



BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR AGENDA MARCH 24, 2026 9:00 AM

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

BILL CONNELLY, DISTRICT 1
PETER DURFEE, DISTRICT 2
TAMI RITTER, DISTRICT 3
TOD KIMMELSHUE, DISTRICT 4
DOUG TEETER, DISTRICT 5

ANDY PICKETT
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
25 COUNTY CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 205
OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA

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. County Administration

3.1.a Approval of Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Submitted for approval are the March 10, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE MARCH 10, 2026 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES.

3.1.b Letter of Concern for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Loan Program Guideline Changes

The USDA Rural Development loan program supports housing production and affordable homeownership for first-time homebuyers in small rural towns and unincorporated areas. With recent loan program guideline changes, affordable housing developers like the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) may have to reduce housing construction quality, diminishing long-term value, or cancel planned housing developments throughout the county. The guideline changes also disqualify many potential homebuyers from obtaining loans to purchase these homes. Staff recommend the Board approve a letter of concern to the USDA requesting retraction of the guideline changes. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.1.c Letter to President Trump Requesting Assistance

The Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) has worked in close partnership with CA Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Water Resources to design and permit a much-needed new boat ramp and campground near the Thermalito Afterbay Outlet. The project has broad support, including local and tribal community members and the Oroville Recreational Advisory Committee, but is at risk due to delays in FERC approval. All other federal and state permits and approvals have been acquired. FERC approval is needed by April 13, 2026 so SBFCA can award the bid to construct the project within budget and grant timelines. If they cannot award the construction contract by April 13, 2026, the bid will expire and it is very unlikely that the project can be completed within the grant timeline and budget. Staff have drafted a letter requesting President Trump's assistance with the efficient and timely review. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.2. County Library

3.2.a Agreement Amendment with Imperial County Office of Education (ICOE) for the Administration of High-Speed Broadband Connection

On April 9, 2024, the Board approved an agreement with the ICOE to administer high-speed broadband connectivity through the California Research and Education Network, which connects public libraries to the same high-speed network used by the State's universities, community colleges, and public schools. The County Library receives managed broadband services, including dedicated data circuits and high-capacity fiber connections linking library branches to the network, vendor coordination, billing, and support for E-Rate Program reimbursements. The agreement term is January 1, 2024, through July 1, 2027, not-to-exceed \$232,100.

The proposed amendment extends the agreement term by four years, from July 1, 2027, through July 1, 2031, and revises pricing to incorporate updated costs beginning in the final year of the previous agreement. This results in a revised not-to-exceed amount of \$483,001. After reimbursement and applicable discounts, the net cost is approximately \$65,899 over five years. The Department recommends amending the contract with the ICOE to continue administering high-speed broadband connectivity. All other terms remain the same. (LIBRARY)

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

3.3. Department of Behavioral Health

3.3.a Agreement Amendment with Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health, LLC

On May 15, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health, LLC for residential services. The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, not-to-exceed \$730,000. Compassion Pathways Behavioral Health, LLC has opened an additional location in Chico. Due to an increased need for residential services, the Department of Behavioral Health recommends the Board approve an amendment to add the new location and increase the maximum amount payable by \$181,500, not-to-exceed \$911,500. All other terms remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

3.4. Department of Development Services

3.4.a 2025 General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report

California Government Code 65400 mandates that all counties submit an annual progress report (APR) on the status of the General Plan and progress on its implementation to their legislative bodies, the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI), and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by April 1 of each year. The General Plan APR provides the Board of Supervisors and the public with information on the implementation of the General Plan and on progress toward meeting community goals. The Housing Element APR focuses on housing permits issued and is sorted by State affordability categories and other data categories.

The 2025 Butte County General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Reports are included in the Board agenda packet. Both reports will be transmitted to the State by April 1, 2026, in accordance with State law. (DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

3.4.b California Land Conservation Act (Williamson Act) Parcel Merger Consistency Review and Contract Rescission and New Contract

Robertson Marquardt for Carrdi LLC has applied for a parcel merger of three parcels, two of which are in a Williamson Act Contract (APNs 025-050-018 and 025-150-006) and one (APN 025-050-017) that is not. The parcels are located between Walnut Avenue and Hanson Avenue, approximately 1,000 feet east of Larkin Road, and 3.48 miles east of Biggs.

The Land Conservation Act Advisory Committee reviewed the parcel merger on March 2, 2026, and found it consistent with Butte County Uniform Rules and Procedures for Implementing the Williamson Act. The Committee recommended partial rescission of the existing Land Conservation Agreement (recorded document No. 1998-0054361), which was composed of six parcels, and simultaneous entry into a new contract for the merged parcel. The making of Williamson Act contracts is exempt from review under CEQA per

Categorical Exemption 15317 Open Space Contracts or Easements. (DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) DETERMINE THAT THE PARCEL MERGER IS CONSISTENT WITH THE WILLIAMSON ACT; 2) PARTIALLY RESCIND EXISTING CONTRACT; AND 3) APPROVE NEW CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.4.c California Land Conservation Act (Williamson Act) Parcel Merger Consistency Review and Contract Rescission and New Contract

Robertson Marquardt for Carrdi LLC, has applied for a parcel merger of two parcels (APNs 025-150-003 and 025-150-004), which are in a Williamson Act Contract. The parcels are located on the southeast corner of Larkin Road and Hanson Avenue, approximately 1,000 feet east of Larkin Road, and 3.2 miles east of Biggs.

The Land Conservation Act Advisory Committee reviewed the parcel merger on March 2, 2026, and found it consistent with Butte County Uniform Rules and Procedures for Implementing the Williamson Act. The Committee recommended partial rescission of the existing Land Conservation Agreement (recorded document No. 1998-0054361), which was composed of six parcels, and simultaneous entry into a new contract for the merged parcel. The making of Williamson Act contracts is exempt from review under CEQA per Categorical Exemption 15317 Open Space Contracts or Easements. (DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) DETERMINE THAT THE PARCEL MERGER IS CONSISTENT WITH THE WILLIAMSON ACT; 2) PARTIALLY RESCIND EXISTING CONTRACT; AND 3) APPROVE NEW CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.5. Department of General Services

3.5.a Notice of Completion with KONE, Inc. for the Butte County Jail Elevator Modernization at 7 Gillick Way, Oroville

On December 12, 2024, the Board of Supervisors awarded a contract to KONE, Inc. in the amount of \$321,256 for modernization of the Butte County Jail elevator located at 7 Gillick Way in Oroville. During construction, the Department of General Services executed one change order in the amount of \$16,065 to install communication wiring to support emergency monitoring of the elevator, bringing the total contract amount to \$337,321. All contract work has been completed, inspected, and approved by the Department of General Services and the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health. The Department of General Services recommends that the Board accept the contract work as complete and authorize the Chair to sign the Notice of Completion. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WORK AS COMPLETE; AND 2) AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION.

3.5.b Contract with Firecode Safety Equipment, Inc. for Countywide Fire Alarm Monitoring Services

On December 18, 2025, the Department of General Services issued an RFP for Countywide Fire Alarm Monitoring Services. On January 15, 2026, the Department received four proposals in response to the RFP from the following vendors: Accularm

Security Systems, Oroville; Advantage Total Protection, Inc., Walnut Grove; C10 Fire, Auburn; and Firecode Safety Equipment, Inc., Sacramento. Following review and evaluation of the proposals received, the Department determined Firecode Safety Equipment, Inc., to be the lowest responsive and responsible proposer. The Department recommends approval of a contract with Firecode Safety Equipment, Inc., for an amount not-to-exceed \$60,000 for a five-year term from April 1, 2026, through April 1, 2031. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

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

3.6. Department of Human Resources

3.6.a Contract Amendment with JW Software, Inc. for a Risk Management Information System
In 2017, JW Software, Inc. was selected through a RFP to provide a Risk Management Information System that integrates all of the County's claims data and insurance programs including but not limited to general liability, workers' compensation, property, and medical malpractice into one system. The software provides solutions that significantly streamline workflows, automate routine tasks, and provide easy access to actionable data/analysis. Human Resources recommends amending the contract with JW Software, Inc. for a Risk Management Information System. The amendment extends the term of the contract by five years through April 9, 2031, and increases the maximum financial obligation by \$179,544, not-to-exceed \$444,588. All other terms remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

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

3.6.b 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:

Employment and Social Services: Add 1 flexibly staffed Department Human Resources Coordinator position, delete 1 vacant Eligibility and Employment Specialist position, and delete 1 vacant, flexibly staffed Administrative Assistant position. These changes better suit the operational needs of the Department and will result in an annual cost savings of \$28,000. The Department will return to delete the Deputy Director of Employment and Social Services position that currently supports the Human Resources function of the department when the position is vacated. Total allocations to decrease by 1.

Amend Section 28E of Salary Ordinance No. 4273 of the County of Butte entitled "Teamsters Mid Management" by adding a new classification titled "Principal Business Systems Analyst" set at Range 104, with a bi-weekly rate of \$3,600.00 at Step 1 of the Salary Schedule and \$4,825.60 at Step 7 of the Salary Schedule.

Amend Section 28F of Salary Ordinance No. 4273 of the County of Butte entitled "Confidential Classifications" by adding a new classification titled "Principal Business Systems Analyst - Confidential" set at Range 104, with a bi-weekly rate of \$3,600.00 at Step 1 of the Salary Schedule and \$4,825.60 at Step 7 of the Salary Schedule.

Human Resources: Add the Principal Business Systems Analyst - Confidential

classification to an existing flexibly staffed Business Systems Analyst position. There is no impact on the County's General Fund. Total allocations to remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

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

3.7. Department of Information Systems

3.7.a Budget Amendment and (3) Capital Asset Purchases

The core network infrastructure that enables communication between our computer systems is a critical component of daily operations. The current equipment is aging and needs to be replaced to maintain reliability and performance. The Department of Information Services determined the need to purchase one core switch at a cost of \$280,000 and two host servers at a cost of \$90,000 each. The assets are funded using \$50,000 from the Department's budget and savings from capital asset purchases that came in under budget. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the budget amendment and the capital asset purchase for the core switch and two host servers. (DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED); AND 2) APPROVE (3) CAPITAL ASSET PURCHASES.

3.8. Department of Public Health

3.8.a Data Use Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) for the Butte County Healthcare Utilization Data Project

The Department of Public Health is requesting access to non-public, patient-level de-identified data on hospitalizations among Butte County residents from HCAI as part of the Butte County Health Care Utilization Project. The project is intended to understand community health trends in the county and will provide valuable insight into overall patterns of health and healthcare use in the community. The de-identified data does not include personal information, so individual patients cannot be identified, and access to this data will help the Department understand, and better address hospitalization trends related to chronic disease, accidental injuries, mental health-related emergency department visits, and substance-related conditions. The Department recommends entering into a Data Use Agreement for non-public patient-level de-identified data from HCAI in order to complete the Healthcare Utilization Data Project. Access to the data will terminate upon project completion. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

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

3.8.b Resolution Recognizing April 6-12, 2026 as National Public Health Week

A presidential proclamation in 1995 designated the first full week of April as National Public Health Week to highlight efforts in communities across the nation and to heighten awareness of important public health issues. The American Public Health Association has declared April 6-12, 2026, as National Public Health Week.

The theme for the 2026 National Public Health Week is "Ready. Set. Action!". The Department of Public Health will join other counties in California and across the nation to highlight that public health actions occurring through scientific discoveries, legislation, and

community initiatives have significantly improved the health of all Americans. Butte County Public Health is dedicated to providing services and programs that protect health, prevent disease, and promote health education.

During National Public Health Week, the Department will provide educational information that highlights efforts to promote prevention along with services that align with this year's theme. All public health professionals and advocates provide an important role in protecting and furthering the health and welfare of residents, and their dedicated efforts are appreciated and worthy of commendation. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

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

3.9. Probation Department

3.9.a Budget Amendment for Unanticipated Revenue from Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)

On September 9, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to apply for and sign documents related to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant Equipment and Training Program (JAG). In September 2025, the Probation Department received a \$150,000 award notification for JAG Equipment and Training Program funding from BSCC. The term of the agreement is October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

JAG Equipment and Training Program funds will be used to procure advanced artificial intelligence (AI) software designed to work with case management systems to reduce time spent on routine documentation and a handheld narcotics analyzer that will enable Probation Officers to quickly and safely identify suspected controlled substances, reducing exposure risks and improving decision-making. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the budget amendment to allocate the grant funds. (PROBATION DEPARTMENT)

Action Requested - APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED).

3.10. Department of Public Works

3.10.a Budget Amendment for Subdivision Drainage Fund

The Palermo Clean Water Consolidation Project is funded through a grant administered by the Sierra Institute for Community and Environment, with the Department of Water and Resource Conservation serving as the project manager. The project was funded 75% by the DWR, with a required 25% local match funded from the Subdivision Drainage Fund.

The Department of Public Works recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a budget amendment to increase appropriations within the Subdivision Drainage Fund in the amount of \$90,000 to provide funding to the Water and Resource Conservation Department. This appropriation is the County's required local share of cost for the DWR grant that supports the Palermo Clean Water Consolidation Project. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED).

3.11. Sheriff-Coroner's Office

3.11.a Contract Amendment with Newton Bracewell, Inc. for Mortuary Services

In July 2023, the Sheriff's Office entered into contracts with Newton Bracewell, Inc., Ramsey Group, Rose Chapel, and FPG California, Inc. for Mortuary Services. Under the contracts, each company agrees to provide pick-up, storage, and transportation of decedents for Coroner cases that occur in specified areas of the County. The term of each contract is July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027. In March 2026, FPG California, Inc. chose to cancel its contract and Newton Bracewell, Inc. agreed to provide additional services to cover areas formerly covered by FPG California, Inc. The Sheriff's Office recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a contract amendment with Newton Bracewell, Inc. for Mortuary Services. The amendment increases the maximum payable amount by \$50,000, not-to-exceed \$100,000. All other terms remain the same. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

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

3.11.b Contract Amendment with Armed Guard Private Security, Inc. for Off-Site Inmate Security Services

In September 2025, the Sheriff's Office entered into a contract with Armed Guard Private Security, Inc. for off-site inmate security services, which are utilized to provide security for inmates who are hospitalized for medical treatment. The term of the contract is September 18, 2025, through September 18, 2030, not-to-exceed \$24,999. The need for services is greater than original estimates and is projected to exceed the maximum payable amount. The Sheriff's Office recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a contract amendment with Armed Guard Private Security, Inc. for off-site inmate security services. The amendment increases the maximum payable amount by \$50,000, not-to-exceed \$74,999. All other terms remain the same. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

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

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

The Sheriff's Office was awarded \$112,749 in grant funds from DBAW for year-round patrols of the Feather River, Sacramento River, and Lake Oroville. The Sheriff's Office is charged with the enforcement of boating laws and regulations by means of vessel, foot, and vehicle patrol. Uniformed law enforcement personnel provide year-round patrols on all waterways; public education of State and local boating laws; conduct vessel inspection programs for compliance with required safety equipment and vessel registration; and supervision of on-the-water boating activities.

