



BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR AGENDA JULY 29, 2025 9:00 AM

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
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BRAD STEPHENS
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Observation of a Moment of Silence

2. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Rules of Decorum

The Board of Supervisors welcomes the public to its meetings and encourages and appreciates public engagement. The Board of Supervisors expects members of the public to act in a courteous, civil, and respectful manner, and not make personal, impertinent, slanderous, or profane remarks to any member of the Board, staff, or the general public. The Board of Supervisors will not tolerate loud, threatening, personal, or abusive language, or disorderly conduct, which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of Board meetings. Violation of these rules of decorum will result in the meeting being recessed.

2.1 Corrections and/or Changes to the Agenda

2.2 Announcement(s) of Recusal

3. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda will begin with any Supervisor Comments on the Consent Agenda Items, then proceed with the Adoption of the Consent Agenda. Items can be removed for further discussion at the request of a Supervisor.

3.1. Clerk-Recorder's Office

3.1.a Contract Amendment with SOE Software Corporation for Election Night Reporting

In July 2019, the Clerk-Recorder's Office entered into a contract with Scytl to provide an election night reporting platform that delivers in-depth federal, State, and local election results. It allows election officials to display interactive graphical results to illustrate voter turnout, totals by vote type, and results by precinct. Ownership of the platform was transferred from Scytl to SOE Software Corporation, which now provides the related services and support. On May 10, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract

amendment to extend the term through June 30, 2025, and to increase the maximum amount payable.

The Department recommends amending the contract with SOE Software Corporation for software services and support. The amendment extends the term of the contract by three years through June 30, 2028, and increases the maximum payable amount by \$13,860, not-to-exceed \$42,960. All other terms remain the same. (CLERK-RECORDER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.2. County Administration

3.2.a Approval of Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Submitted for approval are the June 24, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes and the July 8, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE JUNE 24, 2025 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES AND THE JULY 8, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.

3.2.b Resolution Adopting Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 County Budget

On June 24, 2025, the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the fiscal year 2025-26 Recommended Budget. During the public hearing, the Board considered and approved the Recommended Budget in addition to adjustments contained in the document entitled, "Schedule A". After final fund balances are known, sometime in September, 2025, various adjustments to account appropriations and estimates will be necessary to maintain a balanced budget in each fund. Staff recommend the Board authorize the Auditor-Controller to make the necessary adjustments, subject to review and approval of the Chief Administrative Officer. A full report of these adjustments will return to the Board by October 31, 2025. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.2.c Ratify Letter of Opposition to SB 487 (Grayson) - Workers' Compensation

SB 487 would limit the right of public agency employers to recover the cost of providing workers' compensation benefits when a law enforcement officer or firefighter is injured at work and a third party is partially or entirely responsible. Public safety officers enjoy generous salary continuation benefits, presumptions for several types of injuries and illnesses, and Industrial Disability Retirement (IDR) benefits that aren't available to any other type of worker. As a result, state and local governments have a higher cost of providing workers' compensation benefits to law enforcement officers and firefighters, and recovering costs from responsible third parties is vitally important to protect public resources and the taxpayers. Benefits paid to first responders come directly out of public agency budgets.

On July 7, 2025 the County of Butte was included in a coalition letter of opposition to SB 487 along with the California State Association of Counties, the Rural County Representatives of California and others. Staff recommends the Board of Supervisors ratify the letter. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - RATIFY LETTER OF OPPOSITION.

3.2.d Letter of Support for the Fix Our Forests Act of 2025 (Padilla)

Senators Alex Padilla, John Curtis, John Hickenlooper, and Tim Sheehy recently introduced the Fix Our Forests Act of 2025, a bipartisan measure aimed at reducing catastrophic wildfire risk, restoring forest ecosystems, and strengthening community resilience in wildfire-prone regions like Butte County. The legislation would streamline federal forest management processes, expand the use of prescribed fire, and establish a Wildfire Intelligence Center to modernize wildfire response coordination. It also supports home hardening, fire-resistant infrastructure, and expanded forest restoration efforts-including reforestation and nursery capacity. These provisions align with Butte County's priorities for disaster prevention, community safety, and long-term forest health. Staff recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a letter of support. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE LETTER AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.2.e Letter of Support for Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC) Grant Application for Defensible Space and Hazardous Tree Removal Project

The BCFSC has requested a letter of support for a grant application they are submitting to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. If awarded, the grant would support removal of dead and dying hazardous trees and clearance within the defensible space zone for low-income, elderly, and disabled residents. Removal of hazardous trees and clearance of defensible space will be conducted near evacuation routes throughout Butte County, assisting residents who have already voluntarily enrolled in the project. The project will support critical wildfire safety efforts on ingress and egress routes, helping to reduce wildfire severity and protect residents in the event of wildfire. Staff recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a letter of support. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE LETTER AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.2.f District Priorities Fund Application

Supervisor Teeter recommends using \$1,242 in District Priorities Fund for Paradise Recreation and Park District's Lakeridge Park Development. Funds will be used toward the development of a new park with inclusive playgrounds, adventure play, group and individual picnic sites, walking paths, amphitheater, pump track, biking and hiking trails, grassy play field, multi-sport court, restrooms, interactive water feature, native plant botanical garden, parking, and nature overlook. This will be the first public park in the unincorporated area of Magalia, and will provide opportunities for play, recreation, arts and culture, and a central community gathering place. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE DISTRICT PRIORITIES FUND APPLICATION.

3.3. Department of Agriculture

3.3.a Cooperative Agreement with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for Pest Detection Core

The County and CDFA have a long-standing revenue agreement for placing and servicing traps to detect and monitor exotic pests that pose a threat to agriculture, horticulture

landscapes, and California's economy. Target pests include, but are not limited to, the Mediterranean Fruit Fly, Mexican Fruit Fly, Oriental Fruit Fly, Spongy Moth, and Japanese Beetle. The Agricultural Commissioner recommends entering into a new revenue agreement with CDFA for continued pest detection, trapping, and surveillance services. The agreement term is from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, with a maximum amount not-to-exceed \$73,784. (DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE REVENUE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.4. Department of Behavioral Health

3.4.a Agreement with California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) for Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Diversion and Community-Based Restoration Infrastructure Grant

On May 27, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with DSH for the IST Diversion and Community-Based Restoration Infrastructure Grant. The term of the agreement is May 27, 2025, through June 30, 2028, in the amount of \$4,687,500. The Grant will fund a 50-bed Mental Health Facility for the IST client population. In June 2025, the Department of Behavioral Health received non-substantive changes to the grant agreement from the grant administrator. Changes include modifying section 10.5, to change the record retention period from three years to four years; and section 12.1, to change the jurisdiction for dispute resolution from Butte County to Sacramento County. All other terms, conditions, and provisions of the agreement remain the same. The Department recommends the Board approve the DSH revised grant agreement. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

Action Requested - APPROVE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.5. Department of General Services

3.5.a Ratification of Change Orders 4 and 5 and Approval of Change Order 6 with Holt Construction, Inc. (Holt) for the 18 County Center Drive Rehabilitation Project

On May 13, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment with Holt increasing the job order contract (JOC) limit from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 to support the 2025 JOC program, primarily due to the Board-approved 18 County Center Drive Rehabilitation Project. The Board also ratified Change Orders 1 and 2, and approved Change Order 3. Since that time, the Department has issued two change orders to Holt totaling \$94,806. Change Order 4 was issued for \$19,906 to add insulation to the attic space. Change Order 5 was issued for \$74,900 to abate the damaged ceilings caused by roof leaks. Holt has submitted Change Order 6 in the amount of \$70,359 to address the ceiling repairs. The Department recommends the Board ratify Change Orders 4 and 5, and approve Change Order 6, bringing Holt's total contract value for the project to \$2,096,155. All other terms and conditions of the contract remain unchanged. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS 4 AND 5; AND 2) APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 6, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.5.b Contract with George Roofing for Roof Replacement at County Juvenile Hall, 41 County Center Drive

