

NED COE
1st District

PATRICIA CULLINS
2nd District

KATHIE RHOADS
3rd District

ELIZABETH CAVASSO
4th District

GERI BYRNE
5th District



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REGULAR MEETING

May 11, 2021

10:00 AM Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ned Coe	Supervisor District I	Present	10:00 AM
Patricia Cullins	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
Sophia Meyer	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

PRESENTATION: Presentation of colors by the Big Valley Junior-Senior High School Cardinal Color Guard. (Board of Supervisors)

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

Jay Jones reported he is representing the New California and read several articles regarding the oath of office. Jones detailed several reasons not to wear a face mask.

Noelle Jones provided comments regarding her safety and health and the duties of the Board of Supervisors. Jones requested the Board of Supervisors open the county and discontinue the use of face masks and vaccines.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

The Clerk of the Board requested to add the following items to the agenda as emergency items due to receiving the information after the posting of the agenda which require action prior to the next meeting:

1.f. Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter of support for the Modoc Fire Safe Council's CalFire CCI grant application.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Cavasso to add the emergency item as follows: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter of support for the Modoc Fire Safe Council's CalFire CCI grant application.

Motion carried unanimously.

1.g. Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter of support for the Pit Resource Conservation District's CalFire CCI grant application.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Cullins to add the emergency item as follows: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter of support for the Pit Resource Conservation District's CalFire CCI grant application.

Motion carried unanimously.

1.h. Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter in support of AB 754.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Rhoads to add the emergency item as follows: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter in support of AB 754.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Patricia Cullins, Supervisor District II
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

Correspondence

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, entered a letter from the Lassen County Board of Supervisors into the record regarding the request for an extension to submit a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Big Valley Groundwater Basin.

Correspondence Received - Letter from the Lassen County Board of Supervisors regarding the extension of the deadline to submit a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Big Valley Groundwater Basin.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Department Head Reports

None.

1. Board of Supervisors Items:

1.a. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Update from Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services staff on the Integrated Wildlife Damage Management (IWDM) program. (Board of Supervisors)

Agricultural Commissioner, Gary Fensler, introduced Wildlife Specialist, John Fry and Kent Mullis. Commissioner Fensler requested Fry provide a report on the California Fish and Wildlife policy for the removal of mountain lions.

Wildlife Specialist, John Fry, provided a background on his thirty (30) years of service with the wildlife services program. Fry provided a background on the wildlife services for Modoc County. Fry provided the historical background on the removal of mountain lions which can cause human health and safety risks to the public and livestock. Fry provided an overview of the recent situation in the City of Alturas where a mountain lion was in the city limits near the elementary school. Fry reported on the three-strike rule, which was originally put in place for a small section of the State of California, is now impacting Modoc County as a state wide proposed policy.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of staff regarding ways to respond to this policy.

Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Services, Heather Hadwick, reported they would like to thank Senator Dahle and Assembly Member Dahle for their assistance during the mountain lion incident.

1.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution in recognition and profound appreciation of distinguished service by Carol Hafen, Health Services-Behavioral Health Department Fiscal Officer. (Board of Supervisors)

Resolution# 2021-13

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

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1.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a modification of agreement between Northern California EMS, Inc. and the County of Modoc for EMS services, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (Administrative Services)

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

1.d. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Discussion regarding the Board of Forestry "State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations 2021" and the content for comments to be submitted by June 22, 2021. (Board of Supervisors)

Supervisor Coe provided a background on the proposed regulations which would require additional upgrades to road ingress and egress areas. Supervisor Coe reported the Board of Forestry has not conducted an economic impact study regarding the proposed impacts.

Supervisor Byrne reported she feels the county should respond to the proposed regulations, as it will have severe impacts to the county.

Supervisor Cullins requested to have a supervisor testify at the hearing.

Supervisor Cavasso stated she agrees with her fellow board members to have board members testify at the hearing.

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the negative impacts to the county due to the proposed state regulation change of the State Response Areas (SRA) and Local Response Area (LRA).

1.e. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to provide a policy for meals unrelated to travel. (Board of Supervisors)

Supervisor Rhoads provided a background on the proposed policy which has been reviewed by County Counsel, Auditor, and the County Administrative Officer.

Supervisor Cavasso asked to have the word "committee" added to page one, paragraph one and the need to have prior approval for an emergency situation. Supervisor Cavasso requested to have the word "must" be provided be added to emergency section.

Supervisor Rhoads reported the other examples have the policy stating it will occur at the time of the emergency.

Supervisor Cullins suggested that in times of emergency the wording for "approval by the County Administrator or designee approval and County Auditor or designee " could be changed to approval by the "County Administrator or designee or Auditor or designee" in regards to signatures by the CAO and the Auditor.

Supervisor Rhoads reported that this item was discussed heavily and it was recommended to be "and" for several reasons.

County Counsel, Sophia Meyer, asked for clarification on the addition of "committee" to the policy.

A discussion was held on the term "committee" as an addition to the policy.

County Counsel recommended to not have the word "committee" added to the policy.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Cullins to approve as amended of the policy for meals unrelated to travel with the amendment to have the addition of "documentation must be provided" added to policy.

Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Services, Heather Hadwick, asked if sheltering volunteers would qualify under this policy.

County Counsel Meyers reported the policy will not apply to shelter participants but the policy will apply to employees and volunteers. County Counsel Meyers reported approval is required for meal purchases but can be obtained after the emergency has begun. County Counsel Meyer stated approval must be obtained as soon as possible by department staff.

Supervisor Cavasso requested to have a list of designees who can provide approval of meal purchases in emergency situations, as per the policy, allows for a designee to approve in an emergency situation.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVE AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Patricia Cullins, Supervisor District II
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

- 1.f. Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter of support for the Modoc Fire Safe Council's CalFire CCI grant application. - *Emergency Item Added to Agenda***

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Patricia Cullins, Supervisor District II
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

- 1.g. Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter of support for the Pit RCD's CalFire CCI grant application. - *Emergency Item Added to Agenda***

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

- 1.h. **Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter in support of AB 754. - *Emergency Item Added to Agenda***

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Patricia Cullins, Supervisor District II
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

2. County Clerk Items:

- 2.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an amendment to the contract between the County of Modoc and Granicus for the eCampaign system not to exceed \$502.41, effective April 1, 2021 through November 4, 2021. (Elections)**

County Clerk, Stephanie Wellemeyer, provided a background on the proposed contract.

Contract# 2021-58

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

3. Auditor Items:

- 3.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and Auditor Stephanie Wellemeyer to sign the engagement letter between the County of Modoc and CliftonLarsonAllen LLP for performing the external audits for Fiscal Year 2020. (Auditor)**

Auditor, Stephanie Wellemeyer, provided a background on the proposed engagement letter.

Contract# 2021-59

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

4. Road Department Items:

4.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution confirming the 2021 County Maintained Road Mileage of 982.872 miles. (Road/Airport)

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

Resolution# 2021-14

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

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4.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution designating authority and approving of an application for the California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program for fire prevention activities in Modoc County. (Road/Airport)

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

Resolution# 2021-15

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Patricia Cullins, Supervisor District II
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

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5. Sheriff/Coroner Items:

- 5.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting to purchase portable generator that has been preapproved through the Homeland Security Grant Program 2018 (HSGP18) grant from AP Electric & Generators, not to exceed \$30,000.00. (Sheriff's Office)**

Deputy Director of the Office of emergency Services, Heather Hadwick, provided a background on the proposed purchase and provided documents regarding the CARB compliance.

Contract# 2021-60

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

6. Emergency Services Items:

- 6.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to continue a Resolution to proclaim a local emergency due to the drought conditions in Modoc County. (Office of Emergency Services)**

Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Services, Heather Hadwick, provided a background on the continuation of the Resolution.

Supervisor Coe requested the following changes to the Resolution:

1. "of 2020" other counties
2. Addition of "Klamath County Oregon Commissioners"
3. After Washoe County add ", Nevada"

Resolution# 2021-16

RESULT:	APPROVE AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Patricia Cullins, Supervisor District II
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

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RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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7. Health Services Items:

- 7.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to purchase one (1) MoonBeam Disinfection technology and five year warranty from Henry Schein per County Code 3.24.060 section B, not to exceed \$35,594.00. (Health Services)**

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

Contract# 2021-61

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

8. Agriculture Items:

- 8.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter of support regarding the amendment of deadlines for the Preventive Plant Program under the USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) Agency. (Agriculture)**

Agricultural Commissioner, Gary Fensler, provided a background on the proposed letter.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Commissioner Fensler.

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

9. Administrative Services Items:

- 9.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc Administrative Service and the Modoc Fire Safe Council for the implementation of the CalPines Fuels Fire Break Project, effective May 11, 2021 through March 31, 2022. (Administrative Services)**

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

Contract# 2021-62

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

- 9.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an agreement between the Lassen Modoc Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the Modoc County Watermaster Department not to exceed \$10,000.00, effective April 27, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (Administrative Services)**

Assistant County Administrative Officer, Tiffany Martinez, provided a background on the proposed contract.

Doreen Smith Powers provided comments regarding the details of the contract and requested her written comments become a part of the record.

Contract# 2021-63

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Patricia Cullins, Supervisor District II
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

- 9.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to the Museum-L. White Donation Fund 4508, modifying expenditures in the amount of \$273.10. (Administrative Services)**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, 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, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

10. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, reported on the following: 1) Notice to the American Legion to obtain updated insurance certificates; 2) Labor negotiations.

c. Department Head Reports

None.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Cavasso reported on the following: 1) Lassen Modoc Flood Control and Water Conservation District (LMFCWCD) meeting; 2) West Valley Reservoir Boat Ramp and Parking

Facility Ad Hoc Committee; 3) Modoc Fish, Game, and Recreation meeting; 4) Trindel Training; 5) Local Oral Health Committee meeting; 6) Public Health Department Operations Center (DOC) meeting; 7) Continuum of Care (COC) meeting; 8) Agriculture Department Interviews; 9) Discussion with a constituent on abandoned vehicles; 10) Tri-Counties meeting; 11) Call from a constituent in California Pines related to the high cost of building.

12:00 p.m. Supervisor Cavasso left the room.

Supervisor Cullins reported on the following: 1) Lassen Modoc Flood Control and Water Conservation District (LMFCWCD) meeting; 2) Recreation working group; 3) Tri-Counties meeting.

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Lassen Modoc Flood Control and Water Conservation District (LMFCWCD) meeting; 2) West Valley Reservoir Boat Ramp and Parking Facility Ad Hoc Committee.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) zoom meeting; 2) Big Valley Groundwater Advisory Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 3) Planning Department Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 4) Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) zoom meeting; 5) Big Valley Advisory Committee (BVAC) meeting; 6) Tri-Counties meeting; 7) Ag in the Classroom; 8) Big Valley Advisory Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 9) Request regarding the Board of Supervisors to contact Senators for Payment In-Lieu of Taxes (PILT); 10) Guidance on the American Rescue Plan; 11) Update on AB 428.

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) Lassen Modoc Flood Control and Water Conservation District (LMFCWCD) meeting; 2) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) board meeting; 3) Modoc Fish, Game, and Recreation meeting; 4) Modoc Law Enforcement Fair; 5) Public Health Weekly Department Operations Center (DOC) meeting; 6) Modoc Resiliency round table meeting; 7) Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) meeting; 8) Meeting to organize the Tri-Counties meeting; 9) Tri-Counties meeting; 10) White House briefing on Restore America Funds.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the May 11, 2021 meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Ned Coe
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors