

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

July 22, 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

Chairman, Ned Coe, reported item 4.a. was missing the proposed letter as an attachment in the packet. Chairman Coe reported there were copies of the letter provided to the Board and the public by the Clerk of the Board.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Correspondence

None.

Department Head Reports

None.

1. Board of Supervisors Items:

- 1.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution in recognition and profound appreciation of distinguished service by Bryan Cain, Road Maintenance Superintendent. (Board of Supervisors)**

Resolution# 2025-39

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

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RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- 1.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution in recognition and profound appreciation of distinguished service by Cheryl Knoch, Treasurer-Tax Collector. (Board of Supervisors)**

Resolution# 2025-40

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

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RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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2. Administrative Services Items:

- 2.a. PRESENTATION: Presentation by ORMAT Technologies Inc. Regulatory Affairs Manager, Scott Nichols, regarding status update of proposed geothermal activities. (Administrative Services)**

ORMAT Technologies Inc. Regulatory Affairs Manager, Scott Nichols, provided a presentation on the following: 1) Safe Harbor Statement and Non-GAAP Metrics; 2) Modoc County and Surprise Valley update; 3) Geothermal systems and power generation; 4) Power generation; 5) Capacity

factors; 6) Community comments; 7) Vertically integrated geothermal development; 8) Development process; 9) Development status; 10) Questions and Comments.

A lengthy discussion was held, and several questions were asked of Mr. Nichols.

3. Consent Agenda Items:

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

- 3.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the annual California Department of Veterans Affairs Subvention Certificate of Compliance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (Administrative Services)**

Contract# 2025-166

- 3.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract amendment between the County of Modoc and Crestwood Behavioral Health Inc, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (Behavioral Health)**

Contract# 2025-167

- 3.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract amendment between the County of Modoc and Willow Glen Care Center, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (Behavioral Health)**

Contract# 2025-168

- 3.d. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Jay H. Lai, MD for the services of Deputy Health Officer of Modoc County Health Services, not to exceed \$15,000.00, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (Public Health)**

Contract# 2025-169

- 3.e. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an amendment via DocuSign to an agreement between the County of Modoc and The Regents of the University of California for technical assistance in completing the California-Child and Family Services Review (C-CFSR), not to exceed \$49,000.00, effective May 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. (Social Services)**

Contract# 2025-170

- 3.f. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Modoc Storage - 4th Street for the lease of storage space No. 154, not to exceed \$150.00 per month, effective July 1, 2025 until terminated. (Public Health)

Contract# 2025-171

- 3.g. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Modoc Storage - 4th Street for the lease of storage space No.152, not to exceed \$150.00 per month, effective July 1, 2025 until terminated. (Public Health)

Contract# 2025-172

- 3.h. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Modoc Storage - 4th Street for the lease of storage space No. 151, not to exceed \$250.00 per month, effective July 1, 2025 until terminated. (Public Health)

Contract# 2025-173

- 3.i. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Modoc Storage - 4th Street for the lease of storage space No. 150, not to exceed \$250.00 per month, effective July 1, 2025 until terminated. (Public Health)

Contract# 2025-174

- 3.j. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an ongoing agreement via DocuSign between the County of Modoc and the County of Sacramento Department of Human Services for participation in the North State/Orange CAPI Consortium, effective July 1, 2025. (Social Services)

Contract# 2025-175

4. Clerk of the Board Items:

- 4.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter of support for the Modoc Fire Safe Council to apply for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) FY 2025-26 Wildfire Prevention Grant. (Clerk of the Board)

Executive Director of Modoc Fire Safe Council, Stacey Hafen, provided a background on the proposed letter of support.

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

- 4.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter of support for the Modoc Resource Conservation District (MRCD) Wildfire Risk Reduction around Communities and Recreation Zones project. (Clerk of the Board)**

Modoc Resource Conservation Executive Director, Lani Cockrell, provided a background on the proposed letter of support.

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

5. Sheriff/Coroner Items:

- 5.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to purchase one (1) SIDNE Version 7.1 (Demo Unit) Ultimate Package Impaired Driving Simulator from Innocorp, ltd., not to exceed \$36,196.88 including shipping and handling. (Sheriff's Office)**

Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, provided a background on the proposed purchase.

Contract# 2025-176

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

- 5.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to contract to advertise on a 10' by 40' billboard in Newell, with Lamar (Contract No. 5118707) for one (1) year, displaying a DUI/DUID message per our CHP Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Award for Fiscal Year 25/26, not to exceed \$6,100.00. (Sheriff's Office)**

Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, provided a background on the proposed contract.

Contract# 2025-177

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

- 5.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval for the procurement of media advertisement from Modoc Media dba Modoc County Record, not to exceed \$9,310.00, from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (Sheriff's Office)**

Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, provided a background on the proposed procurement.

Contract# 2025-178

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

- 5.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval for the procurement of media advertisement from KCNO, not to exceed \$13,140.00, from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (Sheriff's Office)**

Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, provided a background on the proposed procurement.

Contract# 2025-179

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

6. Air Pollution Control District:

- 6.a. **PRESENTATION: Presentation on the 2024 AB2588 Annual "Hot Spots" Report. (Air Pollution Control District)**

Agriculture extra help employee, Frank Rosales, provided a presentation on the 2024 AB2588 Annual "Hot Spots" report. Rosales reported there were no public comments on the annual report and stated the document would be added to the Agriculture Departments website page.

7. Agriculture Items:

- 7.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution to establish the Stronghold Newell Pest Abatement Benefit Zone Advisory Board to the County Services Area (CSA) #2 Pest and Weed Abatement District. (Agriculture)**

Deputy Agriculture Commissioner, Jolene Moxon, provided a background on the proposed Resolution.

Resolution# 2025-31

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

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8. Library Items:

- 8.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution for the collection of charges on the County tax roll for Community Facilities District#1 (Library Assessment), for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Library)**

Library Director, Kris Anderson, provided a background on the proposed Resolution.

Resolution# 2025-32

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

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9. Probation Items:

- 9.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Chief Probation Officer to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and SCRAM of California, Inc., for GPS and alcohol monitoring services, effective as of July 1, 2025, for the term of three (3) years, with the possibility of renewal. (Probation)**

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

Contract# 2025-180

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

10. Road/Airport Items:

- 10.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the re-edited Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County of Modoc, the Federal Highway Administration, and Modoc National Forest for the Federal Lands Access Program Project, effective July 22, 2025. (Road/Airport)**

Road Commissioner, Mitch Crosby, provided a background on the Memorandum of Agreement.

Contract# 2025-181

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

11. Social Services Items:

- 11.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to hire one (1) Social Worker II, Range 255: Step-D; \$4,511.00 monthly, effective August 1, 2025. (Social Services)**

Director of Social Services, Tom Sandage, provided a background on the proposed hire.

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

12. Watermaster Items:

- 12.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution allocating the apportionment of charges on the County tax rolls for Watermaster services for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (Watermaster)**

Watermaster, Ben Sylvia, provided a background on the proposed Resolution.

Resolution# 2025-33

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

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13. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the following: 1) Meeting with the Auditor to complete the pre-payment of CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL); 2) Letter received from CalPERS on the delay of the amortization amounts from CalPERS on the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL); 3) Update on proposed Senate Bill (SB) 357; 4) Update on filling vacant positions throughout the County; 5) Update on the Active Transportation Program (ATP) project in Cedarville with Caltrans; 6) Update on the Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) funding; 7) Update on emergency improvements to the transfer station; 8) Adin Community Park Foundation meeting on the McConnell Foundation grant; 9) Updates from department heads on the Medicaid changes.

c. Department Head Reports

Watermaster, Ben Sylvia, and Watermaster Technician I, Ethan Conger, provided a report on the following: 1) Common volumes of water; 2) Examples of problems the Watermaster department faces; 3) Examples of winter work conducted; 4) Examples of ice related issues; 5) Examples of deferred maintenance on ditches and canals; 6) Man made issues restricting water flow; 7) Measuring flow device training; 8) Capital improvement update.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Rhoads Reported on the following: 1) Williamson Act overview meeting; 2) Oral Health Advisory Committee meeting.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Tri-Counties meeting; 2) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) - Williamson Act Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 3) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Officer board meeting; 4) Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) board meeting; 5) National Homebuyers Fund (NHF) board meeting; 6) Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Executive Committee board meeting; 7) Secure Rural Schools legislation update; 8) Reported on the cleanup of the Lookout transfer station.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Meeting with the Interim Director of Pit River Tribe Economic Corporation Development, Christopher Orozco.

Supervisor Cockrell reported on the following: 1) Interview panel for Watermaster Technician I position; 2) Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) meeting; 3) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) New Supervisor Institute final training; 4) Planning and Service Area 2 Area agency on Aging (PSA2) meeting.

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference; 2) Public Lands Committee meeting; 3) Western Interstate Region meeting; 4) Tri-Counties meeting; 5) Surprise Valley Service Club Fly-In and breakfast.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the July 22, 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 12:11 PM

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Ned Coe
Chair of the Board