In May 2025, the Department of General Services published a formal invitation for bids for the roof replacement work for the County Juvenile Hall facility located at 41 County Center Drive. The Department received four qualified bids: George Roofing of Oroville, CA, at \$495,880; Pacific Polymers Inc. of Walnut Creek, CA, at \$509,418; Four Seasons Roofing of Chico, CA, at \$534,052; and Butte Roofing Company of Chico, CA, at \$681,505. The Department recommends the Board approve a not-to-exceed contract of \$495,880 with George Roofing, with a term date of June 1, 2026, and appoint the Director of General Services as the officer of the project. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.5.c Notice of Completion – Contract with Hankins Group, Inc. for Emergency Backup Generator Replacement at 3, 5, and 7 Gillick Way and 41 County Center Drive, Oroville

In June 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Hankins Group, Inc. (Hankins) for the amount of \$1,820,472 to replace emergency backup generators at the County Jail, Sheriff's Office, and Juvenile Hall, located at 3, 5, and 7 Gillick Way, and 41 County Center Drive. During construction, 12 change orders were issued, including 4 approved in March 2024, totaling \$357,087, bringing the final contract amount to \$2,177,559. All contract work has been completed, inspected, and approved by the Department of Development Services, special inspectors, and the Department of General Services. The Department recommends the Board accept the project as complete, ratify eight change orders, and authorize the Chair to sign the Notice of Completion. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WORK AS COMPLETE; 2) RATIFY CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS 5-12; AND 3) AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION.

3.6. Department of Human Resources

3.6.a Resolution to Amend the Salary Ordinance

The Department of Human Resources recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution amending the Salary Ordinance for the following departments to reflect adjustments approved with the fiscal year 2025-26 Recommended Budget:

All changes are effective 9/1/2025 unless noted.

Assessor: Add 1 flexibly staffed Auditor-Appraiser position and 1 flexibly staffed Cadastral Drafting Technician position. Convert 1 Assessment Technician Supervisor Term 2/25/2026 position to Regular Help. Total allocations to increase by 2.

Auditor-Controller: Add 1 Fiscal Manager position. Total allocations to increase by 1.

Behavioral Health: Effective 7/1/2025, add 1 Behavioral Health Emergency and Forensic Clinician Supervisor Sunset 10/31/2028 position and 5 flexibly staffed Behavioral Health Emergency and Forensic Clinician Sunset 10/31/2028 positions. Effective 6/30/2025, delete 1 Behavioral Health Clinician Supervisor Term 10/31/2028 position and 5 flexibly staffed Behavioral Health Clinician Term 10/31/2028 positions. Total allocations to remain

unchanged.

County Administration: Extend 1 flexibly staffed Administrative Analyst Sunset position from 6/30/2026 to 6/30/2027. Total allocations to remain unchanged.

County Clerk-Recorder: Effective 6/30/2025, delete 1 County Clerk-Recorder Specialist position, 1 Administrative Technician position, and 1 flexibly staffed Deputy County Clerk-Recorder position. Total allocations to decrease by 3.

County Counsel: Add 1 flexibly staffed Deputy County Counsel position. Total allocations to increase by 1.

Development Services: Effective 7/1/2025, add 2 flexibly staffed Code Enforcement Officer Term 12/30/2028 positions. Effective 6/30/2025, delete 1 flexibly staffed Permit Technician position. Total allocations to increase by 1.

Employment and Social Services: Effective 9/1/2025, add 4 Social Services Associate - Child Welfare positions. Effective 7/1/2025 Extend 1 Housing Navigator Sunset position from 8/31/2025 to 6/30/2027. Effective 6/30/2025, delete 2 Administrative Technician positions, 29 flexibly staffed Eligibility and Employment Specialist positions, 3 Eligibility and Employment Supervisor positions, 5 flexibly staffed Employment Case Manager positions, 1 flexibly staffed Information Technology Analyst position, 6 Senior Eligibility and Employment Specialist positions, 1 Department Public Information Officer position, 1 flexibly staffed Deputy Public Guardian/Public Administrator position, 2 Eligibility and Employment Program Specialist positions, 1 Employment Case Manager Assistant position, 1 flexibly staffed Health and Human Services Program Analyst position, 1 Program Manager - Housing And Homeless Services position, 3 flexibly staffed Social Worker - Adult Services positions, and 1 Senior Support Services Supervisor position. Total allocations to decrease by 53.

Human Resources: Effective 7/1/2025, add 1 flexibly staffed Administrative Assistant - Confidential position. Effective 6/30/2025, delete 1 Benefits Supervisor position. Total allocations to remain unchanged.

Information Systems: Effective 7/1/2025, add 1 Principal Information Technology Analyst position. Effective 6/30/2025, delete 1 Senior Administrative Assistant position. Total allocations to remain unchanged.

Probation: Extend 5 flexibly staffed Deputy Probation Officer Sunset positions from 9/30/2025 to 6/30/2026, 1 flexibly staffed Administrative Analyst Sunset position from 9/30/2025 to 6/30/2026 and to expand flex staffing to include the Senior Administrative Analyst classification, and extend 1 Probation Technician Sunset position from 9/30/2025 to 6/30/2026. Total allocations to remain unchanged.

Public Health: Effective 6/30/2025, delete 1 flexibly staffed Administrative Analyst position, 1 flexibly staffed Administrative Assistant position, 1 Department Maintenance Coordinator position, 2 flexibly staffed Health Education Specialist/Disease Intervention Specialist positions, 1 flexibly staffed Occupational Therapy Assistant/Physical Therapy Assistant position, 1 Patient Accounts Technician position, and 3 flexibly staffed Staff Nurse/Public Health Nurse positions, 1 flexibly staffed Health Education Specialist position, 1 Program

Manager position, 1 flexibly staffed Staff Nurse position, 1 Client Services Technician, 1 flexibly staffed Animal Control Officer/Public Health Code Enforcement Officer position, and a 0.5 Peer Support Specialist position. Total allocations to decrease by 15.5.

Public Works: Add 1 flexibly staffed Public Works Maintenance Worker position. Total allocations to increase by 1.

Sheriff-Coroner: Extend 1 Administrative Analyst I Sunset position from 9/1/2025 to 6/30/2030. Total allocations to remain unchanged.

In addition to changes approved during the budget process, Human Resources also recommends approval of changes for the following departments:

Human Resources: amend Section 28C of the Salary Ordinance entitled General Unit by adding a new classification titled Facilities Services Coordinator at Range 38 with a Class Code of 11343 and a Step 1 bi-weekly salary of \$1,867.20 and Step 7 bi-weekly salary of \$2,502.40. Effective August 2, 2025, Human Resources requests to amend Section 28D of the Salary Ordinance entitled Social Services Workers' Unit by adding the classification titled Social Services Associate-Child Welfare at Range 38 with a Class Code of 11288 and a Step 1 bi-weekly salary of \$1,867.20 and a Step 7 bi-weekly salary of \$2,502.40. This request also includes replacing the classification of Social Services Associate with a Class Code of 11274 at Range 33 with Social Services Associate-Adult Services at Range 33 with a Class Code of 11289 and a Step 1 bi-weekly salary of \$1,776.00 and a Step 7 bi-weekly salary of \$2,380.00.

Employment and Social Services: requests to convert 26 Social Services Associate positions to 5 Social Services Associate-Adult Services positions and 21 Social Services Associate-Child Welfare positions effective 8/2/2025. Additionally, the department requests to delete 1 flexibly staffed, vacant Administrative Analyst position effective 8/2/2025. These changes will better meet the operational needs of the department and support job retention efforts. The total cost savings from these changes will be \$92,500. Total allocations to decrease by 1.

General Services: Effective 7/29/2025, add 1 Facilities Services Coordinator position. Following an internal recruitment, the department will return to delete the resulting vacancy. Total allocations to temporarily increase by 1.

Probation: Expand 4 flexibly staffed Administrative Analyst positions to include the Senior Administrative Analyst classification. Total allocations to remain unchanged. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.7. Department of Public Health

3.7.a Resolution Continuing the Local Health Emergency Proclamation for Park and Thompson Fires

Former Butte County Health Officer, Dr. David Canton, declared a local health emergency in Butte County on July 27, 2024, due to the Park Fire that started on July 24, 2024. The Park Fire destroyed 428 structures in the County, resulting in a large amount of debris

which contains hazardous materials. On August 7, 2024, the Health Officer expanded the local health emergency to include the Thompson Fire. The debris poses a substantial present and potential hazard to human health and the environment unless managed properly. Per California law, once the proclamation is ratified it must be renewed every 30 days. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors renew the local health emergency declaration for the Park and Thompson Fires. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.8. Department of Water & Resource Conservation

3.8.a Amendment to Sub-recipient Agreement with Vina GSA for Grant Administration, Project Management, and Technical Assistance

On April 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a sub-recipient agreement with the Vina GSA for the County to provide grant and project management services and technical assistance for the completion of grant-funded projects. The County is a member agency of the Vina GSA and has staff with specialized knowledge and expertise to conduct projects for the benefit of the Vina subbasin, its communities, and the agricultural industry. The term of the sub-recipient agreement is April 9, 2024, through April 15, 2026, with a maximum payable amount of \$1,470,000.

The Department of Water and Resource Conservation recommends the Board approve an amendment to the sub-recipient agreement with the Vina GSA to expand the scope to include securing contractors for the installation of monitoring wells and recharge investigations. The sub-recipient agreement is funded by a DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant awarded to Vina GSA. The amendment extends the contract term 11 months, 17 days, through March 31, 2027, and increases the total amount payable to the County by \$1,273,000, not-to-exceed \$2,743,000. (DEPARTMENT OF WATER & RESOURCE CONSERVATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.8.b Amendment to Sub-recipient Agreement with Wyandotte Creek GSA for Grant Administration, Project Management, and Technical Assistance

On April 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a sub-recipient agreement with the Wyandotte Creek GSA for the County to provide grant and project management services and technical assistance for the completion of grant-funded projects. The County is a member agency of the Wyandotte GSA and has staff with specialized knowledge and expertise to conduct projects for the benefit of the Wyandotte Creek subbasin, its communities, and the agricultural industry. The term of the sub-recipient agreement is April 9, 2024, through April 15, 2026, with a maximum payable amount of \$1,025,000.

The Department of Water and Resource Conservation recommends the Board approve an amendment to the sub-recipient agreement with the Wyandotte Creek GSA to expand the scope to include securing contractors for the installation of monitoring wells and recharge investigations. The sub-recipient agreement is funded by a DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant awarded to Wyandotte Creek GSA. The amendment shortens the term of the agreement by 15 days, through March 31, 2026 and increases

the total amount payable to the County by \$655,000, not-to-exceed \$1,680,000. (DEPARTMENT OF WATER & RESOURCE CONSERVATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.8.c Contract Amendment with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for Water Supply and Recharge Feasibility Analysis for Vina GSA and Data Management System Enhancements for Wyandotte Creek GSA

On April 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for the Water Supply and Recharge Feasibility Analysis for Vina GSA and Data Management System Enhancements for Wyandotte Creek GSA. The term of the contract is April 9, 2024, through April 15, 2026, not-to-exceed \$685,000. Vina and Wyandotte Creek GSAs received DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Grants. The contract is funded with grant funds through sub-recipient agreements between the GSAs and the County.

The Department of Water and Resource Conservation recommends the Board approve a contract amendment with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. to expand field investigation activities for recharge assessment and conduct additional preliminary project design. The amendment extends the term by 76 days, through June 30, 2026, and increases the maximum payable amount by \$835,000, not-to-exceed \$1,520,000. (DEPARTMENT OF WATER & RESOURCE CONSERVATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.9. Probation Department

3.9.a Revenue MOU Amendment with Butte County Superior Court for the Pretrial Services Program

On January 1, 2022, the Butte County Superior Court and the Probation Department entered into a MOU to launch a pretrial program designed to ensure safe, equitable, and timely pretrial release. Under this agreement, the Department delivers pretrial services such as risk assessments, supervision, and monitoring for individuals released from custody. Since its launch, the program has served 375 participants.

The Department is requesting approval of an amendment to the MOU with the Butte County Superior Court to extend the agreement through June 30, 2028. This extension will enable continued funding for the Department's pretrial services, with annual revenue amounts determined each fiscal year based on program needs and available resources. (PROBATION DEPARTMENT)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE MOU AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.10. Department of Public Works

3.10.a Contract with Dave Meyers Bird Abatement Services for Seagull Abatement at Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility (NRRWF)

Title 27, section 20810 of the California Code of Regulations requires solid waste facility operators to control vectors, including birds such as seagulls, which are treated like pigeons or rats due to their habit of feeding on garbage. Seagulls spread disease, become habituated to landfills, harass workers and customers, and are difficult to remove once established. Traditional deterrents, including streamers, kites, noisemakers, and radio-controlled planes, have proven ineffective. Seagulls are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and cannot be hunted, poisoned, or destroyed without a special permit.

Dave Meyers Bird Abatement Services has successfully provided seagull abatement services at the NRRWF in the past, using raptors to reduce a local, transient, but persistent population. The raptors are trained not to kill or eat seagulls and instead effectively displace the seagulls, pushing them towards natural foraging areas like rivers and lakes.

On May 9, 2025, the Department solicited quotations, and Dave Meyers Bird Abatement Services of Oroville, CA was the sole respondent. Dave Meyers Bird Abatement Services is licensed and regulated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is permitted to operate in California. The Department recommends that the Board approve a contract with Dave Myers Bird Abatement Services to provide bird abatement services. The term of the contract is July 19, 2025, through July 29, 2030, not-to-exceed \$190,000. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.10.b Job Order Contracting (JOC) Umbrella Construction Contracts

JOC is an alternative project delivery process that allows contractors to complete multiple projects with a single bid. Public Contract Code section 20128.5 enables the County to implement a JOC services process for selecting vendors to complete specific individual projects for repairs, maintenance, and other repetitive work, all under a single umbrella contract executed by the Board of Supervisors.

The JOC program has allowed the Department of Public Works to complete numerous minor repair and maintenance projects in a more efficient and effective manner. The Department recommends that the Board continue the JOC program and authorize the Department to solicit construction bids, incorporate final changes into the respective bid documents, and approve the JOC Construction Task Catalog and Technical Specifications. All individual job orders exceeding \$500,000 will be presented to the Board for supplemental approval. The Department staff report includes JOC general and special provisions that contain individual construction tasks for general conditions, maintenance, repair, and other repetitive work. The task catalog and technical specifications may be found at the following online locations:

<https://www.buttecounty.net/DocumentCenter/View/13349/Construction-Task-Catalog---Distribution>

<https://www.buttecounty.net/DocumentCenter/View/7751/Technical-Specifications--->

Distribution (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR JOB ORDER CONTRACTING PROJECTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS; AND
2) AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INCORPORATE ANY FINAL CHANGES INTO THE RESPECTIVE BID DOCUMENTS BEFORE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS, SUBJECT TO COUNTY COUNSEL APPROVAL TO THE EXTENT SAID CHANGES AFFECT ANY CONTRACTUAL TERMS OR CONDITIONS; AND
3) AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SOLICIT FORMAL CONSTRUCTION BIDS.

3.10.c Contract Amendment with St. Francis Electric, LLC for On-call Traffic Signal Maintenance and Emergency Repair

On June 8, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with St. Francis Electric, LLC, to provide traffic signal maintenance and emergency repair services. The term of the contract is from June 8, 2021, through June 8, 2026, not-to-exceed \$400,000. The contract has been amended three times previously to ratify agreed-upon annual rate increases. The most recent amendment, executed on April 14, 2025, increased the maximum payable amount by \$40,000, not-to-exceed \$440,000. Additional funds are necessary due to an unanticipated volume of urgent traffic signal repairs. The Department of Public Works recommends that the Board approve a contract amendment to revise the compensation section and increase the maximum amount payable by \$100,000, not-to-exceed \$540,000. All other terms remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.10.d Approval of Subdivision Map, Subdivision Improvement Agreement, and Consideration of Public Infrastructure for Sierra Moon Subdivision, Phase 5

The Sierra Moon Subdivision is located in the North Chico area on the west side of Hicks Lane, approximately a half of mile south of the intersection of Hicks Lane and Keefer Road. This is a conditionally approved 119-lot, public street subdivision that has been developed in five phases. Phase 5 is the final phase of the subdivision, comprising 20 lots, which are included in County Service Area 169. The developer has complied with the conditions of approval and has provided a letter of credit to guarantee the completion of the remaining Phase 5 required improvements. The subject map has been reviewed and approved by the County Surveyor and is found to conform with the Tentative Map and Butte County Code, Chapter 20, Subdivisions. The owner's statement includes the following offers for dedication and specific purposes:

- 1) Guntren Way, as shown on the annexed map, in fee simple;
- 2) Lot "H" as open space, as defined by section 7 of the North Chico Specific Plan and the amendment adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 1, 1998, as Resolution No. 98-172;
- 3) Public service easements as defined in section 8306 of the State of California Streets and Highways Code over, on, and under those strips of land shown on the annexed map as "P.S.E." (Public Service Easement) for all public service facilities including water, sewer, drainage, gas, and communication facilities;
- 4) Easement for drainage facilities and access to said drainage facilities over, on, and under a strip of land along the westerly side of lots 106 through 108 as shown on the

annexed map as "12-foot-wide Drainage Easement";

5) Easement for drainage facilities and access to said drainage facilities over, on, and under a strip of land across Lot 105 as shown on the annexed map as "20-foot-wide Drainage Easement"; and

6) Easement for drainage facilities and access to said drainage facilities over, on, and under a portion of Lot "H" as shown on the annexed map as "Storm Drainage Facility Easement". (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE THE FINAL MAP FOR SIERRA MOON PHASE 5 SUBDIVISION PHASE 5; 2) ACCEPT ITEM 1 AS OFFERED FOR DEDICATION IN THE OWNER'S STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF BUTTE; 3) ACCEPT ITEM 3 AS OFFERED FOR DEDICATION IN THE OWNER'S STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC; 4) ACCEPT ITEMS 4, 5, AND 6 ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME, RESERVING THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF BUTTE AT A LATER DATE; AND 5) AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT.

3.11. Sheriff-Coroner's Office

3.11.a Accept Office Furniture and Equipment Donation from Ferguson US Holdings, Inc. (Ferguson)

On July 1, 2025, the Sheriff's Office entered into a short-term sub-lease for office space from Ferguson. The office space is filled with miscellaneous office furniture and equipment, including cubicles, desks, chairs, tables, televisions, break room appliances, shelving, and filing cabinets that are surplus to Ferguson's business needs. Ferguson has offered to donate the office furniture and equipment to the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office recommends accepting the donation of office furniture and equipment with an approximate value of \$20,000. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - ACCEPT DONATION OF OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT.

3.11.b Contract with True Polygraph, LLC for Polygraph Examination Services

The Sheriff's Office utilizes certified polygraph examiners to perform polygraph examinations of prospective employees. The Department performed a solicitation for polygraph services and received one response from True Polygraph, LLC. The Sheriff's Office recommends entering into a contract with True Polygraph, LLC for polygraph examination services. The term of the contract begins upon execution and ends after five years, not-to-exceed \$200,000. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.11.c Salary Ordinance Amendment Resolution and Budget Amendment

The Sheriff's Office has been providing law enforcement services to the City of Biggs since July 2020. The revenue from the contract was used to fund one full-time term Deputy Sheriff position and one full-time term Community Service Officer position. On June 16, 2025, the City of Biggs informed the Sheriff's Office that the contract would not be renewed for FY2025/26. Due to the decrease of \$300,000 in contracted services and to better suit the current and future needs of the Department, the Sheriff's Office is requesting to delete one Term Deputy Sheriff position, delete one full-time regular help Deputy Sheriff position, and to convert one Term Community Service Officer position to a

full-time regular help position. The Sheriff's Office recommends approving the salary ordinance amendment resolution and related budget amendment. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - 1) ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; AND 2) APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT.

3.11.d Capital Asset Purchase and Budget Adjustment

The Sheriff's Office takes possession of firearms through a variety of legal methods including, but not limited to, seizure for illegal use, collection as evidence, or collection for safekeeping as part of a coroner investigation. Historically, the Sheriff's Office used a third-party to destroy firearms at no cost to the County when firearms cannot be returned. There was no cost to the County because the third-party was able to sell parts or attachments to the firearm for profit. In accordance with new State law, the Sheriff's Office is no longer able to utilize a third-party for the destruction of firearms if the third-party intends to sell any parts of or attachments to the firearm. Under the new law, the cost to contract with a third-party to destroy firearms is estimated to be approximately \$250,000 per year. As such, the Sheriff's Office has determined that it will be more cost-effective to purchase an industrial shredder to destroy firearms as required by State law with the full cost of the shredder to be reimbursed by the Rural County Sub-Fund. The Department, in coordination with General Services, published an Invitation for Bids for an Industrial Shear Type Shredder capable of destroying firearms. The lowest responsive bid was received from BESA Equipment, LLC of Pennsylvania. The Sheriff's Office recommends approving the capital asset purchase of one BESA Two-Shaft 2524-50X Rugged Duty High-Torque Shear Shredder at a cost of \$133,380 and related budget amendment. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE (1) CAPITAL ASSET PURCHASE; AND 2) APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED).

3.11.e Revised Revenue Agreement with California Department of Parks and Recreation for the Division of Boating and Waterways (DBAW) Boating Safety and Enforcement Aid Program

In April 2025, the Sheriff's Office was awarded \$159,342 in grant funds from DBAW for year-round patrols of the Feather River, Sacramento River, and Lake Oroville. The Sheriff is charged with the enforcement of boating laws and regulations by means of vessel, foot, and vehicle patrol. Uniformed law enforcement personnel will provide year-round patrols on all waterways, provide education to the public on State and local boating laws, conduct vessel inspection programs for compliance with required safety equipment and vessel registration, as well as provide supervision of on-the-water boating activities. Due to State budget cuts the amount of the award has been reduced by \$46,593 to \$112,749. In April 2025, the Board signed an agreement for the original amount that was never executed by the State and therefore a revised agreement is being brought to the Board for consideration.

The State requires the County to utilize annual boat tax revenue of \$128,593 prior to utilizing the grant funds. Boat tax revenue and grant funds are used to fund a full-time Sheriff's Sergeant position, a leased patrol vehicle, marine equipment, and supporting program services. The Department recommends entering into an agreement with DBAW for the Boating Safety and Enforcement program. The term of the agreement is July 1,

2025, through June 30, 2026, not-to-exceed \$112,749. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - APPROVE REVISED AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.11.f Contract Amendment with Wittmeier Auto Center and Contract with Ed Wittmeier Ford for Preventative Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs

In October 2022, the Sheriff's Office entered into a three year contract with Wittmeier Auto Center for preventative vehicle maintenance and repairs for the Department's fleet of vehicles that includes both Chevrolet and Ford vehicles. Wittmeier owns and operates Wittmeier Auto Center and Ed Wittmeier Ford and has requested that all work performed on Chevrolet vehicles be done under a contract with Wittmeier Auto Center and all work performed on Ford vehicles be done under a contract with Ed Wittmeier Ford. The Sheriff's Office intends to split the contract as requested by Wittmeier but does not expect costs of vehicle maintenance to increase. The maximum amount payable for both contracts are estimates based on historical vehicle maintenance and repair costs. The Sheriff's Office recommends amending the contract with Wittmeier Auto Center. The amendment updates the list of vehicles included in the contract to remove Ford vehicles, extends the term of the contract by two years through October 24, 2027, and increases the maximum amount payable by \$250,000, not to exceed \$512,500. The Sheriff's Office also recommends entering into a new contract with Ed Wittmeier Ford for preventative vehicle maintenance and repairs with a term beginning the date of execution and ending after three years, not-to-exceed \$250,000. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT (1) AND CONTRACT (1) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.12. Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office

3.12.a Agreement with Bloomberg Finance LP for Software Subscription and Equipment for Treasury Investment Purchases

The Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office seeks approval to enter into an agreement with Bloomberg Finance LP (Bloomberg) for a software subscription and accompanying equipment. This platform will support the execution of investment purchases and enhance the Office's investment analysis capabilities.

The Bloomberg Terminal is a widely used, industry-standard platform among finance professionals. It offers real-time market data, transparent electronic trading capabilities between brokers, up-to-date financial news, and robust analytical tools. These features will allow the Treasurer to make faster, better-informed investment decisions and conduct comprehensive credit analysis when purchasing corporate debt, helping to reduce investment risk. Due to the nature of Bloomberg's subscription model, the agreement will automatically renew in successive two-year terms unless terminated by either party.

The Department recommends entering into this contract to support efficient management of the County's \$1.7 billion investment portfolio. The initial two-year term of the agreement will begin on August 1, 2025, with a not-to-exceed total cost of \$63,960. (TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - APPROVE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

- 3.12.b Resolution Authorizing Butte-Glenn Community College District to Issue Bonds Directly
The Butte-Glenn Community College District (the District) Board of Trustees is requesting that the County Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution allowing the District to issue General Obligation Bonds directly, without the involvement of the County as a conduit issuer, under Education Code Section 15140(b).

In 2016, District voters approved the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the District for the various purposes set forth in the ballot, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$190,000,000, payable from the levy of an *ad valorem* tax against the taxable property in the District. On April 6, 2017, the District issued its \$42,000,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds Election of 2016, Series A pursuant to the authorization of the Bond Measure and Bond Law. On July 11, 2019, the District issued its Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Series B, in the aggregate denominational amount of \$49,500,000, pursuant to the authorization of the 2016 Authorization and the New Money Law. On June 16, 2022, the District issued its Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Series C, in the aggregate principal amount of \$50,000,000, pursuant to the 2016 Authorization and the New Money Law.

The Board has received a certified, adopted copy of Resolution No. 829 of the Board of Trustees of the District authorizing the issuance of a fourth series of bonds pursuant to the Bond Measure in an aggregate principal amount not-to-exceed \$48,500,000 to be designated the Butte-Glenn Community College District Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Series D. (TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

- 3.12.c Agreement with Avenu Insights and Analytics, LLC (Avenu) for Subscription-Based Collections System

The Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office has used Columbia Ultimate Business Systems, LLC (CUBS) collections software since the inception of the Central Collections Division in 2001. On August 25, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved the current Software Support and License agreements for CUBS. Since then, there have been multiple amendments increasing the maximum payable amount or extending the term that dealt with a wide range of required changes.

On October 28, 2024, the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office received a letter from Avenu, the parent holding company of CUBS, that the current software platform will sunset effective December 31, 2025, and be replaced by the cloud-based application known as RevQ. RevQ is available from Avenu on a subscription basis and allows the Department to seamlessly continue collections services and provides additional enhancements to streamline the process.

The Department recommends entering into an agreement with Avenu for a subscription-based collections system. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030, not-to-exceed \$493,847. (TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - APPROVE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Board Member/Committee Reports and Board Member Comment

4.2 Public Comment

Comments to the Board on issues and items not listed on the agenda. Pursuant to California State law, the Board of Supervisors is prohibited from taking action on any item not listed on the agenda. Please note that Public Comment is in two separate sections. One, at the beginning of the regular agenda, which will last a maximum of 15 minutes, with another to follow as the last item on the regular agenda with no time limits.

4.3 Appointment to the Butte County Fish and Game Commission

The Butte County Fish and Game Commission investigates and advises the Board of Supervisors of legislation, administrative regulations, and other matters affecting the propagation of fish and game within the County. The Commission consists of five members, with each member representing each of the County's Supervisory Districts. Each four year term coincides with the nominating Supervisor's term.

Supervisor Connelly has nominated Greg Kostick (District 1) for reappointment to serve a four year term ending January 1, 2029. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPOINT GREG KOSTICK TO SERVE A FOUR YEAR TERM ON THE BUTTE COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION FOR A TERM ENDING JANUARY 1, 2029.

4.4 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Legislative Updates

On June 30, 2025, Governor Newsom signed two budget trailer bills into law: Assembly Bill 130 and Senate Bill 131, which reforms CEQA effective immediately. The Governor's actions include provisions from Senate Bill 607 (Wiener), Assembly Bill 609 (Wicks), and AB 306 (Rivas/Schultz). These bills introduce CEQA exemptions for a range of projects, including urban infill housing, Housing Element-consistent rezones, advanced manufacturing, semiconductor and broadband, high-speed rail, daycare centers, wildfire risk-reduction, sewer services for disadvantaged communities, and federally qualified health centers/rural health clinics.

Additionally, the legislation streamlines CEQA review for housing projects with a single impact, establishes a voluntary Vehicle Miles Traveled mitigation bank, and restricts modifications to state and local building standards from October 2025 to June 2031. The Department of Development Services will provide an overview of the CEQA updates. (DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

4.5 Park and Thompson Fires Recovery Update

The summer of 2024 was a difficult fire season. The County experienced multiple wildfires, with five resulting in structures being destroyed. The Grubbs, Apache, and Railbridge Fires burned a total of 840 acres, damaging and destroying a combined total of 23 structures. The Thompson Fire burned 3,789 acres, destroying 29 structures. The Park Fire burned 429,263 acres, with nearly 53,000 acres in the County. The Park Fire destroyed 428 structures and damaged 47 structures in Butte County. The County

requested State and federal assistance for all five wildfires.

In September 2024, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) approved the County's request for a Private Property Debris Removal Assistance program for the Thompson and Park Fires. In October 2024, Cal OES approved the County's request for California Disaster Assistance Act funding, which supports recovery programs related to the repair, restoration, or replacement of public real property damaged by the Park Fire. In May 2025, Cal OES approved the County's request to reduce the County share of cost from 25% to 10%. Requests for federal resources were denied.

Park and Thompson Fire recovery remain a coordinated effort, including the Departments of Administration, Employment and Social Services, County Counsel, Public Health, Public Works, Development Services, and General Services along with various State agencies. Areas of recovery include household hazardous waste removal; watershed protection; road repairs; hazardous tree removal along county-maintained roads; debris and hazardous tree removal programs; and temporary and transient housing supports. Staff have prepared an update on Park and Thompson Fire Recovery. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

4.6 Employment Contract - Butte County Surveyor

On June 20, 2025, the previous County Surveyor, Bill Bridgnell, retired after more than two decades of service to the County, including serving in the role of County Surveyor since 2018. Under Article IV, Section 1 of the Butte County Charter, the County Surveyor shall be a County Officer, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

The County has employed Mr. Doug Sutherland since October 2023 and he currently serves as the Senior Surveyor. He is a licensed Land Surveyor in the State of California and possesses the qualifications, experience, and technical expertise necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the County Surveyor role. Mr. Sutherland brings a strong professional background and has demonstrated sound judgment and leadership during his time with the County. His knowledge and approach have earned the respect of his colleagues in the Department and the broader surveying community.

The Department recommends that the Board approve an employment contract with Doug Sutherland for County Surveyor. Mr. Sutherland's initial annual starting salary for the position under the contract is \$108,576. The proposed term is August 2, 2025, through August 1, 2028. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

4.7 Contract Amendments, Resolution Regarding Salary and Benefits and Resolution to Amend the Salary Ordinance for At-Will Appointed Officials

The Chief Administrative Officer in coordination with the Human Resources Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve contract amendments and/or new employment contracts and adopt the Salary and Benefits Resolution for the At-Will Appointed Officials with the following terms consistent with changes agreed to by all other labor units in the County: 1) Cost of Living Adjustments of 8% August 2025, 5% July 2026, 5% July 2027, 5% July 2028; 2) The addition of Longevity Pay for continuous years of

service of 2.5% at 10 years, 2.5% at 15 years, 2.5% at 20 years for a total of 7.5%; 3) The addition of Christmas Eve as an observed holiday with removal of language allowing the President or Governor to declare a holiday for the County; 4) Increase to the Cashback amount and removal of tiers; and 5) equity adjustments for Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Deputy District Attorney, and the Undersheriff all related to equity adjustments of subordinate staff.

Adjusted annual salaries including the COLA and any equity adjustments, are documented in each individual employment contract or contract amendment. The remainder of the items listed above are documented in the At-Will Appointed Officials Salary and Benefits Resolution.

Based on these adjustments and new contracts or contract amendments, the adjusted annual salary for the incumbent in each classification is as follows: Assistant Chief Administrative Officer - \$244,337.60; Assistant County Clerk-Recorder - \$134,763.20; Assistant County Clerk-Recorder - \$148,574.40; Chief Deputy District Attorney - \$234,811.20; Public Health Officer - \$221,852.80; Undersheriff - \$219,232. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT (1) AND EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENTS (5) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; 2) ADOPT THE AT-WILL APPOINTED OFFICIALS SALARY AND BENEFITS RESOLUTION; AND 3) ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SALARY ORDINANCE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

4.8 Contract Amendments, Resolution Regarding Salaries and Benefits, and Resolution to Amend the Salary Ordinance for Appointed Department Heads

The Chief Administrative Officer in coordination with the Human Resources Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve contract amendments and/or new employment contracts and update the salary and benefits resolution for the Appointed Department Heads with the following terms consistent with changes agreed to by all labor units in the County: 1) Cost of Living Adjustments of 8% August 2025, 5% July 2026, 5% July 2027, 5% July 2028; 2) The addition of Longevity Pay for continuous years of service of 2.5% at 10 years, 2.5% at 15 years, 2.5% at 20 years for a total of 7.5%; 3) The addition of Christmas Eve as an observed holiday with removal of language allowing the President or Governor to declare a holiday for the County; 4) Increase to the Cashback amount and removal of tiers; and 6) equity adjustments for Chief Probation Officer, County Counsel, and Chief Administrative Officer all related to equity adjustments of subordinate staff.

Adjusted annual salaries including the COLA and any equity adjustments are documented in each individual employment contract or contract amendment. The remainder of the items listed above are documented in the Appointed Department Head Salary and Benefits Resolution.

Based on these adjustments and new contracts or contract amendments, the adjusted annual salary for the incumbent in each classification is as follows: Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights & Measures - \$151,200; Chief Administrative Officer - \$294,630; Chief Probation Officer - \$193,963; County Counsel - \$267,821; Director-Behavioral Health - \$190,933; Director-Child Support Services - \$157,976; Director-

Development Services - \$214,513; Director-Employment and Social Services - \$174,506; Director-General Services - \$180,360; Director-Human Resources - \$204,926; Director-Information Systems - \$219,024; Director-Libraries - \$134,866; Director-Public Health - \$162,766; Director-Public Works - \$216,029; and Director-Water and Resource Conservation - \$167,071. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS (6) AND EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENTS (9) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; AND 2) ADOPT THE APPOINTED DEPARTMENT HEAD SALARY AND BENEFITS RESOLUTION AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SALARY ORDINANCE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

4.9 Successor Salary and Benefits Resolution for Elected Department Heads including changes to Salary and Benefits

The Chief Administrative Officer in coordination with the Human Resources Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve an update to the salary and benefits resolution and salary ordinance for the Elected Department Heads with the following terms consistent with changes agreed to by all other labor units in the County: 1) Cost of Living Adjustments of 8% August 2025, 5% July 2026, 5% July 2027, 5% July 2028; 2) The addition of Longevity Pay for continuous years of service of 2.5% at 10 years, 2.5% at 15 years, 2.5% at 20 years for a total of 7.5%; 3) Increase to the Cashback amount and removal of tiers; and 4) Equity adjustments for the Sheriff and District Attorney related to equity adjustments of subordinate staff.

Based on these adjustments, effective August 2, 2025 the adjusted annual salary for the incumbent in each classification as listed on the Salary Ordinance is as follows: Assessor - \$162,303; Auditor-Controller - \$176,134; Clerk-Recorder - \$157,539; District Attorney - \$268,909; Sheriff-Coroner - \$277,028; Treasurer-Tax Collector - \$170,965. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - 1) ADOPT THE ELECTED DEPARTMENT HEAD SALARY AND BENEFITS RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; AND 2) ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SALARY ORDINANCE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

4.10 Resolution to Amend the Salary Ordinance for the Non-Represented Unit-Salary Range Alignment with Department Head

In conjunction with the recommendation to approve the updated salaries for the Chief Probation Officer, County Counsel, and Chief Administrative Officer, the department recommends the Board adopt a resolution to amend the Salary Ordinance that increases the salary ranges of the Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Assistant County Counsel, and Deputy Administrative Officer. These changes reflect needed alignment based on the equity adjustments made for department heads and subordinate staff for these classifications. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

4.11 Introduction of an Ordinance Establishing Board of Supervisors Member Compensation

Over the past seven years, general employees in the County have received wage increases between 21% and 36%, while public safety employees have received even

higher increases. In addition to these increases, all employees recently received an additional 8% raise. During the same period, salaries for Board Members have increased by only 3%. This is a critical issue for several reasons. The role of Board Member, once considered part-time, now requires a full-time commitment due to the increasing complexities of the County. Board members have extensive responsibilities, including legislative duties and participation on 43 other vital boards, highlighting the necessity for full-time compensation. Additionally, the current pay structure restricts eligible candidates to those who do not work a traditional 8-5 schedule, discouraging many qualified individuals from participating.

