and a potential kill of livestock.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist Laudon.

A discussion was held on the compensation program which is currently out of funding and the potential of refunding of the program.

A discussion was held on the steps to get wolves delisted due to their population increasing to sustainable levels.

Clayton Oilar asked about a potential study to address the wildlife impacted by wolves. Oilar stated the wolves are doing no good for this country.

Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist Laudon reported that he has noticed a decline in big game for California since the introduction of wolves.

Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist, Richard Shinn, provided an update on the process to manage wildlife populations throughout California.

Kent Mullis asked if the wolves were native to California. Mullis reported that he feels like Fish and Game has taken a stance to protect the predators and forget about the rest of the wildlife.

Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist Laudon stated the Northern Rocky Mountain wolves are native to California as best as they know.

Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist Shinn reported that the protection of mountain lions was not the department's decision but the will of the voters of California.

Edgar Sanchez asked about the number of wolves that have been illegally taken in California.

Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist Laudon reported there is one confirmed illegal take of a wolf in California and several others under investigation.

Supervisor Starr asked Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist Shinn about the potential to hunt bears in the Warner Mountains.

Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist Shinn reported on the draft statewide bear management plan which will be open for public comment and encourage Modoc County residents to comment on the plan when it is published.

Supervisor Byrne asked about the potential listing of the Greater Sage Grouse.

Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist Shinn reported on his past experience conducting research on the Greater Sage Grouse.

The Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, entered a letter from the Modoc County Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, regarding his disappointment in the manner in which the state and federal government has managed wildlife in Modoc County.

Handout provided - Dee Population Chart

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Public comment received - Letter from Modoc County Sheriff, Tex Dodwy, expressing is dsappointment in the manner in which the state and federal government have managed wildlife in Modoc County.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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11:05 a.m. Motion for a five minute recess.

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

11:14 a.m. The Board reconvened with Supervisor Coe, Rhoads, Starr, Cavasso, and Byrne present.

2. Consent Agenda Items:

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

- 2.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the tenth amendment to the Refuse Collection Agreement between USA Waste of California, Inc. dba Alturas Disposal and the County of Modoc, extension effective February 28, 2023 through February 28, 2024. (Public Works)**

Contract# 2024-27

- 2.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the removal of one (1) Radio System (FA # 2110-0312) from the Sheriff's Office fixed asset inventory list, effective March 12, 2024. (Sheriff's Office)**
- 2.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the removal of one (1) Radio System (FA # 2110-0301) from the Sheriff's Office fixed asset inventory list, effective March 12, 2024. (Sheriff's Office)**
- 2.d. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the removal of one (1) Computer (FA # 26300071) from the Sheriff's Office fixed asset inventory list, effective March 12, 2024. (Sheriff's Office)**

- 2.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the removal of one (1) Snowcat Trailer (FA # 2110-0116) from the Sheriff's Office fixed asset inventory list, effective March 12, 2024. (Sheriff's Office)**
- 2.f. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the removal of one (1) Winch (FA # 2110-0134) from the Sheriff's Office fixed asset inventory list, effective March 12, 2024. (Sheriff's Office)**
- 2.g. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to remove one (1) Digital Camera (Asset# 26500014) from the Planning Department controlled inventory list. (Planning)**
- 2.h. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to remove one (1) Computer Software- Permit Track (Asset# 26500022) from the Planning Department controlled inventory list. (Planning)**
- 2.i. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to remove one (1) Desktop Computer (Asset# 26500044) from the Planning Department controlled inventory list and allow for disposal. (Planning)**
- 2.j. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to remove one (1) HP Color Laser Jet Printer (Asset# 26500019) from the Planning Department controlled inventory list and allow for disposal. (Planning)**
- 2.k. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to accept the resignation of Steve Nelson from the Modoc County Watermaster Advisory Committee and authorize staff to advertise the vacancy, effective February 23, 2024. (Clerk of the Board)**
- 2.l. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the February 6, 2024 Board of Supervisors special meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)**
- 2.m. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the February 27, 2024 Board of Supervisors special meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)**

3. Planning Department Items:

- 3.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to waive the second reading and adopt an ordinance to apply the Minimum Lot Overlay Zone (M) to Assessor Parcel Number 033-020-033-000, owned by Collin & Diana Gotcher within the boundaries of Parcel Map (PM2023-06). (Planning)**

Planning Director, Sean Curtis, provided a background on the proposed ordinance.

Doreen Smith Powers provided comments on the M overlay zone and inquired if there were any intentions for mining on the property.

Ordinance# 236-159

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

FINAL CERTIFIED ORDINANCE# 236-159

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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4. Building Department Items:

- 4.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a lease extension between the County of Modoc and United Parcel Service (UPS) to extend the current lease for three (3) years with an increase in the monthly rental amount to \$655.00, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. (Building and Safety)**

Chief Building Official, Dominic Budmark, provided a background on the proposed lease.

Contract# 2024-28

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

Recess as the Board of Supervisors and convene as the Modoc County Air Pollution Control Board.

Motion to recess as the Board of Supervisors and convene as the Modoc County Air Pollution Control Board.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

5. Air Pollution Control District:

- 5.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the agreement between the County of Modoc Air Pollution Control District and the Hapgood Ranch for the Carl Moyer Rural Assistance Program finds not to exceed \$162,302.55, effective February 26, 2024. (Air Pollution Control District)**

Air Pollution Control Officer, Heather Kelly, provided a background on the proposed contract.

Contract# 2024-29

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

Adjourn as the Modoc County Air Pollution Control Board and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors.

Motion to adjourn as the Modoc County Air Pollution Control Board and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

6. Behavioral Health 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 Training, Employment and Community Help, Inc. (T.E.A.C.H) for Resource Wellness Center Support and Services not to exceed \$253,460.00, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. (Behavioral Health)**

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

Contract# 2024-30

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

- 6.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Modoc Medical Center for behavioral health crisis support and stabilization services, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. (Behavioral Health)**

Director of Health Services, Stacy Spahr, provided a background on the proposed contract.

Contract# 2024-31

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

7. Sheriff/Coroner Items:

- 7.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution authorizing the Modoc County Sheriff to apply for a USDA Vehicle grant which requires a 45% match from the County of Modoc for the purchase of one (1) pre-owned 3/4 ton, four-door, four-wheel drive pickup patrol vehicle, not to exceed \$27,000.00, for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (Sheriff's Office)**

Sheriff's Fiscal/Administrative Assistant/OES, Liz Hallmark, and Extra Help, Amanda McKinney, provided a background on the proposed grant application with the correction to the application regarding the match amount listed as 55% corrected to 45%.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of the Sheriff's Fiscal/Administrative Assistant/OES Hallmark.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2024-13

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- 7.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution authorizing the Modoc County Sheriff to apply for a USDA Vehicle grant which requires a 45% match from the County of Modoc for the purchase of one (1) pre-owned 3/4 ton, four-door, four-wheel drive pickup patrol vehicle, not to exceed \$27,000.00, for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (Sheriff's Office)**

Sheriff's Fiscal/Administrative Assistant/OES, Liz Hallmark, and Extra Help, Amanda McKinney, provided a background on the proposed grant application with the correction to the application regarding the match amount listed as 55% corrected to 45%.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2024-14

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- 7.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution authorizing the Modoc County Sheriff to apply for the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program. This grant requires no matching funds and will be used for public education, prevention, enforcement efforts, and law enforcement training to reduce Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs. (Sheriff's Office)**

Sheriff's Fiscal/Administrative Assistant/OES, Liz Hallmark, and Extra Help, Amanda McKinney, provided a background on the proposed grant application.

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2024-15

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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8. Board of Supervisors Items:

- 8.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a letter of support for Modoc Fire Safe Council to apply for the California Fire Safe Council County Coordinator grant application. (Board of Supervisors)**

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

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

8.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a letter of support for Thompson Land Management, LLC to apply for CAL FIRE's Wood Products and Bioenergy grant program. (Board of Supervisors)

Supervisor Byrne provided a background on the proposed support letter.

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

8.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to reclassify the salary and update the class specification of the Chief Building Official, Range 293: Step A-J; \$4,711.00 - \$7,308.00 monthly to Range 342: Step A-J; \$6,014.00 - \$9,331.00, effective April 1, 2024. (Board of Supervisors)

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

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

9. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

Clayton Oilar provided comments on the reduction of wildlife in Modoc County.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a report on the following: 1) Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) grant and broadband update; 2) AB 54 proposed legislation regarding plastic container ban; 3) Proposed application for grant funds for a capital facility to address the old hospital building with Training, Employment and Community Help, Inc. (T.E.A.C.H., Inc.); 4) Public Risk Innovation, Solutions and Management (PRISM) and Trindel Insurance update; 5) Update on the Building and Safety Department; 6) Update on the lease of the facility next to the old hospital building by the Office of Education.

c. Department Head Reports

None.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Behavioral Health Community Program Planning meeting; 2) Modoc National Forest Service Recreational meeting; 3) Reclassification Review and Salary Adjustment Committee Ad Hoc meeting.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) Board meeting; 2) Visit with Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI); 3) Election training; 4) Stronghold Newell Pest Abatement District meeting; 5) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Officers call; 6) Worked the Election; 7) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Williamson Ad Hoc meeting; 8) Reclassification Review and Salary Adjustment Committee Ad Hoc meeting; 9) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC); 10) Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) meeting; 11) Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA); 12) Consistent concerns.

Supervisor Cavasso reported on the following: 1) Meeting with Modoc National Forest Supervisor, Chris Christofferson; 2) Modoc County Strategic Plan meeting; 3) Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board meeting; 4) Sierra Nevada Conservancy Watershed Improvement Program Summit.

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) National Association of Counties (NACO) Public Lands notification that the full 2024 Payment In-Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payments will be provided to counties; 2) Modoc County Agriculture Pesticide workshop; 3) Modoc Fish, Game, and Recreation Commission meeting; 4) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) legislative update; 5) NorCal Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Special meeting; 6) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board meeting; 7) Northern California Water Users Annual meeting.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Superior California Economic Development (SCED) staff meeting and grant opportunities; 2) Sierra Nevada Conservancy North East Subregion meeting; 3) Modoc County Strategic Plan meeting; 4) Sunrise Rotary Dragon Lady Dinner; 5) Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board meeting; 6) Sierra Nevada Conservancy Watershed Improvement Program Summit; 7) Public Safety Communications meeting with the County Administrative Officer and Assistant County Administrative Officer; 8) Meeting regarding airport management.

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

12:05 p.m. Motion to go into Closed Session.

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

10. Closed Session:

10.a. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957; Performance Evaluation; Title: Chief Probation Officer. (Board of Supervisors)

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
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10.b. CLOSED SESSION: Closed Session Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957; Performance Evaluation; Title: County Administrative Officer. (Administrative Services)

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the March 12, 2024 meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Shane Starr
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors