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2nd District

KATHIE RHOADS
3rd District

ELIZABETH CAVASSO
4th District

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SPECIAL MEETING May 7, 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	Absent	10:00 AM
Elizabeth Cavasso	Supervisor District IV	Present	10:00 AM
Geri Byrne	Supervisor District V	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

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Supervisor Byrne requested to remove 1.e. from the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

1. Board of Supervisors Items:

1.a. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Presentation from Klamath Water Users Association and discussion on the 2021 water allocation to the Klamath Project. (Board of Supervisors)

Executive Director for the Klamath Water Users Association, Paul Simmons, provided an overview of the following: 1) 116th anniversary of the authorization of the Klamath Water Project and reminded the audience that if they were sitting where they are today, they would be under ten (10)

feet of water and today there is no water available; 2) Provided a background on the funding for the project and where the water is currently being used; 3) Update on the current irrigation methods; 4) Provided an update of the current conditions of the reservoirs and water for irrigation; 5) Overview of the water availability to each portion of the basin.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of the Executive Director for the Klamath Water Users Association.

Tulelake Irrigation District, Brad Kirby, provided an overview of the changing management actions of the district.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Tulelake Irrigation District Executive Director Kirby.

Farmer, Scott Seus, provided a map which detailed the number of irrigations that will occur. Seus detailed the type of cover crops being grown to reduce the loss of soil due to drought. Seus requested to have all the counties sign on to a letter to adjust the date of the RMA ground.

1.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Modoc County Board of Supervisors to sign a letter regarding the 2021 Klamath Project Irrigation Season in coordination with the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors and the Klamath County Commissioners. (Board of Supervisors)

Natural Resources, Elizabeth Nielsen, provided a background on the proposed letter.

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

1.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Modoc County Board of Supervisors to sign a letter to the President responding to a joint letter from Tribes, Sustainable Northwest and others. (Board of Supervisors)

Natural Resources, Elizabeth Nielsen, provided a background on the proposed letter.

Supervisor Cavasso requested to have an opportunity to add content to the letter.

Supervisor Cullins requested sending another letter to support.

Supervisor Byrne suggested we move forward with the proposed letter and Modoc County send an additional letter regarding the concerns brought forward today.

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

11:49 a.m. The board requested a five minute recess.

12:00 p.m. The Board reconvened with Supervisor Coe, Cullins, Cavasso and Byrne present.

1.d. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting coordination between Siskiyou, Klamath, and Modoc counties regarding the workforce and unemployment impacts due to the drought and coordination with respective workforce development agencies/state employment departments to provide assistance. (Board of Supervisors)

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the need for the coordination of counties regarding workforce and unemployment impacts. CAO Robertson requested to have statistics collected from the three jurisdictions to present in a collective force showing the full impact of the emergency situation in the basin.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of CAO Robertson.

The Chair of the Board directed staff to work together with Siskiyou County and Klamath County to work in coordination on workforce development.

RESULT:	NO ACTION
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1.e. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Discussion regarding federal and state funding. - *Removed from the agenda by requesting department.* (Board of Supervisors)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the May 7, 2021 meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 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 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Ned Coe
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors