



BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR AGENDA DECEMBER 16, 2025 9:00 AM

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

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CLERK OF THE BOARD

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 Certification of Statement of Votes Cast November 4, 2025 Statewide Special Election Pursuant to California Elections Code section 15372, the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters submits the certified statement of the results of the election to the Board of Supervisors. The certified statement of votes cast for Butte County for the November 4, 2025 Statewide Special Election is hereby submitted to the Board. (CLERK-RECORDERS OFFICE)

Action Requested - ACCEPT CERTIFICATION OF THE STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION.

3.2. County Administration

3.2.a Approval of Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Submitted for approval are the November 18, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 18, 2025 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES.

3.2.b Equipment Replacement Fund (ERF) - Change Fund Type Classification from Special Revenue Funds to General Fund - Assigned Sub-Funds

The County established ERFs in FY 1998-99 to set aside funds for replacing certain equipment. Originally, the ERFs were created as Special Revenue Funds. Currently, ten departments utilize an ERFs: Department of Agriculture, Assessor's Office, District Attorney's Office, Department of Development Services, Fire Department, Department of General Services, Department of Information Systems, Probation Department, Sheriff's Office, and University of California Cooperative Extension. Since the establishment of the ERFs, accounting guidelines have been revised and updated requiring a change to the accounting for ERFs. Current ERF activity, along with current accounting guidelines, make it necessary to reclassify the ERFs to the Governmental Fund type as General Fund - Assigned Subfunds. County Administration recommends a budget amendment to establish appropriations in new subfunds to complete equipment replacement purchases approved in the fiscal year budget. The remaining fund balances will be transferred to the new subfunds by June 30 and the special revenue funds will be closed as part of the year-end process. These actions accomplish the required accounting changes and allow ERFs to continue to be used. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED), AND 2) AUTHORIZE STAFF TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO CLOSE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 YEAR-END.

3.2.c Resolution Approving Application for the Fiscal Year 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

The Butte County Operational Area has been allocated \$160,237 by the California Office of Emergency Services through the Fiscal Year 2025 EMPG Program, to support activities that contribute to the mitigation, prevention, preparation, response, and recovery from emergencies. These funds are used to purchase emergency operations center materials, community outreach items, employee training, and assist in the day-to-day expenses of Butte County Emergency Management. Participation in this grant requires a match and reimburses 50% of eligible expenses up to \$160,237. The grant and match are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Adopted Budget. Staff recommend the Board of Supervisors authorize a resolution to apply for the grant and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officers, and Emergency Manager to sign grant documents. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.2.d Update from the Alliance for Workforce Development (AFWD) on Operations in Butte County

As part of the Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium, AFWD delivers the federal Workforce Investment Act programs for adults, youth, dislocated workers, and businesses throughout Butte County. AFWD has provided the Board of Supervisors with an update on the status of services provided in Butte County during the 2024-25 program year. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

3.2.e Contract Amendment with Tetra Tech For Camp Fire Debris and Tree Removal Insurance Recovery

As a result of the 2018 Camp Fire, FEMA approved Private Property Debris Removal for burned properties. CalOES and other partners established a debris removal program to safely remove potentially hazardous ash and debris from affected private and approved public properties and a hazard tree removal program to safely remove hazard trees threatening public roads, rights-of-way, and eligible private roads. Residents completed a Right-of-Entry Permit to enroll in these programs, which included agreeing to file an insurance claim if insured, and assigning those insurance proceeds for debris or hazard tree removal to the County to prevent a duplication of benefits as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations.

On June 22, 2021, in accordance with the approval for Private Property Debris Removal, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Tetra Tech to make reasonable efforts to collect insurance funds for those property owners who participated in the debris or hazard tree removal programs. The initial term of the contract was through June 30, 2024, not-to-exceed \$7,300,000. Due to the volume of parcels and delays in receiving parcel costs from the State, the Board approved a contract amendment on June 25, 2024, to extend the term to June 30, 2026, and increase the not-to-exceed to \$10,132,287. In order to close out insurance collections with final notices and comply with reasonable effort, staff recommends the Board extend the contract six months to December 31, 2026 without increasing the not-to-exceed amount. The expense for this service is eligible for reimbursement from FEMA, and the local share of costs is estimated at 2.5%. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.2.f Annual Report from Explore Butte County for the Butte County Tourism Business Improvement District (BCTBID)

In 2015, the Board of Supervisors established the BCTBID and approved a Management District Plan (Plan) with Explore Butte County, the Owners' Association. The Board renewed the BCTBID for ten years in 2020, and in July of this year revised the Plan to expire on December 31, 2029. The Plan requires Explore Butte County to submit an Annual Report to the Board with improvements and activities planned, as well as estimated costs for the upcoming fiscal year. The BCTBID 2026 Annual Report is submitted for information only. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

3.2.g Contract for Indigent Defense Services

The Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to counsel for all criminal defendants charged with a crime or in other special circumstances, if they cannot afford an attorney. Butte County is required by State and federal law to pay for these services and contracts with a consortium of local attorneys to provide indigent defense services. The Public Defender Consortium has been an effective component of the criminal justice system, and has the support of the Superior Court Bench, District Attorney, Chief Probation Officer, and Sheriff. The consortium is a cost-effective model, providing a high level of service for substantially less than similar counties pay.

The County contracts with 18 full-time attorneys, one half-time, and one part-time attorney in the consortium. The County contract with Tracy Davis, who served as a part-time attorney, ended November 30, 2025. The consortium selected Ryan Lamb to serve as a part-time attorney in the role previously held by Ms. Davis. The District Attorney and Superior Court support the selection. County Administration recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a contract with Ryan Lamb for indigent defense services starting December 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027; not-to-exceed \$133,749. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.2.h Letter to FERC Regarding Fireboat for Lake Oroville

At the November 18, 2025 Board of Supervisors (Board) meeting, the Board requested the preparation of a letter to FERC requesting that the State Department of Water Resources be required to provide a fireboat, along with the necessary funding for the Butte County Fire Department to staff and operate it. This would address fire and medical emergencies on Lake Oroville and its shoreline. Staff have prepared the joint letter from the Fire Chief and Board for consideration. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.2.i Letter to the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (BOF) Regarding Zone 0 Regulations

At the November 18, 2025 Board of Supervisors (Board) meeting the Butte County Fire Department provided an update on the BOF draft "Zone 0" regulations. The Board requested the preparation of a letter to the BOF regarding a number of concerns, including the need for practical solutions for existing homes, alignment with insurance industry standards, ensuring there is a scientific basis for the requirements and enforceability. Staff have prepared the letter for Board consideration. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.2.j Letter to Congressman LaMalfa Regarding Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grants

At the November 18, 2025 Board of Supervisors (Board) meeting, the Board requested the preparation of a letter to Congressman LaMalfa regarding changes to the HUD grant process for the FY 2025 Homelessness Continuum of Care (CoC). In 2024, Congress authorized HUD to operate under a two-year funding cycle for CoC programs, under which all contracts were to be automatically renewed for FY 2025 with no new application

required. Contrary to this directive, in July 2025 HUD announced that it was reversing the two-year cycle and intended to issue a new NOFO.

On November 13, HUD released a NOFO that substantially changed program priorities and requirements, with consolidated CoC applications due January 14, 2026. The extremely short timeline, new requirements that would penalize programs for adhering to prior HUD guidance, and significant reprioritization of funds that would effectively defund ongoing programs generated serious concern. In addition, some proposed requirements were impossible to meet. In response, HUD withdrew the NOFO; however, it has announced its intent to reissue one for FY 2025.

Staff has prepared for Board consideration a letter to Congressman LaMalfa's seeking his support to engage with HUD to honor that previously communicated two-year funding cycle and ensure that any reissued or new NOFO maximizes local control, does not penalize programs for complying with prior HUD requirements and avoids imposing unworkable requirements that would effectively defund critical components of our Continuum of Care. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.2.k Contract Amendment with Housing Tools for Administration of the CDBG Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Multifamily Housing Program (MHP)

As a result of the 2018 Camp Fire, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) made \$61,361,926 in CDBG-DR MHP funding available to Butte County. This funding allows the County to provide gap financing for multifamily housing projects including underwriting proposals, providing oversight and monitoring for construction, and providing ongoing affordability monitoring. On June 8, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Housing Tools to provide housing consulting services for the program. The contract term was December 31, 2026, not-to-exceed \$745,602. The contract was administratively amended once in November of 2021 to allow for minor cost increases and decreases within tasks. The contract was amended a second time on August 12, 2025, by the Board to increase the contract amount to \$957,951 and the term to December 1, 2030. These increases were due to the allocation increase to \$118,186,909 for DR MHP funding in January of 2025.

On October 28, 2025, the Board approved a resolution increasing the allocation for DR MHP funding to \$155,000,000 to add a 10th project, the Humboldt Senior Housing Project. Adding the 10th project increases the need for housing consulting services. Staff recommend the Board approve a third contract amendment with Housing Tools to account for the additional project, increasing the not-to-exceed by \$104,695 to \$1,062,646. The additional expense for the contract is eligible for reimbursement through CDBG-DR MHP. All other terms remain the same. Staff recommends the Board approve the contract amendment and authorize the Chair to sign. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.2.l Contract with ITG Communications for Foothills Connectivity Action Plan

On May 14, 2024, the Board of Supervisors authorized submission of an application for CDBG Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Mitigation funds to develop the Foothills

Connectivity Action Plan. The mitigation funds are available to the County as a result of the 2018 Camp Fire to reduce risk through planning and public services. The County was awarded \$451,938 to develop the Foothills Connectivity Action Plan which is a community-driven, mitigation-focused plan to inform broadband and other communication system planning decisions that could reduce risk to life in high-risk areas. The plan will build upon the countywide Broadband Planning and Feasibility Study presented to the Board for information on February 27, 2024.

On August 1, 2025, County Administration published an RFP for the Foothills Connectivity Action Plan. Three proposals were received from qualified firms nationwide. Following the competitive evaluation process, Tilson Communications, recently purchased by ITG Communications of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, was identified as the most qualified. Staff recommend the Board approve a contract with ITG Communications to develop the Foothills Connectivity Action Plan. The term of the contract is from December 16, 2025, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$175,000. Staff will bring the Foothills Connectivity Action Plan to the Board for information once completed. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.3. Department of Development Services

3.3.a Lot Line Adjustment, Rescission of (2) Existing California Land Conservation Act (Williamson Act) Agreements, and Approval of (3) Williamson Act Agreements for Butte Pacific Orchards.

Applicant Butte Pacific Orchards, on behalf of Owners (Clinton and Gail Moffitt Trust, Blain and Jenna Moffitt Trust, Thiara Family Trust, and Thiara Investment Trust) has applied for a lot line adjustment across three parcels with four APNs (025-080-067, 025-080-038, and 025-080-054/025-080-068). The parcels are located on the west side of Larkin Road from the northwest corner of Watson Road and Larkin Road to 0.9 miles north of Ord Ranch Road, east of the City of Biggs.

The addresses of APN 025-080-067 are 2519 and 2025 Larkin Road, Biggs, CA 95917 and are currently enrolled in the Williamson Act (No. 84-5845) ; APN 025-080-038 is not currently enrolled in the Williamson Act; APNs 025-080-054 and 025-080-068 comprise one lot, and are currently enrolled in the Williamson Act (No. 84-5718).

The Land Conservation Act Advisory Committee reviewed the lot line adjustment on November 3, 2025, and found it consistent with Butte County Uniform Rules and Procedures for Implementing the Williamson Act. The Committee recommended rescission of the two existing Williamson Act Agreements and simultaneous entry into three new agreements. The new agreements are for continued orchard production and proposed rice production. The making of a Williamson Act agreement is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act per Categorical Exemption 15317 Open Space Contracts or Easements. (DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) DETERMINE THAT THE LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE WILLIAMSON ACT; 2) RESCIND EXISTING (2) AGREEMENTS; AND 3) APPROVE (3) NEW AGREEMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.3.b Land Conservation (Williamson Act) Telecommunication Facility Consistency Review for Verizon Wireless

Verizon Wireless has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for a Telecommunication Facility on a parcel in a Williamson Act Agreement. The telecommunication facility will be located on APN 041-140-023, which is a 144.88-acre parcel. The parcel is located on the northeast corner of Coal Canyon Road and Flag Creek Road, north of Oroville. The telecommunication facility includes a 165-foot-tall monopole. The monopole will be a total of 170 feet high, including a 5-foot lightning rod, antenna array with 9 antennas, and associated ground equipment, all within a 2,500 square foot leased area.

The Land Conservation Act Advisory Committee reviewed the telecommunication facility on September 22, 2025, and found it will not impair the use of the property for agriculture (grazing) and it is consistent with the Williamson Act and the Butte County Administrative Procedures and Uniform Rules for Implementing the Williamson Act. The Land Conservation Act Advisory Committee did not require any changes to the existing Williamson Act Agreement (No. 2051-223/238). (DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Action Requested - DETERMINE THAT THE TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE WILLIAMSON ACT.

3.3.c Resolution Recognizing Dan Breedon upon his Retirement from the Department of Development Services

The Department of Development Services recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution recognizing Planning Division Manager Dan Breedon on the occasion of his retirement from Butte County after 27 years of service. (DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

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

3.3.d Contract with Land Logistics, Inc. for Mine Reclamation and Compliance Services

The Department of Development Services contracts for professional planning services to support the review of active mines, mine reclamation activities, and verification of regulatory compliance under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975. On September 9, 2025, the Department issued a RFP for mine reclamation and compliance services. Five responses were received: SHN of Redding, CA; Vestra of Redding, CA; Benchmark Resources of Folsom, CA; Guzi West Inspection and Consulting of Chico, CA; and Land Logistics of Davis, CA. Land Logistics was identified as the most qualified bidder. The Department recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve a contract with Land Logistics, Inc. for mine reclamation and compliance services. The term of the contract is date of execution for a period of five years, not-to-exceed \$250,000. The contract is contingent upon utilization, and payment will only be rendered for services provided. (DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

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

3.4. Department of General Services

3.4.a Jail Program & Capacity Expansion Project Contract Change Order with D.H. Slater & Son, Inc.

In 2014, California enacted SB 863, providing lease-revenue bond funding for the construction and renovation of county adult detention facilities. On August 11, 2015, the Board of Supervisors authorized submission of the County's \$40 million funding application under SB 863, which required a 10% local match. On May 19, 2023, the State Public Works Board approved the construction contract awarded to D.H. Slater & Son, Inc., and the County subsequently issued the Notice to Proceed. As of November 17, 2025, the County has issued 93 change orders totaling \$1,782,877, all within the approved construction contingency. The Jail Program & Capacity Expansion Project remains under budget by approximately \$500,000. The Department of General Services, in coordination with the Sheriff's Office, recommends the Board approve Change Order 94, in the amount of \$413,365, for the removal and replacement of existing pavement, including cement-treated base, and installation of site lighting at the administration entrance parking lot at 5 Gillick Way in Oroville. The Change Order utilizes the remaining project funds. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 94 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.4.b Jail Kitchen Remodel Project and Budget Amendment

The Butte County Jail kitchen has reached the end of its functional life and requires modernization to ensure safe, reliable, and compliant food service for the inmate population. The proposed remodel will replace outdated and unreliable components, including major kitchen appliances, flooring, wall finishes, and utility systems. Appliances that can no longer be efficiently repaired or supported by manufacturers will be replaced. The project also includes sealing of walk-in refrigerators and freezers, installation of new epoxy flooring and washable wall coverings, and electrical, plumbing, and potential gas line upgrades to support the new equipment. Temporary kitchen and storage accommodations will be provided to maintain uninterrupted operations during construction. These improvements are essential to ensuring long-term operational reliability, reducing maintenance costs, and maintaining compliance with health and safety requirements. The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) has approved the use of available CCP funds to finance the remodel. The Department of General Services, in coordination with the Butte County Sheriff's Office, recommends approval of a capital project to remodel the Jail Kitchen and a budget amendment of \$1,500,000 to transfer CCP funds for the new project. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

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

3.5. Department of Human Resources

3.5.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:

Child Support Services: Delete 1 vacant Administrative Analyst Supervisor and 1 vacant

flexibly staffed Information Technology Analyst position resulting from successful internal recruitments for positions approved by the Board in October 2025; total allocations to decrease by 2.

Development Services: Add 1 flexibly staffed Administrative Analyst position. Following an internal recruitment, the Department will return to delete the resulting vacancy.

Development Services: Add 1 flexibly staffed Administrative Analyst position. Following an internal recruitment, the Department will return to delete the resulting vacancy. This staff change is part of a larger reorganization strategy that will ultimately result in a decrease of several positions. The strategy will allow the Department to proactively balance operational resources with revenue projections. The position is paid for by the General Fund and is expected to result in an annual salary increase of \$5,000 and will be paid for with salary savings in the current fiscal year. Total position allocations will temporarily increase by 1.

Employment and Social Services: Delete 1 vacant Program Manager of Employment and Social Services - Eligibility and Employment position; Delete 1 vacant flexibly staffed Administrative Analyst position; Delete 1 vacant flexibly staffed Health and Human Services Program Analyst position; Delete 2 vacant Eligibility and Employment Program Specialist positions; and 3 vacant flexibly staffed Employment Case Manager positions. The eliminations are based on available resources. The total annual cost savings for these changes will be \$794,000. Total allocations to decrease by 8. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

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

3.5.b Resolution Honoring Butte County Employees for Dedicated Years of Service

Each year, the Board of Supervisors recognizes employees who have reached milestones of 30, 35, 40, 45, or 50 years of continuous, dedicated service to Butte County. For 2025, the Board recognizes Raymond Cooper, Essence Davis, Stephanie Eveatt, Michael Larish, and Penelope Mittag for 30 years of service and Cristi Roach, Michael Thompson, and Catherine Weitze for 35 years of service. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTIONS (8) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.6. Department of Public Health

3.6.a Contract with Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers, Inc (LSCE) for Rural Water Safety Planning, Ordinance Review, and Public Engagement Services

The Department of Public Health Environmental Health Division is responsible for protecting groundwater, ensuring safe drinking water, and overseeing onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) in Butte County. The County's existing water well and OWTS ordinances require substantial updates to align with current State laws, Department of Water Resources (DWR) standards, California State Water Resources Control Board OWTS policy requirements, and evolving groundwater conditions. A comprehensive update is needed to ensure the ordinances remain technically sound, legally defensible, and protective of public health. On May 14, 2024, the Board of Supervisors authorized submission of an application for CDBG-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Mitigation funds to update the Water Well and the Wastewater Ordinance. The mitigation funds are available

to the county as a result of the 2018 Camp Fire to reduce risk through planning and public service. The County was awarded \$500,000 to update the ordinances. On July 28, 2025, the Department published an RFP for a consultant to update the two ordinances. The Department received one proposal from LSCE of Woodland, CA. The Department recommends entering into a contract with LSCE to provide ordinance review, data analysis, stakeholder engagement, GIS mapping, CEQA support, and updated ordinance language. The term of the contract is December 16, 2025 through March 31, 2028, not-to-exceed \$479,805. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

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

3.6.b Grant Agreement with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Workforce Development

The Department of Public Health has received grant funding from CDPH to develop, expand, train, and sustain the disease investigation and intervention workforce and address jurisdictional prevention and response needs for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), sexually transmitted infections (STIs), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and monkeypox (mpox). The funding is intended to scale prevention, increase capacity to conduct disease investigation, ensure appropriate treatment, link people to care and ongoing case management, monitor disease trends, and rapidly respond to changes in disease trends and outbreaks of STIs, HIV, HCV and mpox. The Department recommends entering into a grant agreement with CDPH for DIS Workforce Development to cover staff time and supplies needed to meet the deliverables of the grant. The term of the grant agreement is July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, with a maximum amount receivable of \$588,281. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

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

3.7. Department of Public Works

3.7.a Agreement with Butte Meadows Hillsliders Snowmobile Club (Hillsliders) for Butte Meadows Winter Recreation

For over 30 years, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division's Over-the-Snow Vehicle (OSV) green sticker grant program has assisted with funding winter recreation activities in the Butte Meadows area. From 1990 to 2007, the Sheriff's Office administered the grant program, with Hillsliders performing the OSV grant operations. In 2007, the Department of Public Works began grant administration.

On October 8, 2025, the Department approved a grant agreement with the California Department of Parks and Recreation for OSV services in Butte Meadows. The term of the grant agreement is October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2030, not-to-exceed \$451,670. The Department recommends that the Board approve a new agreement with the Hillsliders for Butte Meadows Winter Recreation and related OSV grant operations. The term of the agreement is from date to proceed through September 30, 2030, not-to-exceed \$451,670. The expense of the agreement is fully paid for by the grant and is included in the Department's FY 2025-26 budget. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

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

3.7.b Agreement with Westervelt Ecological Services for the Purchase of Mitigation Credits

On August 18, 2014, the County entered into an agreement with Caltrans to complete the Ord Ferry Road across the Little Chico Creek Bridge Replacement Project. The project was completed in October 2025. To address the project's environmental impacts, and as required by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the County must mitigate 3.69 acres of streamside habitat. While some of this mitigation was originally planned for the projects on-site and off-site areas, constraints within the federal Highway Bridge Program made portions of the off-site work ineligible for funding, and only 0.82 acres of on-site restoration could be completed. As a result, the County must acquire 2.87 acres of mitigation credits to satisfy the remaining requirements. Mitigation credits are pre-approved environmental offsets that ensure long-term habitat protection.

Westervelt Ecological Services, a recognized provider of mitigation banking and ecological restoration services, is finalizing a mitigation bank that meets the project's habitat requirements. The estimated cost for the required mitigation credits is approximately \$861,000. The Department of Public Works recommends the Board of Supervisors approve an agreement with Westervelt Ecological Services to reserve and purchase mitigation credits and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the agreement and the final purchase documents once the mitigation bank is finalized. The term of the agreement is 24 months from date of execution, not-to-exceed \$861,000. The agreement is primarily funded by the Highway Bridge Program. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE THE AGREEMENT; AND 2) AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND PURCHASE DOCUMENTS.

3.7.c Contract Amendment with WSP USA, Inc. to Continue Providing Engineering Services to Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility (NRRWF)

On June 14, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Golder Associates, Inc. for design, engineering services, and permitting assistance at NRRWF. The term of the original contract is June 14, 2022, through June 14, 2027, not-to-exceed \$500,000. The contract was amended one time pursuant to a transfer of ownership from Golder Associates, Inc. to WSP USA, Inc. All other terms remained the same.

The Department of Public Works recommends the Board approve an amendment to the contract with WSP USA, Inc. for services provided on the Module 5E liner project, Wind Aerated Leachate Evaporation System (WAIV), Joint Technical Document (JTD) updates, and landfill gas well design services. The amendment increases the maximum amount payable by \$350,000, not-to-exceed \$850,000. All other terms remain the same. The cost of the amendment is included in the NRRWF FY2025-26 budget and is paid for by the Enterprise Fund. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

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

3.8. Sheriff-Coroner's Office

3.8.a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program Revenue Budget Amendment and Capital Asset Purchase

In July 2022, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) announced the addition of Butte County to the HIDTA program as part of the Central Valley California HIDTA region (CVC HIDTA). HIDTA is a federally funded program whose purpose is to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking operations that threaten public health and safety. ONDCP provides funding to CVC HIDTA, which in turn provides funding to participating agencies within the region based on law enforcement case load statistics. CVC HIDTA has provided an annual allocation to Butte County due to the extraordinary work performed by the Special Enforcement Unit of the Sheriff's Office and the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF), which includes representatives from Chico Police Department, Gridley Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Oroville Police Department, the Probation Department, the District Attorney's Office, and the Sheriff's Office. For FY 2025-26, the Sheriff's Office will receive \$87,000 in HIDTA funds. The Sheriff's Office recommends accepting CVC HIDTA funds and appropriating \$87,000 for a capital asset purchase of one new trailer to be used for crime scene investigations and equipment necessary to put the trailer into service. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

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

3.8.b Capital Asset Purchase of Server Equipment and Related Software and Budget Amendment

The Sheriff's Office has identified the need to purchase a new server and related server management software license in order to provide additional storage space necessary for the continued operation of vital systems, including the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system and records management system (RMS) that are utilized by staff each day. There are funds available in the 2011 Rural County Assistance Sub-Fund to pay the estimated cost of the new server and related software of \$225,000.

The Sheriff's Office recommends approval of the purchase of one (1) new server and related software as a capital asset and the related budget amendment. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

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

3.9. Other

3.9.a District Priorities Fund Application - Butte County Fair

Supervisor Kimmelshue recommends approval of \$1,500 in District 4 Priorities Funds for the Butte County Fair to repair the ceiling in the fair office. The project will remove existing sheet rock, replace insulation that was impacted by water damage and then paint. Currently, the sheetrock is falling off the ceiling and the improvements will improve energy efficiency. (DISTRICT 4 SUPERVISOR)

Action Requested - APPROVE DISTRICT PRIORITIES FUND APPLICATION.

- 3.9.b District Priorities Fund Application - Northern Valley Catholic Social Service (NVCSS)
Supervisor Durfee recommends approval of \$2,000 in District 2 Priorities Funds for NVCSS for the Nourish & Protect: Food Security and Infant Safety Support for Butte County project. The project will provide food baskets and safety items such as baby gates and outlet covers to families in the Butte Baby Steps home visiting program administered by NVCSS. The project strives to strengthen vulnerable families. (DISTRICT 2 SUPERVISOR)

Action Requested - APPROVE DISTRICT PRIORITIES FUND APPLICATION.

- 3.9.c District Priorities Fund Application - Oroville Cemetery District
Supervisor Connelly recommends approval of \$600 in District 1 Priorities Funds to the Oroville Cemetery District for site preparations for a headstone for Captain Ralph Bird, considered to be the father of Oroville. (DISTRICT 1 SUPERVISOR)

Action Requested - APPROVE DISTRICT PRIORITIES FUND APPLICATION.

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 of Delegate and Alternate to the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA), and the Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA)

RCRC is a 40-member county service organization that supports policies on behalf of California's rural counties. The RCRC Board of Directors is composed of a member of the Board of Supervisors from each of its member counties. RCRC staff work in partnership with its Board of Directors to deliver a rural perspective when legislation and regulations are being formulated in Sacramento, and Washington, D.C. RCRC expanded its role as a service provider through the establishment of several public entities. Through these entities, which include the GSFA and GSCA, RCRC develops and implements services to address important challenges facing communities across California. Each year, the Board of Supervisors selects a Delegate to serve on the RCRC Board.

Historically, the Delegate chosen to serve on the RCRC Board also represents Butte County on the GSFA and GSCA Boards. The Delegate position is currently held by Supervisor Connelly and Supervisor Teeter is serving as Alternate Delegate. Staff requests the Board appoint a Delegate and an Alternate to serve on the RCRC Board and affiliate Boards for 2026. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT A DELEGATE AND AN ALTERNATE TO SERVE ON THE BOARDS OF RCRC, GSFA, AND GSCA FOR 2026.

4.4 Appointment to the Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA) Board of Directors

The ESJPA is an entity of Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), and is a 26-member county service organization that provides regulatory advocacy and technical assistance to rural counties, supports local public education campaigns and administers grants for recycling and hazardous waste management programs. In addition to legislative and regulatory advocacy, ESJPA also provides ongoing assistance directly to member counties in their efforts to comply with State and federal environmental standards and regulations.

Since the ESJPA is an entity of RCRC, the Board of Supervisors' Member appointed as the RCRC Delegate typically serves as the Delegate appointed to the ESJPA. Additionally, the ESJPA requests two alternate positions, who are typically held by Butte County Staff. Staff recommend the Board of Supervisors appoint one Board Member as Delegate for the ESJPA, and Craig Cissell, Deputy Director of Waste Management as an Alternate Member, and Valerie Meza, Recycling Coordinator, as a Second Alternate, to each serve a one-year term on the ESJPA ending December 31, 2026. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT ONE BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE AS DELEGATE MEMBER ON THE ESJPA; AND APPOINT CRAIG CISSELL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WASTE MANAGEMENT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER, AND VALERIE MEZA, RECYCLING COORDINATOR, AS A SECOND ALTERNATE MEMBER, TO SERVE A ONE-YEAR TERM FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026.

4.5 Appointment to the Northern California Water Association

The Northern California Water Association (NCWA) was established to ensure reliable and affordable water supplies to the Northern Sacramento Valley and is governed by a Board of Directors, who are elected every other year. NCWA has begun their election process for the Board of Directors for the 2026/2027 term and has requested appointments be provided to them by December 22, 2025. Chair Kimmelshue currently serves as Member and Supervisor Connelly serves as the Alternate Member. Staff requests the Board of Supervisors appoint one Member and one Alternate Member to serve a two-year term on the NCWA Board of Directors ending December 31, 2027. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT ONE BOARD MEMBER AND ONE ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM ON THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER ASSOCIATION (NCWA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

4.6 Appointment to the Vina GSA Board of Directors

The Vina GSA is comprised of three member agencies, Butte County, the City of Chico, and the Durham Irrigation District and is responsible for implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for its portion of the Vina subbasin. The Vina GSA Board of Directors has one seat for each Member Agency and two Stakeholder Directors that consist of an Agricultural Stakeholder and a Non-Agricultural Domestic Well User Stakeholder. The Stakeholder Directors are appointed by the Butte County Board of Supervisors.

On June 13, 2025, Staff was notified of an unexpected vacancy, which initiated the recruitment process to fill the Non-Agricultural Domestic Well User Stakeholder Director

position. On September 9, 2025, qualified candidates were presented to the Board and, following deliberations and public comment, the Board requested that the application period be reopened to allow additional time for more applicants to apply. A second recruitment and application window was opened from September 16, 2025 through October 10, 2025, which resulted in three qualified applicants: Jim Graydon, Aimee Raymond, and Liliana Scarafia. Per Section 7.3 of the Vina JPA, the Vina GSA ad-hoc Nomination Committee (consisting of the Durham Irrigation District Member Agency Director and City of Chico staff), reviewed the qualified candidates and now recommend that the Board of Supervisors appoint Jim Graydon to the Non-Agricultural Domestic Well User Stakeholder Director primary position to fill the vacant unexpired term ending October 10, 2027. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT JIM GRAYDON TO THE NON-AGRICULTURAL DOMESTIC WELL USER STAKEHOLDER DIRECTOR PRIMARY POSITION TO FILL THE VACANT UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING OCTOBER 10, 2027.

4.7 Appointment to the Biggs-West Gridley Water District

In the Biggs-West Gridley 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 each Director seat in lieu of election. The Biggs-West Gridley Water District requests that the Board of Supervisors appoint Eric Waterbury and Eric Sligar, to serve four-year terms as Directors of the Biggs-West Gridley Water District in lieu of an election. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT ERIC WATERBURY AND ERIC SLIGAR TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM AS DIRECTORS OF THE BIGGS-WEST GRIDLEY WATER DISTRICT IN LIEU OF ELECTION.

4.8 PG&E Settlement Fund Request, Capital Asset Authority for Contract with Global Security System for Alert FM and Budget Amendment

Butte County received a \$252 million settlement from PG&E for the impacts of the Camp Fire. The County's net settlement is \$206.5 million. On July 21, 2020, the Board of Supervisors directed the PG&E Settlement Fund be established and committed to County stability, hazard mitigation, and disaster recovery with priority given to projects in the Camp Fire burn area, projects that leverage other funding, and projects with an urgent timeline. The Board has committed funds to 26 projects for a total of \$138 million since adopting the policy. Including interest, there is \$90.1 million in available, un-programmed PG&E Settlement Fund to date.

In April 2021, the Board approved use of PG&E Settlement Funds to pay for Alert FM, a radio-based emergency alert system that is used to alert residents of threats posed by wildfire or other dangers that is not reliant on power or cell phone service and contributes to the County's hazard mitigation efforts by increasing its ability to communicate vital information to the public during emergencies. In June 2021, the Sheriff's Office entered into a five-year contract with Global Security Systems to provide the Alert FM system utilizing five radio tower sites located throughout Butte County. The Sheriff's Office recommends the County enter into a new contract with Global Security Systems that extends use of the Alert FM system at the five existing sites and adds two new radio tower sites to expand coverage to the areas of Butte Meadows, Forbestown, and Clipper Mills.

The cost of the new contract will be split between PG&E Settlement Funds and General Fund.

The Sheriff's Office recommends approval of \$275,000 in PG&E Settlement Funds to pay for Alert FM, approval of a related budget amendment appropriating the PG&E Settlement Funds and moving existing appropriation within the Sheriff's Office budget, and approval of capital asset authority for a contract with Global Security Systems that extends use of the Alert FM system at the five existing sites and adds two new radio tower sites. The contract will begin upon execution and end on June 21, 2031, not-to-exceed \$400,000. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - 1) COMMIT \$275,000 IN PG&E SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR ALERT FM SYSTEM; 2) APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED); 3) APPROVE CAPITAL ASSET PURCHASE; AND 4) APPROVE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

4.9 Board Direction Requested on Community Education Expansion Grant for Chapter 38A Enforcement

In February of 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved an application for a mitigation grant from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as a result of the 2017 Wind Complex. The mitigation grant was for a community education program related to Chapter 38A enforcement. The grant was awarded and in 2022 the funds were used to launch the "Be Ready, Butte!" campaign to accompany defensible space inspections. In 2025, as a result of the 2018 Camp Fire, HCD awarded a second grant to the County to expand this program. On September 9, 2025, Chief Sjolund recommended the Board award the expansion grant to an outside agency selected through an RFP process to continue the program. At that meeting, staff received direction to modify the grant scope of work to increase personal contacts and to reissue the RFP. Staff requests direction from the Board on modifying the grant scope of work and budget as detailed in the staff report prior to submitting the revisions to HCD. Once HCD approves the modifications, staff will reissue the RFP for services under the grant. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF.

4.10 2026 Job Order Contracts (JOC) with Air Systems of Sacramento, ACCO Engineered Systems, Inc., Cleanrite, Inc., Hankins Group, Inc., Holt Construction, Inc., Jessee Heating and Air Conditioning, Mesa Energy Systems Inc., T&S Intermodal Maintenance, Inc., and McClelland Air Conditioning, Inc.

JOC is an alternative project delivery method that enables the County to complete a wide range of repair, maintenance, and repetitive work projects through a single competitively bid contract. Public Contract Code authorizes the County to utilize JOC to select contractors who will perform individual projects based on fixed unit prices under umbrella contracts approved by the Board of Supervisors. On September 9, 2025, the Department of General Services advertised the 2026 JOC Program and received nine responsive and responsible bids. While there is no guaranteed minimum, each contractor will have an opportunity to perform job orders totaling at least \$25,000, with an initial contract value of \$2,000,000 for B-License Contractors and \$1,000,000 for C-License Contractors. The County reserves the right to increase the maximum value of each contract to \$6,210,093 in accordance with Public Contract Code. Individual job orders exceeding \$250,000 will be

returned to the Board for approval. The Department recommends entering into JOC contracts with the following firms: Air Systems Services and Construction, LLC dba Air Systems of Sacramento; ACCO Engineered Systems, Inc.; Cleanrite, Inc.; Hankins Group, Inc.; Holt Construction, Inc.; Jessee Heating and Air Conditioning; Mesa Energy Systems, Inc. dba Emcor Services Mesa Energy; T&S Intermodal Maintenance, Inc. dba T&S West; and McClelland Air Conditioning, Inc. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACTS (9) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

4.11 Administrative and Management Cost Share Agreement with Vina and Wyandotte Creek GSAs

On November 7, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved a cost share agreement with Vina and Wyandotte Creek GSAs. The agreement delegates duties, responsibilities, and fiscal contributions between the County and the Agencies. Under the agreement, the County provides administration, management, and technical services and one full-time Program Manager position to the GSAs. The term of the agreement is through June 30, 2028.

The provision of County administration, management, and staff to the GSAs has faced certain challenges related to differing priorities and liability exposure. GSA staff being nestled in the County has created public confusion regarding the role of the County and the independence of the GSAs as separate entities. The Board directed the Department of Water and Resource Conservation to pursue a greater degree of distinction between the County and the Vina and Wyandotte Creek GSAs. The Director of Water and Resource Conservation has prepared a presentation for the Board to discuss strategies implemented to address these challenges currently and options for amending the cost share agreement. (DEPARTMENT OF WATER & RESOURCE CONSERVATION)

Action Requested - PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF.

4.12 Palermo Community Projects Update

The Department of Water and Resource Conservation will provide the Board of Supervisors with an update on three projects that the Department is leading or collaborating on within the Palermo community. The projects are funded by various grants and funding sources and include the Palermo Clean Water Consolidation Project, Palermo Drainage Master Plan, and the Palermo Dry Well Consolidation Project.

The Palermo Clean Water Consolidation Project will connect approximately 380 parcels to the existing South Feather Water and Power Agency's drinking water supply system.

The Dry Well Consolidation Project addresses the most urgent need to bring potable water service to several parcels served by wells which had already failed or were in a compromised state due to drought. It adds 6,000 liner feet of water main and 49 service laterals (meters, valves or hydrants).

