



BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR AGENDA SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 9:00 AM

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

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BRAD STEPHENS
COUNTY COUNSEL

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. Auditor-Controller's Office

3.1.a Approval of Change in Audit Schedule from One to Five Years for the Sacramento River Reclamation District

In previous years, Sacramento River Reclamation District has had annual audits performed on its financial statements, with the most recent audit report issued on May 19th, 2023 for fiscal year 2021-22. However, because the district's annual revenues and expenses do not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), an annual audit is neither necessary, nor cost effective.

In accordance with Government Code Section 26909, the district unanimously adopted Resolution No. 24-01, formally requesting a change to its audit schedule from every year to every five years. The Auditor-Controller's Office supports the district's request to change its audit schedule. (AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - APPROVE REVISED AUDIT SCHEDULE (5/5 REQUIRED).

3.2. County Administration

3.2.a Approval of Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Submitted for approval are the September 9, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES.

3.2.b Ratify Letter of Support for H.R. 4669 Fixing Emergency Management for Americans (FEMA) Act

On September 3rd H.R. 4669, the FEMA Act, passed out of committee on a bipartisan vote and will now go to the floor of the House for a vote. This legislation provides reforms to streamline disaster response and recovery, including making the Federal Emergency Management Agency a cabinet-level agency, simplifying survivor assistance applications and reforming the public assistance program which supports the local government response and modernizing the hazard mitigation program. The National Association of Counties supports the bill and worked closely with the authors. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - RATIFY LETTER OF SUPPORT.

3.2.c Contract with Bidwell Water for Bottled Water Services for Drought Resilience and Outreach Project (DROP)

On April 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a funding agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for the Butte County Drought Resilience and Outreach Program (DROP). This grant provides funding for community planning and outreach, along with interim and long-term drought solutions such as delivery of potable water to water tanks, delivery of bottled water, well testing, well repairs, and well replacement. To be eligible for DROP services, households must be at or below 80% of the State's median household income. Through the standard Request For Proposals (RFP) process, staff received one qualified proposal from Bidwell Water to provide bottled water delivery services. Services include providing up to sixty (60) gallons of bottled water to each eligible household per month during the term of the contract. County Administration recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a contract with Bidwell Water for bottled water delivery services. The term of the contract is from September 30, 2025 through August 31, 2027, not-to-exceed \$86,000. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.3. County Counsel's Office

3.3.a Contract with Tamara L. Solano, Attorney at Law for Legal Services

County Counsel contracts with one full-time and one 75% part-time attorney for specialized legal services provided to the Department of Employment and Social Services, Children's Services Division (CSD). Contract attorneys provide legal representation and consultation on matters such as juvenile dependency, guardianship issues, and termination of parental rights. The current contract with Sophia R. Meyer Law, P.C., which provides both attorneys, expires November 30, 2025. The Department recommends entering into a contract with Tamara L. Solano, Attorney at Law, for full-time specialized legal services. The term of the contract is October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2028, not-to-exceed \$750,000. (COUNTY COUNSEL)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.4. County Library

3.4.a Contract Amendment with Armed Guard Private Security, Inc. for Security Services

The County Library contracts with Armed Guard Private Security, Inc. to provide security services at County library branches as needed. The current contract, entered into on July 1, 2024, with a two-year term, was structured to support services during the reduced hours under which the libraries were previously operating. With libraries now open for additional days and extended hours, there is increased demand for security services. The Department recommends amending the contract with Armed Guard Private Security, Inc. for security services. The amendment increases the maximum payable amount by \$71,556, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$121,556. All other terms remain the same. The increased security costs were included in Library's FY2025-26 budget. (LIBRARY)

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

3.5. Department of Behavioral Health

3.5.a Managed Care Agreements with BHC Heritage Oaks Hospital, Inc. dba Heritage Oaks Hospital (Heritage Oaks) and BHC Sierra Vista Hospital, Inc. dba Sierra Vista Hospital (Sierra Vista) for Inpatient Hospitalization Services

Heritage Oaks operates a licensed 125-bed acute psychiatric hospital. Sierra Vista operates a licensed 171-bed acute psychiatric hospital. Services provided by each psychiatric hospital include diagnostic assessment; psychiatric treatment; rapid stabilization and maintenance of mental health conditions; coordinated discharge planning; and transitional planning with referrals to appropriate post-hospitalization settings for clients of Butte County.

Managed care agreements are state-mandated. The State requires agreements to be fully executed by the governing board of each psychiatric hospital before notification to the State of the contracted rates. Once an agreement is executed, all other counties contracting with the facility utilize those rates. Due to these requirements, managed care agreements are approved retroactively.

The Department of Behavioral Health recommends the Board of Supervisors approve

managed care agreements with Heritage Oaks and Sierra Vista for inpatient hospitalization services. The term of each agreement is date of execution through June 30, 2027. The not-to-exceed for Heritage Oaks is \$222,930 and the not-to-exceed for Sierra Vista is \$252,632. The agreements are not specifically measured in terms of the number of clients served, as the length of stay varies based on each client's specific needs. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

Action Requested - APPROVE AGREEMENTS (2) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.6. Department of General Services

3.6.a Contract with Hunters Services, Inc. for Countywide Pest Control Services

On July 17, 2025, the Department of General Services published a formal Invitation requesting Bids for Countywide Pest Control Services. On August 14, 2025, the Department received three qualified bids in response: Pestmaster Services, LP of Reno, NV, at \$249,028 annually; Shelby's Pest Control of Chico, CA, at \$58,920; and Hunters Services, Inc. of Oroville, CA, at \$33,216. The Department recommends approving a contract with Hunters Services, Inc. for \$33,216 annually. The proposed contract provides rates for on-call services as required, with a term from September 30, 2025 through September 30, 2030, not-to-exceed \$192,000. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

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

3.6.b Change Order 1 with Don C. George, Inc. dba George Roofing (George Roofing) for the Juvenile Hall Roof Project

On July 29, 2025, the Board approved a contract with George Roofing for an amount not to exceed \$495,880 for the installation of a new roof system at Butte County Juvenile Hall, located at 41 County Center Drive, Oroville. During the submittal review, the roofing manufacturer, Duro-Last, advised the project team that reusing the existing metal trim along the upper roof edge, as shown in the original plans, would limit warranty coverage. Specifically, the roof edge areas would be excluded if the existing trim were reused. To ensure full coverage of the entire roof system, including edge areas, the manufacturer requires installation of its proprietary two-piece compression edge system. A full system warranty is a performance requirement under the original project specifications. Change Order 1 authorizes procurement and installation of the required two-piece edge system, ensuring warranty compliance and protecting the County's long-term investment in the facility. The Department recommends approving Change Order 1 with George Roofing in the amount of \$60,900, for a revised contract total of \$556,780. All other contract terms remain unchanged. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.6.c Contract Amendment with American Alarm Co., Inc. (American Alarm) for Jail Camera and Integrated Security System Upgrade at 9 Gillick Way, Oroville

On February 13, 2024, the Board approved a contract with American Alarm for the design and construction of the integrated security system at 9 Gillick Way, for a fixed price of

\$1,030,000. Since approval, an additional 29 security cameras have been identified for inclusion that were not part of the original scope. There is sufficient project budget to pay for the additional work totaling \$305,813. This amendment would extend the project completion date to February 21, 2026, and increase the not-to-exceed contract total to \$1,335,813. The Department recommends approving the contract amendment with American Alarm. All other contract terms remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

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

3.6.d Ratification of Change Order 9 and Approval of Change Order 10 with REM Construction, Inc. (REM) for the Tenant Improvements Project at 254 Cohasset, Chico

On December 10, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with REM for tenant improvements at 254 Cohasset Road, Chico, for \$1,622,202, funded by the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) grant. The Department of General Services has issued eight change orders to REM totaling \$609,502 to address mold abatement and unforeseen construction issues. REM submitted Change Order 9, in the amount of \$31,305, to replace the drop ceiling framework, ceiling tiles, and insulation above the ceiling. Additionally, REM has submitted Change Order 10, totaling \$227,753, to rebuild a 60-foot-long by 20-foot-high wall damaged by mold. Both change orders are related to insurance claims for water and mold damage. The Department recommends the Board ratify Change Order 9, previously executed by General Services, and approve Change Order 10, for a revised total project amount of \$2,490,763. All other terms and conditions of the contract remain unchanged. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) RATIFY CHANGE ORDER 9; AND 2) APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 10 AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.7. Department of Human Resources

3.7.a Resolution Updating the Employer-Paid Health Contribution Minimum Amount for the Appointed Official Group under the Public Employees' Medical & Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA)

Human Resources recommends the Board approve a resolution to increase the employer-paid health contribution minimum for the Appointed Official Group under PEMHCA. Currently, all benefit groups other than the Appointed Official Group have an equal contribution amount for active employees and retirees of \$158 per month which increases slightly by statute each year. The Appointed Official Group currently has that amount set at \$158 per month for active employees and \$1 for retirees. This change will make the contribution amounts consistent for all groups of active employees and retirees. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

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

3.7.b Resolution Establishing Rules for the Administration of the Merit System and Personnel Program

The Butte County Merit System and Personnel Rules (Personnel Rules) established the Merit System and Human Resources Program that regulates the terms and conditions of employment with the County, including Countywide policies. The Department of Human

Resources recommends approval of changes to Appendix II - Layoff Policy, and Appendix VI - Meal, Travel, Lodging, and Business Expense Policy of the Personnel Rules. The Layoff Policy has been amended to simplify the seniority rank calculation. The Meal, Travel, Lodging and Business Expense Policy has been amended to include a new section outlining allowable business expenses; updates to the per night hotel maximums to reference federal rates, which are city specific; and technical changes required by the IRS. The proposed policies have been reviewed and agreed to by all labor groups. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

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

3.7.c 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:

Human Resources: Delete 1 vacant flexibly staffed Human Resources Analyst I/II/III. At the November 12, 2024, Board Meeting, the Department of Human Resources requested to add 1 flexibly staffed Human Resources Analyst I/II/III while the Department conducted an internal recruitment. After a successful recruitment, there has been additional staff movement resulting in a vacant flexibly staffed Human Resources Analyst I/II/III position. The Department is now returning to the Board to delete the resulting vacancy. Total allocations to decrease by 1.

Amend Salary Ordinance No. 4258, Section 28E - "Teamsters Mid Management" by amending the salary range for the classification Medical Records Manager from range 53 to range 59, and amending the salary range for the classification Medical Records Supervisor range 38 to range 45. The associated labor group has agreed to these changes. This change is to mitigate compaction issues as a result of SB 525-Healthcare Minimum Wage, which established a statewide minimum wage for healthcare workers in 2024. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

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

3.8. Department of Public Health

3.8.a Resolution Terminating the Proclamation of Local Health Emergency Due to the Park Fire and Thompson Fire

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 Health and Safety Code section 101080, the Board of Supervisors shall proclaim the termination of the local health emergency once the conditions of extreme peril to the public's health, safety, and environment are deemed to be within the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment, and facilities within the County of Butte. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors terminate 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.b Budget Amendment for Lab Equipment at Department of Public Health Laboratory

The Department of Public Health Laboratory is in need of an upgrade to the current bio-safety cabinets and hoods which are needed to meet the operational and safety needs of the Laboratory. The two existing bio-safety cabinets and hoods are expected to be unserviceable in the near future due to the potential for the discontinuation of serviceable parts.

The Department of Public Health and Department of General Services recommend the Board approve a capital asset project and budget amendment of \$200,300 for the purchase and installation of lab equipment funded by realignment funds. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

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

3.8.c Allocation Agreement with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for Tobacco Control Education Program

CDPH provides funding to local public health agencies for tobacco control education programs from Proposition 99 (Tobacco Tax and Health Promotion Act of 1988) and Proposition 56 (Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement). The Department of Public Health houses a tobacco control education program. In FY 2025-26, the program aims to support tobacco policy changes, including bans on flavored products, outdoor smoking, and smoking in multi-unit housing, while maintaining a diverse countywide coalition.

The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve an allocation agreement with CDPH to provide services through the Tobacco Control Education Program. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, with a maximum amount receivable of \$300,000. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

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

3.9. Department of Water & Resource Conservation

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

On July 29, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the 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 October 4, 2022, through March 31, 2026, with a maximum payable amount of \$1,680,000.

The Department of Water and Resource Conservation recommends the Board approve a second amendment to the sub-recipient agreement with the Wyandotte Creek GSA to remove tasks associated with securing contractors for the installation of monitoring wells. The sub-recipient agreement is funded by a California Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant awarded to Wyandotte Creek GSA. The second amendment modifies the scope of work and decreases the total amount payable to the County by \$532,000, not-to-exceed \$1,148,000. All other terms remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF WATER & RESOURCE CONSERVATION)

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

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

On July 29, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the 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 October 4, 2022, through March 31, 2027, with a maximum payable amount of \$2,743,000.

The Department of Water and Resource Conservation recommends the Board approve a second amendment to the sub-recipient agreement with the Vina GSA to remove tasks and deliverables associated with the procurement and contracting of a well driller for the installation of monitoring wells. The Vina GSA will resume responsibility for well driller contracts. The sub-recipient agreement is funded by a California Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant awarded to Vina GSA. The second amendment modifies the scope of work and decreases the total amount payable to the County by \$433,000, not-to-exceed \$2,310,000. All other terms remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF WATER & RESOURCE CONSERVATION)

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

3.10. District Attorney's Office

3.10.a Budget Amendment and Capital Asset Authority for Purchase of Capital Asset Enhancement

The District Attorney's Office purchased a vehicle for Investigations which required the installation of enhancements to meet the needs of the Department. The enhancements were not completed and invoiced until fiscal year 2025-26. Capital Asset authority for this equipment was not requested for fiscal year 2025-26 because the expectation was that the installation of equipment would be completed in fiscal year 2024-25. The enhancements total \$4,396, with sufficient funds available in the Department's Equipment Replacement Fund to cover costs. The Department recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the capital asset authority for the vehicle enhancements and related budget amendment. (DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE)

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

3.11. Sheriff-Coroner's Office

3.11.a Capital Asset Purchase and Budget Amendment

In July 2025, a Sheriff's Office vehicle was involved in a traffic collision and was determined by the County's insurance carrier to be a total loss. The Sheriff's Office is requesting approval to utilize insurance funds to replace the vehicle with a new 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe and pay for required upfitting. The total estimated cost of the new vehicle and upfitting is \$94,000. The Department is required to pay a \$15,000 insurance deductible in order to utilize insurance funds. The Sheriff's Office recommends approving the purchase of one 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe as a capital asset and the related budget amendment. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

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

3.11.b Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Inmate Welfare Fund Expenditure Report

Per Penal Code section 4025(e) the Sheriff shall report annually on Inmate Welfare Fund expenditures. In FY 2024-25, \$425,000 was expended to benefit the inmates of the Butte County Jail. A detailed list of expenditures is included in the staff report. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

3.11.c Contract with Lehr Upfitters OpCo, LLC dba Lehr Auto Electric (Lehr) for Radio Retrofit Services

In December 2024, the County received congressionally directed funding in the amount of \$3,675,161 from the Federal Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office through the FY24 COPS Technology and Equipment Program. The Sheriff's Office plans to utilize grant funds to upgrade the radios used in Front Line Law Enforcement vehicles to the most current radio technology to include extender technology to allow for better signal strength and more reliable radio coverage in the more remote areas of the county. The upgrade will require the use of a contractor to remove existing radio equipment and install new equipment. In May 2025, the Sheriff's Office published an RFP for Mobile Radio Retrofit and received two responses: Lehr of Sacramento, CA and Sutter Buttes Communications of Yuba City, CA. Lehr offered the lowest price and was selected as most responsive to the RFP. The Sheriff's Office recommends entering into a contract with Lehr for radio retrofit services. The contract begins upon execution and ends on March 31, 2026, not-to-exceed \$75,308. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

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

3.11.d Amendment to Contract with Oro Dam Auto Center, LLC for Preventative Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs

The Sheriff's Office utilizes a large fleet of vehicles to provide law enforcement and public safety services. The fleet is made up of various makes and models, all of which require routine preventative maintenance service to ensure optimal operation and reliability. In

September 2021, the Sheriff's Office entered into a contract for preventative vehicle maintenance and repair services with Oro Dam Auto Center, LLC. The contract was amended in October 2022, to increase the maximum amount payable, and in August 2024 to extend the term to September 27, 2026, and increase the maximum amount payable. Due to the increased demand for services, an additional adjustment to the maximum payable amount is necessary. The Sheriff's Office recommends amending the contract with Oro Dam Auto Center, LLC. The amendment increases the maximum amount payable by \$225,000, not-to-exceed \$775,000. All other terms remain the same. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

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

3.12. Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office

3.12.a Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Unclaimed Monies to the General Fund

California Government Code Section 50050 provides that unclaimed monies, including estates of deceased without known heirs, which remain in the County Treasury for at least three years, may be escheated to the County's General Fund after public notice. At the end of the three-year period, unclaimed items must be published in a newspaper of countywide circulation as notice that these funds will become property of the County if they remain unclaimed after a specified date, 45-60 days after publication. Once the unclaimed items become the property of the County, a claim may no longer be submitted.

On June 22, and June 29, 2025, the Chico Enterprise Record and the Oroville Mercury Register published an official list of unclaimed estates held by the County Treasurer for at least three years, totaling \$44,736. The Affidavit of Publication is included in the staff report and contains the published list. No claims have been made, leaving an unclaimed total of \$44,736 to be escheated to the County's General Fund.

The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution declaring unclaimed monies held in the County Treasury to be property of the County of Butte and authorizing transfer of unclaimed monies to the General Fund. (TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE)

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

3.13. UC Cooperative Extension Program

3.13.a Resolution Recognizing October 5 through October 11, 2025 as National 4-H Week

The University of California Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program is the largest youth development organization in the United States, supporting nearly 6 million young people across the country. The program provides hands-on projects in areas such as health, science, agriculture and civic engagement. These activities take place in a positive environment where youth receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles. This approach helps them grow into confident, independent, resilient, and compassionate leaders. On August 27th, 2025, Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry sponsored Assembly House Resolution 66, recognizing the week of October 5 through October 11, 2025, as National 4-H Week. In honor of the 1,440 dedicated youth and 143 adult volunteer members in Butte County,

the Department recommends the Board of Supervisors recognize October 5 through October 11, 2025 as National 4-H Week in Butte County. (UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PROGRAM)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION 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 Nomination of California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors Members

Under provisions of the CSAC Constitution, members of the Board of Directors and alternates are nominated by their respective Board of Supervisors to one-year terms of office commencing the first day of the CSAC Annual Meeting, which begins December 1, 2025. Any member of the Board of Supervisors is eligible to be nominated as Director and appointments are made by the CSAC Executive Committee. Currently, Chair Kimmelshue is the Delegate Member, and Supervisor Ritter is the Alternate Member. (OTHER)

Action Requested - 1) NOMINATE ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THE CSAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2025; AND 2) NOMINATE ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS THE ALTERNATE TO THE CSAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2025.

4.4 Appointments to the Butte County Assessment Appeals Board (AAB)

The AAB is an independent entity provided for by the Constitution of the State of California, as well as Chapter 21, Article IV of the Butte County Code, whose function is to resolve disagreements between the County Assessor and taxpayers over values of locally assessed property. The AAB consists of three Regular Board Members, and as many Alternate Members as needed, all of which are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Members must have at least five years of experience as either a lawyer, Certified Public Accountant, licensed real estate broker, or a property appraiser.

There is currently one vacant Board Member seat resulting from an unexpected vacancy, and five applications have been received requesting to serve in this seat. The five qualified applicants who applied are Michael J. Howard, Scott Nolind, Justin Hancock, Auriel Hernandez, and David Donnan.

Additionally, the Board of Supervisors may appoint as many Alternate Members to the AAB as needed. Currently there are no Alternates serving the Board. A sixth qualified applicant, John Kressin, has requested appointment to serve as an Alternate Member. Further, Scott Nolind, Justin Hancock, Michael J. Howard, Auriel Hernandez, and David

Donnan have indicated that they would be interested in serving as an Alternate Member if they are not appointed to the Regular Board Member seat.

Staff requests the Board appoint one Regular Board Member to fill the vacant unexpired term ending January 13, 2028, and appoint one or more Alternate Members for a term ending September 29, 2028. (OTHER)

Action Requested - 1) APPOINT ONE REGULAR MEMBER TO THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD TO FILL THE VACANT UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING JANUARY 13, 2028; AND 2) APPOINT ALTERNATE MEMBER(S) TO SERVE A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 2028.

4.5 Appointments to the Local Appeals Board

The Local Appeals Board (Board) hears appeals regarding the building requirements of the County and building requirements relating to the use, maintenance, and change of occupancy of buildings and structures, including requirements governing alterations, additions, repairs, demolitions, and moving.

The Board consists of five Regular Members and two Alternate Members who must be familiar with Building Code regulations. The Board currently has one vacancy for a Regular Member and one vacancy for an Alternate position. Richard Doane, who currently serves as an Alternate Member, has requested appointment to the vacant Regular Member position, which would leave two Alternate vacancies. If appointed, Mr. Doane would serve a four-year term ending June 30, 2029. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT RICHARD DOANE TO SERVE AS A REGULAR MEMBER ON THE BUTTE COUNTY LOCAL BOARD OF APPEALS TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2029.

4.6 Appointment to the Kimsheew Cemetery District

The Kimsheew Cemetery District (District) owns and maintains four active cemeteries and various inactive pioneer and historic cemeteries. There are currently two vacancies on the District Board and one application has been received requesting appointment. The District recommends the Board of Supervisors appoint Caleb Hambleton as Trustee to serve a three year term ending September 29, 2028. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT CALEB HAMBLETON TO SERVE AS TRUSTEE ON THE KIMSHEW CEMETERY DISTRICT TO SERVE A THREE YEAR TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 2028.

4.7 Appointment to Drainage District 200 in Lieu of an Election

In Drainage District 200, the number of qualified candidates filing for the Director seat did not exceed the number of positions to be filled and no petition calling for election was submitted. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 10515, the Butte County Board of Supervisors shall appoint nominees to the office of Director in lieu of election. Drainage District 200 requests that the Board of Supervisors appoint Audrey Stephens to a four-year term in lieu of an election. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT AUDREY STEPHENS TO THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT 200 BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM IN LIEU OF AN ELECTION.

4.8 Appointment to Richvale Irrigation District in Lieu of Election

In the Richvale Irrigation District, the number of qualified candidates filing for the Director seat did not exceed the number of positions to be filled and no petition calling for election was submitted. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 10515, the Butte County Board of Supervisors shall appoint nominees to the office of Director in lieu of election. The Richvale Irrigation District requests that the Board of Supervisors appoint Walter Meyer to a four-year term in lieu of an election. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT WALTER MEYER TO THE RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO EACH SERVE A FOUR YEAR-TERM IN LIEU OF AN ELECTION.

4.9 Appointment to Western Canal Water District in Lieu of Election

In the Western Canal Water District, the number of qualified candidates filing for the Director seats did not exceed the number of positions to be filled and no petition calling for election was submitted. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 10515, the Butte County Board of Supervisors shall appoint nominees to the office of Director in lieu of election. The Western Canal Water District requests that the Board of Supervisors appoint Greg Johnson and Josh Sheppard to a four-year term in lieu of an election. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT GREG JOHNSON AND JOSH SHEPPARD TO THE WESTERN CANAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO EACH SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM IN LIEU OF AN ELECTION.

4.10 Appointment to the Lake Madrone Water District in Lieu of Election

In the Lake Madrone Water District in Lieu of Election, the number of qualified candidates filing for the Directors seats did not exceed the number of positions to be filled and no petition calling for election was submitted. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 10515, the Butte County Board of Supervisors shall appoint nominees to each Director seat in lieu of election. The Lake Madrone Water District requests that the Board of Supervisors appoint Jason Patane and Elizabeth A. Haydon, to each serve a two year term, and Holly Mason and Michael Camodeca, to serve four-year terms, as Directors of the Lake Madrone Water District in lieu of an election. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT JASON PATANE AND ELIZABETH A. HAYDON TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM AND HOLLY MASON AND MICHAEL CAMODECA TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM, AS DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE MADRONE WATER DISTRICT IN LIEU OF AN ELECTION.

4.11 Quarterly Behavioral Health Update on Senate Bill (SB) 43, Progress Towards Implementation

The Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Welfare and Institutions Code section 5100, et seq.) provides for the evaluation and treatment of a person who is gravely disabled, which is defined to mean a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is unable to provide for their basic personal needs for food, clothing, or shelter.

On October 10, 2023, the Governor signed SB 43 into law, expanding the definition of gravely disabled to include a person who, as a result of a mental health disorder, a severe substance use disorder, or a co-occurring mental health disorder and a severe substance use disorder, or as a result of impairment by chronic alcoholism, is unable to provide for

their basic personal needs for food, clothing, shelter, personal safety, or necessary medical care. The expanded definition of gravely disabled became effective on January 1, 2024, with required implementation ranging from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2026.

On December 12, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to implement SB 43 on January 1, 2026, to allow for sufficient time for treatment and resources to be made available. The Board directed the Department of Behavioral Health to provide quarterly updates on the County's readiness to implement. The Director of Behavioral Health has prepared a brief update for the Board. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

4.12 Lease Agreement with Enloe Medical Center (Enloe) for 560 Cohasset Road, Suite 150, Chico, and Budget Amendment for Tenant Improvements

On December 10, 2024, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution authorizing the Department of Behavioral Health to apply for a Round 1 launch-ready grant under the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) to implement a 40-bed Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) to assist clients transitioning from inpatient to outpatient services. On May 6, 2025, the Department received notice of a conditional award for the BHCIP grant in the amount of \$7,776,484 for the purchase of, and/or renovation of an existing or leased property designated for the purpose of implementing a 40-bed MHRC in Butte County. The award conditions include having a selected property leased or owned, a County match in the amount of \$776,484, and a 30-year commitment supported by property deed restriction.

The Department proposes entering into a lease agreement with Enloe for 22,389 square feet of office space located at 560 Cohasset Road, Suite 150, Chico to implement a MHRC. The lease term will begin 30 days after execution and continue for 30 years following the rent commencement date. The base rent is \$1.67 per square foot, with a 2% annual increase beginning in the second year. PG&E costs are estimated at \$0.65 per square foot, with a projected 6% annual increase beginning in the second year. Utility costs will be paid directly to PG&E. The Department of Behavioral Health will solicit for a provider to operate the MHRC. The total lease cost over the 30-year term is estimated at \$18,197,027, which will be paid by a provider under a sublease agreement. The facility requires tenant improvements to meet MHRC operational needs, with an estimated cost of \$6,682,600. The Departments of Behavioral Health and General Services recommend the Board approve the lease agreement, a capital project to complete the tenant improvements, and a budget amendment of \$6,682,600 to transfer funds from Behavioral Health to the Capital Project Fund. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; 2) APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT FOR TENANT IMPROVEMENTS; AND 3) APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED).

4.13 Letter of Intent with Paradise Irrigation District (PID) for Design Costs Related to the Magalia Dam Improvement Project

PID invited Butte County to consider contributing to potential roadway enhancements that would supplement PID's planned improvements to the Magalia Dam. Given that the affected segment of Skyway is a critical component of the regional emergency evacuation network, Butte County would like to explore the mutual benefits that may be realized if the

County were to participate in this project with improvements to the county road over the dam. Staff recommend the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign a letter of intent to PID for the County to reimburse design costs related to County roadway enhancements estimated at \$350,000 plus interest should PID secure funding for construction of the project in the future. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE LETTER AND AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO SIGN.

4.14 Migration of Butte County Domain to "buttecounty.ca.gov"

California Assembly Bill 1637 requires all local government agencies in California to adopt a ".gov" domain. The purpose of this legislation is to strengthen cybersecurity and increase public trust by ensuring government websites and email addresses are easily identifiable and secure. The ".gov" domain is only available to government entities in the United States.

The Department of Information Systems has identified April 2026 as the target date for migration from the County's current domain "buttecounty.net" to "buttecounty.ca.gov." The domain update includes email addresses and the County website. To minimize staff impact and service disruption, the Department will conduct a comprehensive testing phase to identify and resolve any technical issues.

The existing domain, "buttecounty.net," will continue to be active for website and email use for 24 months post-migration. County staff and the public will be notified before, during, and after the migration. (DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

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

4.16 Board of Supervisors Public Comment (Continuation as needed)

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

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TIMED ITEMS

5.1 10:00 am - Public Hearing - Resolution Abandoning an Unnecessary Portion of a Public Service Easement as Shown on the "Map of the Town of Nelson", as Filed in Book 1 of Maps at Page 58, in the Unincorporated Area of the County of Butte

On August 26, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution setting a public hearing to consider a request to abandon a public service easement located on APN 038-270-002 as shown on the "Map of the Town of Nelson" filed for record with the Butte County Recorder on February 27, 1878 (Book 1 of Maps, Page 58). The hearing has been properly noticed and posted at the site location according to California Streets and Highway Code section 8320.

Abandonment of the easement is necessary for the residential development of the property. The Planning Commission reviewed the abandonment request on July 24, 2025, and determined that the request was in conformance with the Butte County General Plan. The Department has no objection to the abandonment. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

WORKS)

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

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 Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property APNs: 025-190-088 and 025-190-092

Agency Negotiator: Joshua Pack, Director of Public Works

Negotiating Party: City of Gridley

Negotiations: Terms and Conditions of Conveyance of Real Property Rights
(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

6.3 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**

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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.
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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