To enhance accessibility for potential candidates, staff recommends restructuring Board compensation, and proposes three options as outlined in the Staff Report. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - INTRODUCE ORDINANCE AND WAIVE THE FIRST READING.

4.12 Update of Budget, Legislative, and other Current Issues by the Chief Administrative Officer

4.13 Board of Supervisors Public Comment (Continuation as needed)

4.14 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda for Board Consideration and Action

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TIMED ITEMS

5.1 9:45am - Public Hearing - Proposed Amendments to Butte County Master Fee Schedule

User fees are charged for services provided by the County where individuals or businesses receive the benefit of the services. User fees are typically adjusted annually based on the employment cost index with a new study completed every five to seven years. The County, through a contract with Matrix Consulting Group, initiated a comprehensive review and update to the County's user fees. On May 27, 2025, the recommended updates were presented to the Board of Supervisors. During this meeting, the Board requested that the Department of Development Services bring back the planning appeals fee and building online fee incentive discount. The Department of Public Health- Environmental Health Division is also bringing back fees related to Mobile Food Trucks and Mobile Food Carts to provide clarification on the recommended fees.

Proposed changes to fees are required to be noticed and presented at a public hearing. During the public hearing, the Board will consider amending the Master Fee Schedule by either adding, increasing, reducing, revising and/or deleting fees for services provided by the County. Departments affected by the proposed fee amendments include: Development Services and Public Health. Amendments will be implemented by adopting resolutions amending the Master Fee Schedule. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTIONS (2) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

5.2 10:00 am - Public Hearing - Declare Results of Protest Hearing and Modify the Butte County Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) Management District Plan

At the request of Explore Butte County, the TBID owner's association, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution of intent to modify the Butte County TBID Management

District Plan (District Plan) on May 13, 2025. The three proposed changes include: 1) remove the room count threshold to include all lodging businesses and short-term rentals located within the District; 2) increase the assessment to 2.5% on September 1, 2025, and to 3% on January 1, 2027; and 3) modify the term of the District Plan from November 30, 2030 to December 31, 2029. On May 19, 2025, a public notice was mailed to all businesses proposed to be assessed, beginning a mandatory 45-day period in which assessed business owners may protest the modifications. Today's meeting allows the Board to declare the results of the protest hearing and consider the requested modifications to the District Plan. If protests were received from owners paying 50% or more of the assessments, no further proceedings to modify the District Plan shall be taken. If a majority protest is not received, Explore Butte County requests the Board consider each of the three resolutions separately and, if approved, adopt the resolutions and authorize Chair to sign. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - 1) DECLARE RESULTS OF PROTEST HEARING; AND 2) ADOPT RESOLUTION(S) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

5.3 10:30 am - Public Hearing - Resolution Establishing the Butte County Permanent Road Division (PRD) Zone 006 and Authorizing Collection of Parcel Charges for Road and Storm Drainage Maintenance Services

A PRD is a special district formed to help new development fund the maintenance of its roads and related infrastructure through annual property tax assessments. New developments can form special zones of benefit to define properties included within the PRD, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. On June 10, 2025, the Board adopted a Resolution of Intent to form Butte County PRD Zone 006 for the Moon Tower Estates Subdivision. The resolution set the date and time of July 29, 2025, at 10:30 am to hold a public hearing to consider the formation and extent of the zone, the proposed annual property assessment, and to consider all written and oral testimony and protests against the proposed formation and assessment. This hearing also provides an opportunity to tabulate the ballots and determine whether to form the Butte County PRD Zone 006 and levy the assessment.

The Planning Commission approved the Tentative Map for the Moon Tower Estates Subdivision on January 23, 2020. The proposed project will create eight residential lots in the Chico Sphere of Influence. The developer has been working to satisfy all conditions of approval necessary to record the Final Map for the project, including forming a Zone of Benefit within the Butte County PRD. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - 1) OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ASK FOR COMMENTS OR PROTESTS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED SERVICE CHARGES; 2) REQUEST BALLOT RESULTS FROM THE CLERK OF THE BOARD; AND 3) IF A MAJORITY OF BALLOTS FAVOR ESTABLISHING THE SERVICE CHARGES, APPROVE THE FORMATION OF ZONE 006 TO IMPOSE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR ROAD AND STORM DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE SERVICES.

5.4 10:45 am - Public Hearing - Resolution Establishing the Butte County Permanent Road Division (PRD) Zone 007 and Authorizing Collection of Parcel Charges for Streetlight, Road and Storm Drainage Maintenance Services

A PRD is a special district formed to help new development fund the maintenance of its roads and related infrastructure through annual property tax assessments. New

development can form special zones of benefit to define properties included within the PRD, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. On June 10, 2025, the Board adopted a Resolution of Intent to form Butte County PRD Zone 007 for the Orchardcrest Estates Subdivision. The resolution set the date and time of July 29, 2025, at 10:45 am to hold a public hearing to consider the formation and extent of the zone, the proposed annual property assessment, and to consider all written and oral testimony and protests against the proposed formation and assessment. This hearing also provides an opportunity to tabulate the ballots and determine whether to form the Butte County PRD Zone 007 and levy the assessment.

The Board approved the Orchardcrest Estates Subdivision Final Map consisting of 92 residential lots within the Oroville Sphere of Influence, and a subdivision improvement agreement on May 27, 2025. The first phase of the map, comprising 46 residential lots, was recorded on May 29, 2025, in Book 211, pages 49-53, of the Butte County Recorded Maps. Forming a Zone of Benefit within the Butte County PRD was a condition of approval of map recordation. This condition was deferred by the subdivision improvement agreement, which requires PRD formation on or before September 30, 2025, and also stipulates the forfeiture of cash security should the PRD fail to form. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - 1) OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ASK FOR COMMENTS OR PROTESTS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED SERVICE CHARGES; 2) REQUEST BALLOT RESULTS FROM THE CLERK OF THE BOARD; AND 3) IF A MAJORITY OF BALLOTS FAVOR ESTABLISHING THE SERVICE CHARGES, APPROVE THE FORMATION OF ZONE 007 TO IMPOSE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STREETLIGHTS, ROAD, AND STORM DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE SERVICES.

6. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSED SESSION

6.1 Public Employee Employment, Appointment, Recruitment, Performance Evaluations, Including Goals, Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

- A. Agricultural Commissioner
- B. Behavioral Health Director
- C. Chief Administrative Officer
- D. Chief Probation Officer
- E. Child Support Services Director
- F. County Counsel
- G. Development Services Director
- H. Employment and Social Services Director
- I. General Services Director
- J. Human Resources Director
- K. Information Systems Director
- L. Library Director
- M. Public Health Director
- N. Public Works Director
- O. Water & Resource Conservation Director

6.2 Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency

Designated

Representatives: Jack Hughes, Sheri Waters, Aaron Quin and Andy Pickett

Employee

Organizations: Teamsters - General Unit; Teamsters - Social Services Workers Unit; Teamsters - Mid Management Unit; Butte County Probation Peace Officers Association; Butte County Probation Peace Officers Association - Management Unit; Butte County Professional Employees' Association; Butte County Deputy Sheriff's Association - General Unit; Butte County Deputy Sheriff's Association - Management/Supervisory Unit; Butte County Correctional Officers Association - General Unit; Butte County Correctional Officers Association - Supervisory Unit; Skilled Trades Unit; Butte County Deputy District Attorneys Association - Attorney Unit; Confidential Employee Unit; Non-Represented Employee Unit; Board of Supervisors Executive Assistants

6.3 Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property APN: 012-100-034-000

Agency Negotiators: Michael R. Hodson Director of General Services; Scott Kennelly, Director of Behavioral Health

Negotiating Party: BAM Properties, LLC

Negotiations: Terms and Conditions of Conveyance of Real Property Rights (Department of General Services) (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

6.4 Actual Litigation Pursuant to Gov. Code sec. 54956.9(d)(1) - One Case

a. In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, USDC Northern Dist of Ohio, MDL No. 2804, Case No: 1:17-md-02804 DAP (COUNTY COUNSEL)

6.5 Actual Litigation Pursuant to Gov. Code sec. 54956.9(d)(1) - Two Cases

a. Stephan Auldrige v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ19196699 (Claim Number: 2097110058)

b. Stephan Auldrige v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ18617940 (Claim Number: 2297110118) (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

6.6 Workers' Compensation Liability Claims Pursuant to Gov Code sec. 54956.95 (a) - One Claim

a. Jennifer Alton; Workers' Compensation Claim, Claim Number: 2297110141. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

6.7 Closed Session Public Comment

**Butte County
Department Heads**

Agricultural
Commissioner:
Katharine Quist

Assessor*:
Alyssa Douglass

Auditor-Controller*:
Graciela Gutierrez

Behavioral Health:
Scott Kennelly

Chief Administrative
Officer:
Andy Pickett

Chief Probation Officer:
Melissa Romero

Child Support Services:
Elisabeth Holloway

Clerk-Recorder/
Registrar of Voters*:
Keaton Denlay

County Counsel:
Brad Stephens

Development Services:
Paula Daneluk

District Attorney*:
Mike Ramsey

Employment &
Social Services:
Tiffany Rowe

Fire Chief:
Garrett Sjolund

General Services:
Michael Hodson

Human Resources:
Sheri Waters

Information Systems:
Paul LaValley

Library:
Misty Wright

Public Health:
Monica Soderstrom

Public Works:
Joshua Pack

Sheriff-Coroner*:
Kory Honea

Treasurer-Tax Collector*:
Troy Kidd

UC Cooperative
Extension

Advisor:
Preet Ahluwalia

Water & Resource
Conservation:
Kamie Loeser

***Elected Official**

Information and Procedures Concerning the Agenda and Board of Supervisors Meetings

Meeting Information:

Meetings are generally held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings start at 9:00 a.m. and are held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administration Building, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville. At the end of each year the Board adopts a meeting schedule for the upcoming year. Meeting dates can be changed as a result of holidays or other events so please check the meeting calendar to be certain. Copies of the adopted meeting calendar for the year are available in the County Administrative Office or on the Clerk of the Board website page.

Agenda Information:

The agenda for every meeting of the Board is posted in front of the County Administration Building at least 72 hours before each meeting, and is available by mail subscription, e-mail subscription, or at the Clerk of the Board website. A copy of the agenda and supporting materials provided to the Board of Supervisors members to explain each agenda item (excluding documents that are not a public record within the meaning of the Public Records Act) are available for your review at the County Administrative Office, the Chico, Oroville, and Paradise libraries (please do not remove items from these files), and at the Clerk of the Board website. Copies of supporting materials can be made for you at a charge to cover costs. The list of communications included with the agenda packages is not comprehensive. Additional communications to the Board of Supervisors may have been received but not included in the agenda supporting material. Copies of all communications received by the Board of Supervisors (excluding documents that are not a public record within the meaning of the Public Records Act) are available at the County Administrative Office upon request.

Agenda Format and Meeting Order:

- The agenda is usually organized into the following areas and meetings generally proceed in the following order:
1. **Consent Agenda:** These items are considered routine and are handled by one motion and vote of the Board. If you wish to discuss any item on the Consent Agenda you can either fill out a speaker card (located in the back of the board room) and give it to the Clerk of the Board (sitting to the right of the Board) or, when the Chair asks if there is anything anyone would like to remove from the Consent Agenda, stand and approach the podium and request the item be removed. The removed items are discussed at the end of the Regular Agenda.
 2. **Public Comment:** This is the area of the agenda where members of the audience may address the Board on any matter not listed on the agenda. The Board, by law, cannot take action on any matter not listed on the agenda, but may respond to statements or questions or provide staff direction. Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes, and may be adjusted at the discretion of the Chair.
 3. **Regular Agenda:** This is where presentations to the Board and items that require full discussion are heard. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are discussed under this section.
 4. **Public Hearing and Timed Items:** This is where items that are required by law to be heard as a public hearing are set. This is the section where appeals before the Board are usually discussed. Hearings may start after the time listed, but will never start before the time listed.
 5. **Closed Session:** The Board is authorized, by law, to meet in a closed session in certain circumstances. This area of the agenda identifies those items that will be discussed during the Closed Session.

Public Participation:

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors, and a requirement of the California Open Meetings Law, to allow members of the public the opportunity to comment on all matters before the Board. Public participation is limited to matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3. The Board of Supervisors is also committed to making its proceedings accessible to all residents. Individuals with special needs should call the Clerk of the Board at 530.552.3300, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to request disability-related modifications/accommodations, or to request materials in alternate formats. All requests for special accommodations and/or alternative format documents must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions

Pursuant to Government Code section 84308, members of the Board of Supervisors are disqualified and not able to participate in any agenda item involving contracts (other than competitively bid, labor, or personal employment contracts), franchises, discretionary land use permits and other entitlements if the Board member received more than \$250 in campaign contributions from the applicant or contractor, an agent of the applicant or contractor, or any financially interested participant who actively supports or opposes the County's decision on the agenda item since January 1, 2023. Members of the Board of Supervisors who have received, and applicants, contractors or their agents who have made, campaign contributions totaling more than \$250 to a Board member since January 1, 2023, are required to disclose that fact for the official record of the subject proceeding. Disclosures must include the amount of the campaign contribution and identify the recipient Board member and may be made either in writing to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the subject hearing or by verbal disclosure at the time of the hearing.

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Board of Supervisors Agenda – Commonly Used Acronyms:

AB – Assembly Bill	EIR – Environmental Impact Report
APN – Assessor’s Parcel Number	EOC – Emergency Operations Center
AQMA – Air Quality Management Act	EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act	FEIR – Final Environmental Impact Report
BCAG – Butte County Association of Governments	FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
BLUF – Bottom Line Up Front	FY – Fiscal Year
BOE – Board of Equalization	GP – General Plan
BCFD – Butte County Fire Department	GSA – Groundwater Sustainability Agency
BCGP – Butte County General Plan	IMP – Infrastructure Master Plan
BCOE – Butte County Office of Education	JPA – Joint Powers Authority
BCSO – Butte County Sheriff’s Office	LAFCO – Local Agency Formation Commission
BINTF – Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force	MOU – Memorandum of Understanding
BRCP – Butte Regional Conservation Plan	MUP – Minor Use Permit
CAL FIRE – California Department of Forestry and Fire	NOC – Notice of Completion
Cal OES – California Office of Emergency Services	NOP – Notice of Preparation
CalTrans – California Department of Transportation	OEM – Office of Emergency Management
CDBG – Community Development Block Grant	RCRC – Rural County Representatives of California
CEQA – California Environmental Quality Act	RFP – Request for Proposals
CSA – County Service Area	SB – Senate Bill
CSAC – The California State Association of Counties	SBFCA – Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency
DEIR – Draft Environmental Impact Report	SGMA – Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
DID – Durham Irrigation District	SHARP – Self-Help Assistance and Referral Program
DOT – Department of Transportation	TAC – Technical Advisory Committee
DWR – Department of Water Resources	YTD – Year-to-date