The Palermo Drainage Master Plan analyzes the quantity and movement of water within the community and the mechanics of water flow through various culverts, ditches, and waterways within the community. The Palermo Drainage Master Plan will identify potential improvements and projects that could be implemented to reduce potential flooding during

certain storm events. (DEPARTMENT OF WATER & RESOURCE CONSERVATION)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

4.13 Consideration of Additional CDBG Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Infrastructure Funds for Camp Fire Recovery

At the direction of the Board of Supervisors, County staff are implementing a number of projects using CDBG-DR funding as a result of the Camp Fire. In May, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) approached the County about identifying additional shovel-ready projects that may be funded if additional CDBG-DR funds become available. On June 24, 2025, the Board directed staff to qualify two additional projects: (1) the Humboldt Senior Housing Project which HCD approved for funding, and the Magalia Dam Road Widening Design Project which HCD has determined does not qualify for funding as construction for the Magalia Dam Improvement Project is currently unfunded. Given this, HCD has requested the County identify any other unmet needs that will qualify for CDBG-DR infrastructure funding.

After evaluating unmet needs, staff recommends the Board direct staff to pursue up to \$15,858,654 in additional CDBG-DR infrastructure funds for existing Camp Fire infrastructure projects. Staff recommends prioritizing those funds, if granted, toward County projects already underway: the consolidated Behavioral Health facilities in Paradise, Oroville, and Gridley; and the Lakeridge Circle road project in Magalia. Staff recommends the Board direct additional funds above the County's needs to the Sewerage Commission of Oroville for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade. Should additional funds be granted, staff will return to the Board requesting approval of a resolution accepting the funds. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - DIRECT STAFF TO PURSUE ADDITIONAL CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS FOR EXISTING CAMP FIRE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, AND PRIORITIZE THOSE FUNDS TO MEET COUNTY PROJECT NEEDS FIRST.

4.14 Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless for Cell Tower on 4007 Keefer Road, Chico and Adoption of CEQA Negative Declaration

At the August 10, 2021 meeting, the Board of Supervisors considered the appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow Verizon Wireless to construct a cell tower in north Chico to resolve a gap in coverage. In denying Verizon's ability to build on that property, the Board directed staff to locate alternative construction sites.

In May 2022, a study identified County-owned land, 4007 Keefer Road, as a suitable alternative. The project proposes a lease and future construction of a 100-foot cell tower to be built as a monopole, monopine, or faux water tank, with capacity for up to three additional carrier co-locations, potentially including public safety communications. The 2,500-square-foot (50' x 50') lease area would occupy a part of the southern portion of the 6.19-acre parcel, reserving the northern portion for the future County fire station. Approval of the lease is a prerequisite for Verizon to begin the Conditional Use Permit application process at this site.

An environmental review consistent with CEQA evaluated the proposed lease and the reasonably foreseeable development of the telecommunication facility. The analysis

determined that the project would not result in significant environmental impacts. The Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration were circulated to responsible agencies and surrounding property owners for review and comment.

County Counsel recommends adoption of the Negative Declaration and approval of a lease agreement with Verizon Wireless for the 2,500-square-foot area at 4007 Keefer Road. The initial term is five years, with up to four additional five-year renewals. The initial term will begin on the first day of the month after Verizon begins installation of communications equipment on the premises. The annual rent is \$17,823, increasing by 3% each year. (COUNTY COUNSEL)

Action Requested - 1) ADOPT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION; AND 2) APPROVE THE LEASE AND THE MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

4.15 Overview of the Federal Impacts of House Resolution 1 (H.R.1) on Public Health and Social Services

House Resolution 1 (H.R.1) was signed into law on July 4, 2025, and imposes stricter eligibility requirements on Medi-Cal and CalFresh, causing millions of Californians to risk losing health or food benefits. It's also projected to result in a significant loss of health coverage for the low-income population. These changes shift major administrative and financial burdens onto counties which may face higher costs, reduced services, and increased pressure on social safety net programs. The Departments of Employment and Social Services and Public Health will present an overview of the federal impacts of H.R.1 on county-administered public health and social services programs. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

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

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

4.18 Board of Supervisors Public Comment (Continuation as needed)

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TIMED ITEMS**

NONE.

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 Actual Litigation Pursuant to Government Code sec. 54956.9(d)(1) - Four Cases

- a. Ryan Holman v. County of Butte et al, Butte County Superior Court Case No: 20cv00578
- b. AquaAlliance, et al v. Biggs-West Gridley Water District, et al., Butte County Superior Court Case No: 22CV00348
- c. Edward Tuman v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No: ADJ15138239 (Claim No: 2097110061)
- d. Alan Davis v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No: ADJ8628991 (Claim No: 1197110086, CBTE-294919) (COUNTY COUNSEL)

6.3 Workers' Compensation Liability Claims Pursuant to Government Code Sec. 54956.95 (a) - One Claim

- a. AJ Haggard v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Claim, Claim No: 0897110020, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No: ADJ8172077 (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

6.4 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:
Dennis Schmidt, Interim

Human Resources:
Sheri Waters

Information Systems:
Paul LaValley

Library:
Misty Wright

Public Health:
Monica Soderstrom

Public Works:
Vacant

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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Board of Supervisors Agenda – Commonly Used Acronyms:

AB – Assembly Bill	EOC – Emergency Operations Center
APN – Assessor’s Parcel Number	EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
AQMA – Air Quality Management Act	FEIR – Final Environmental Impact Report
ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act	FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
BCAG – Butte County Association of Governments	FERC – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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
EIR – Environmental Impact Report	