



**SUMMARY MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
707 NEVADA STREET, SUSANVILLE
NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

9:31 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Supervisors Jack Hanson, Bob Pyle, Jim Chapman, Lloyd Keefer and Brian Dahle; County Counsel Craig Settlemire, County Administrative Officer (CAO) John Ketelsen and Deputy Clerk of the Board Susan Osgood.

OPENING CEREMONIES: Following the flag salute, the invocation is offered by Chairman Hanson.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

ACTION: Approve agenda as posted.

MOVED BY: Dahle

SECONDED BY: Keefer

UNANIMOUS: Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lassen County Fire Safe Council (FSC) Project Manager Tom Esgate:

1) States he sent a letter to Assistant to the CAO Julie Morgan requesting the 45 day notice for Title III for next year be put on the next Board agenda. 2) Reports extensively on Lahontan Water Quality Control Board regulations that would put unnecessary, burdensome restrictions on the FSC who is trying to get work done to protect home owners property and lives. Mr. Esgate, Supervisor Keefer and FSC Forester Mark Shaffer attended a hearing last week to discuss an amendment to the waiver process. States there have been no violations of the Forest Practice Act during the six years he has been with the FSC. Requests the Board of Supervisors send a letter to Lahontan Water Quality Control Board asking them to mirror the exemptions of the Central Valley process where when the FSC files an exemption with CALFIRE, it is automatic and the FSC can go to work. Also asks Supervisors to speak to representatives, Senators, the Governor's office individually and tell them how important this is. 3) Reports on National Fire Wise Conference in Florida. Mr. Esgate and Mark Shaffer showcased Lassen County's fuel reduction on a landscape scale within communities to the national conference. The presentation went very well; people all over the country asked good questions and were impressed with what is going on here.

UNAGENDIZED BOARD REPORTS:

Supervisor Pyle: 1) Distributes information to the Board on cloud seeding; people are still talking about the water in Eagle Lake and the question of a leaking pipe; notes there is a website: fishsniffer.com that also talks about Eagle Lake issues. A lot of the information is inaccurate. 2) Reports on the Pine Creek (Coordinated Resources Management Planning) CRMP meeting last week; there was discussion about Eagle Lake and cloud seeding. Notes that the water used in Bogard Springs Rest Area and work center comes from the Bogard Spring and some people asked how much water is lost to the fish by using it there. Will ask the Forest Service and Caltrans to look at another source for water. Long term range and riparian: compared photos of Pine Creek from 1994 to 2008 and there is a noticeable difference in erosion; vegetation is totally filled in; notes it has been successful. Hatchery needs about 5 million eggs or more; little flow down Pine Creek last year but they have been successful. Petition for Endangered Species Act (ESA) listing of Eagle Lake Trout, due to lack of staff USFW has not gone far. The 90 day finding was just submitted to Washington and if they do not see enough information that will be the end of it. If they do find enough information, it will go on; it's confidential information so could be shared; nothing decided yet. CRMP is trying to get more data on Pine Creek flow. Studies on Eagle Lake Trout are ongoing. Looking at moving some livestock watering holes and relocate in different spots at Pine Creek; some railroad grade may be flattened out so the river will flow better; would have to have an archeological study; could be looking for some future RAC money. 3) Reports that he will not be

able to attend the Employee Christmas party as he will be at a CSAC meeting in San Diego; some other Supervisors may also be out of town because it is being held early.

Supervisor Dahle: Attended Veterans get together on Veterans Day with about 60 veterans in attendance and the Cattlemen put on a dinner; went well.

Supervisor Keefer: Speaks on the Lahontan issue; attended meeting with Tom Esgate. It not only impacts the Fire Safe Council (FSC) work but also private industry; it will be important for the County to do what they can to get Lahontan to back off from strict regulations.

Supervisor Chapman: 1) Gas prices: Susanville City Council approved a letter to the Attorney General's office similar to what the County sent. Would like the issue of the high price of home heating oil to be addressed as well as gasoline prices. Concerned about impacts on low income and senior citizens. Wants people to be aware there are local programs available to help. 2) Attended the Lassen Plumas Sierra Community Action Agency meeting; main focus was on funding. 3) Attended the Transportation Commission; was mostly routine business. They will have a new website with bus schedules, maps and activities of the Commission. 4) Veterans Day had active program; Chairman Hanson did an excellent job along with Mayor Bonham; hundreds of people lining the street. Probably the best program in years with Mike Smith (KSUE/JDX Radio) as emcee; Veteran Henri Sanchez was recognized. 5) Distributes Caltrans email regarding changes to the annual survey of traffic speed. Most limits were validated but there is a section of Main Street from Robbins Furniture towards Riverside Drive where speed will be lowered from 45 to 40 m.p.h. 6) Attended a PSA 2 meeting in Burney; fairly routine. 7) Attended Memorial Hall Task Force meeting. They are working on some operation issues; also working on renovating the kitchen with stoves and hoods to be in compliance. Peter Heimbigner will bring a request to the Board in early December for some funding; vets will also put up some money. 8) Acknowledges Deputy Clerk of the Board's birthday and states he attended her birthday lunch with the Clerk's office and election staff. 9) Will attend NoRTEC's "Accelerating Renewable Energy in Northern California" program in Chico on December 4. 10) Designates the following from his discretionary funds: \$1,000 to the Lassen Library District; \$1,000 to the Lassen County Arts Council; and \$500 to the Lassen County Humane Society. 11) Reports that Time Warner Cable is using a satellite link for Channel 3 and acknowledges they didn't have to be prompted to do that; requests the CAO send a letter of thanks.

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE PRESENTATION – Chairman Hanson presents Certificates of Recognition and awards to **Tamar Dean (Health & Social Services, LassenWORKS)** for 20 years of employment and **Dave Farano (Health & Social Services, LassenWORKS)** also for 20 years of employment.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The public hearing is opened at 10:18 a.m.

Chief of Economic Development Monica Cochran presents information on the need to consider revisions to the Lassen County Housing Rehabilitation Program Policies and Guidelines. States that because of a stipulation that Native American monies be granted up to \$100,000 per household, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has requested that additional language be added to ensure that no undue public benefit arises from these grants. Discussion is held on the process. Ms. Cochran states that reports are sent to the State each year that includes data on the households that were helped; recipients have to re-qualify each year. Community Development now has data that will allow them to measure what is being done. The public hearing is closed at 10:37 a.m.

ACTION: Adopt the revised Housing Rehabilitation Program Policies and Guidelines.

MOVED BY: Dahle

SECONDED BY: Pyle

UNANIMOUS: No

AYES: Hanson, Pyle, Keefer, Dahle

ABSTENTIONS: None

NOES: Chapman

ABSENTEES: None

U. S. FOREST SERVICE

Lassen National Forest Community Liaison Heidi Perry-McCourt: Distributes “Sustaining Forests and Communities, Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act 2000-2007”, a national report on Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) that included Lassen County RAC and represented all of California. Also distributes the “Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee Pine Creek Fish Trap Report” which was submitted to the Washington office by Lassen County’s RAC.

Public Services Officer Chris O’Brian: Presents information on access and travel management project where the Lassen National Forest (LNF) is attempting to designate its system of roads for use across the forest. A Draft EIS is in the process of being developed and should be out to the public by January. Goal is to develop a sustainable road system through LNF that allows access across the forest that allows Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) access and use that provides cost effectiveness for us to maintain the roads and protect resources. Input has been received by a lot of groups and individuals. Some roads that were not previously in the system may be added; some roads may be closed to public access (short spur or redundant roads); mixed use will be looked at on some higher level maintenance roads and there may be some changes to maintenance levels on some other roads. There are about 3,000 miles of road and a lot of roads are unconnected. A main goal would be to connect smaller segments into larger ones for OHV use; thinks some segments will go from 20 miles to several that are about 400’ miles in length. After the DEIS is released, public comment will be taken and necessary changes will be made. After the EIS is final and a Record of Decision is made all the road systems can be changed on a yearly basis. They are already looking at the possibility of State funding to plan an OHV area.

Supervisor Chapman asks for examples of people who don’t want some roads used and Mr. O’Brian states a lot of that would be from environmental conservation groups. Supervisor Chapman states that it is important for the Forest Service to identify the people who want to retain roads as well as those that want them removed. Supervisor Chapman requests the Forest Service provide some early written copies of the DEIS or maps to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Keefer reports that staff is looking at what unpaved county roads could be designated for OHV per a request from Sylvia Milligan (Recreation Outdoors Coalition). Supervisor Hanson states this is a very important process for the community and congratulates Heidi Perry-McCourt and Supervisor Keefer on the RAC report.

UNAGENDIZED BOARD REPORTS - Continued:

Supervisor Hanson: 1) Also attended the Transportation Commission meeting; one Caltrans issue is the attempt to craft a policy to allow four lanes from Hallelujah Junction to Red Rock. The Commission did vote a resolution of support. 2) Attended the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting with Supervisor Chapman; one issue was the Sphere of Influence and Municipal Services Review (MSR) fire districts around the Honey Lake Valley area; held a lively discussions. There continues to be a lot of issues and it will continue to come up. Approved the Sphere of Influence for Standish Litchfield as the existing boundaries. There is an annexation proposed there that would have to come before LAFCO jointly along with the Sphere of Influence. 3) Attended a “webinar” CAO Ketelsen and Assistant Community Development Director Joe Bertotti regarding Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) group. There is a Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) in both north and south Lassen County. A number of issues remain outstanding on how that is approached by the State. The webinar was informative and interesting. Transmission issue needs to be solved or some projects will be difficult or impossible to complete. 4) Attended Lassen Municipal Utility District (LMUD) meeting Thursday night; one issue to be discussed was a potential thermal generation facility being placed on LMUD property out near army base in the Wendel area. This is only in the very preliminary talks and would only have 500 – 1000 megawatts and would send power east. 5) Was honored to attend the Vets Day celebration to deliver the County proclamation and be a part of the ceremony. (Supervisor Chapman absent

11:02 a.m. – 11:03 a.m.) 6) Reports that the Vidler Water Company's Fish Springs project is having a problem with their contract for water out of the pipe line.

LOCAL REUSE AUTHORITY

Convenes as the Local Reuse Authority (LRA)

Chief of Economic Development Monica Cochran presents information on the Verizon cell tower in Herlong. The LRA adopted a resolution declaring its intent to lease LRA property in Herlong to accommodate up to three additional cellular carriers adjacent to the existing Verizon cellular tower. In order for additional carriers to have a lease with Verizon they have to have a separate ground lease with the LRA. Solicitation for proposals was advertised; two proposals have been received and are opened in the presence of the Board.

- 1) US Cellular bid proposal for 30 year lease with initial rent at \$500/month escalating 10% every 5 years for 1600 square feet which is within the parameters set.
- 2) T Mobile bid proposal for 30 year lease with initial rent at \$500/month escalating 15% every 5 years which is also within the parameters.

Ms. Cochran will bring a lease back to the Board with request for CAO authorization.

Adjourns as Local Reuse Authority and reconvenes as Board of Supervisors.

LASSEN COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION – VACANCY

ACTION: Appoint Donald J. Armentrout to fill vacancy on the Lassen County Fish and Game Commission for District 4 Alternate.

MOVED BY: Dahle

SECONDED BY: Pyle

UNANIMOUS: Yes

CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Take the noted action on the following Consent Calendar items:

COUNTY CLERK ITEM - MINUTES

Approve minutes of October 21, 2008 and October 28, 2008.

AUDITOR & TREASURER DEPARTMENTS ITEM - REPORT

Receive and file Treasurer's Fund Balance Report and Auditor's verification for the month of October, 2008.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES ITEM - PUBLIC HEALTH

Approve the FY 2008/2009 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Comprehensive Agreement and Budgets; and authorize the CAO to sign the Non-Supplantation Certificate and agreement documentation on their behalf.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ITEM - PATROL SERVICES

1) Approve Financial Aid Application to the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways for 2009/2010 fiscal year; 2) authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement; and 3) authorize the Sheriff to sign the application for program participation.

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR ITEM - REPORT

Receive and file Treasurer's Investment Report for October, 2008.

PRISON TRIAL COSTS ITEMS - PRISON TRIAL COSTS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM ITEMS

Receive and file Recap of CCC Prison and High Desert State Prison Trials Cost Reimbursement Billing for October 2008 and Recap of CCC Prison and High Desert State Prison Trials Costs Reimbursement Billing for fiscal year 2007/2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ITEM - PERSONNEL REPORT

Receive and file Personnel Movement Report for September, 2008.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive and file the following correspondence:

- a. Lassen County Planning Commission meeting agenda for November 5, 2008.
- b. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Lassen County meeting agenda for November 10, 2008.
- c. Susanville City Council, Susanville Community Development Agency, Susanville Municipal Energy Corporation, Susanville Public Financing Authority agenda for November 5, 2008.
- d. PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting agenda for October 31, 2008 and Executive Board meeting agenda for November 3, 2008.
- e. Lassen County Mental Health Advisory Board meeting agenda for November 18, 2008.
- f. Lassen Transit Service Agency meeting agenda for November 10, 2008.
- g. Lassen County Transportation Commission meeting agenda for November 10, 2008 and minutes of September 8, 2008.
- h. Susanville City Council, Susanville Community Development Agency and Susanville Municipal Energy Corporation meeting agenda for August 20, 2008, and Susanville City Council meeting minutes of August 6, 2008, September 3, 2008 and special meeting of August 13, 2008.
- i. Lassen County Technical Advisory Committee meeting agenda for November 12, 2008.
- j. Lassen County Air Pollution Control District Governing Board meeting agenda for November 18, 2008.
- j. Big Valley Community Alliance, Inc. report of September, 2008.

MOVED BY: Keefer

SECONDED BY: Dahle

UNANIMOUS: Yes

Supervisor Chapman states he appreciates the changes in the Prison Trial Costs Reports from Diversified Management.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

SUBJECT: General Plan Amendment (Susanville to Hallelujah Junction) along Highway 395 Corridor (Project File No. 765.01.23).

Assistant Community Development Director Joe Bertotti presents information on the General Plan Amendment (Susanville to Hallelujah Junction) along the Highway 395 Corridor. The work plan provides a description of the tasks to be performed, products delivered with each task and the expected schedule for the two-year process. Clarion Associates are the consultants. It is expected that for Phase I, County staff will put out about 84 work days toward the project. It is proposed to have the County Clerk advertise for interested residents to submit applications to be volunteers on the "Lassen County General Plan Visioning and Advisory Committee". It is suggested that about 15 to 20 members from several categories would be participants (small business, government, education, retirees, students, recreation, environmental protection, real estate, etc.) from the geographic areas of Susanville/Johnstonville, Janesville/Milford, Standish/Litchfield and Herlong/Doyle. It is expected this would not be a long term commitment of a lot of time but they should be committed to spend a few days over a relatively short period of time. Discussion is held.

Supervisors agree that advertising needs to be done along with the legal notice and Board members should contact people and recruit them to apply. This would be a formal committee with Statement of Economic Interest Form 700 requirements and it would be subject to the Brown Act.