The DBAW grant helps fund a full-time Sheriff Sergeant position, a leased patrol vehicle, marine equipment, and supporting program services. The State requires the County to utilize annual boat tax revenue of \$127,867 prior to utilizing the grant funds. Boat tax revenue is used to partially fund a full-time Deputy Sheriff position in the Boating Safety and Enforcement Aid Program. The Sheriff's Office recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a revenue agreement with DBAW. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$112,749. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S

OFFICE)

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

3.12. Other

3.12.a District Priorities Fund Application - Butte County Fair

Supervisor Kimmelshue recommends approval of \$6,500 in District 4 Priorities Funds for the Butte County Fair to complete renovations of the fair office. The project will replace the remaining ceiling panels, rewire the ethernet and phone cables, and install recessed lighting to improve safety. (DISTRICT 4 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 to the Butte County Water Commission (Commission)

The Commission was formed to provide advice to the Board of Supervisors on water matters, including developing and recommending County water policy to the Board and reviewing and monitoring State and federal legislation and water policy. The Commission consists of nine members comprised of one member nominated by each member of the Board of Supervisors, and four at-large Commissioners: two served by private wells and two served by district water.

There is one vacancy on the Commission and Davin Arvonen has submitted an application for reappointment as Landowner Private Well Member. If appointed, the applicant would serve a term ending March 1, 2030. (OTHER)

Action Requested - REAPPOINT DAVIN ARVONEN TO THE BUTTE COUNTY WATER COMMISSION AS LANDOWNER PRIVATE WELL MEMBER, TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM ENDING MARCH 1, 2030.

4.4 Appointment to the Library Advisory Board (LAB)

The LAB was created to maintain a strategic plan, oversee fundraising, advise the Board of Supervisors, monitor technology and encourage the development and advancement of the public library system. The LAB is composed of two representatives from each supervisory district for terms that correspond with their district Supervisor. Due to a recent resignation, one of the District 3 Representative seats is vacant, and applications were received from three qualified applicants. Supervisor Ritter has nominated Joan Schumann to serve the remainder of an unexpired term ending January 4, 2027. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT JOAN SCHUMANN AS THE DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF A VACANT UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING JANUARY 4, 2027.

4.5 Appointment to the Solid Waste Permit Enforcement and Appeal Independent Hearing Panel (Hearing Panel)

The Hearing Panel is responsible for reviewing solid waste facilities permits to maintain public health and safety and to protect the environment. The Hearing Panel shall consist of three members appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

An application has been received from Paul Holloway to be appointed to the Solid Waste Permit Enforcement and Appeal Independent Hearing Panel as a Subject Matter Expert for a four-year term ending March 25, 2030. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT PAUL HOLLOWAY TO THE SOLID WASTE PERMIT ENFORCEMENT AND APPEAL INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL TO SERVE AS SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM ENDING MARCH 25, 2030.

4.6 Appointment to the Housing Authority of the County of Butte

The Housing Authority of the County of Butte (HACB) assists low and moderate income residents of Butte County to secure and maintain high quality affordable housing. The HACB is governed by a seven-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Five of the seven commissioners are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to represent each District. Additionally, the Board shall appoint two Tenant Commissioners.

An application has been received by Laurel Faulk who has requested appointment to the HACB, as Tenant Commissioner. If appointed, the applicant will serve a two-year term ending March 23, 2028. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT LAUREL FAULK TO THE HACB AS TENANT COMMISSIONER TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING MARCH 23, 2028.

4.7 Sheriff's Office Military Equipment Use Policy, Annual Report, and Ordinance Renewal

Effective January 1, 2022, Government Code sections 7070-7075 require a law enforcement agency (LEA) to obtain approval from the applicable governing body prior to obtaining LEA funding for acquiring military equipment. This involves adoption of a Military Equipment Use Policy by ordinance. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is required to provide an annual report on use of military equipment and the Board of Supervisors is to determine if the adopted ordinance shall be renewed annually. The original policy was approved by the Board in June 2022. The Sheriff's Office recommends the Board review the Military Equipment Use Policy, accept the annual report for information, and waive the first reading of the ordinance. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - 1) ACCEPT THE ANNUAL REPORT AS INFORMATION; AND 2) WAIVE THE FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE.

4.8 Resolution of Intent to Amend Assessments for CSA 128 Wildflower Estates and Conduct a Protest Hearing

CSA 128 provides street lighting, stormwater drainage, and fire protection services to 30

parcels located at the end of Hereford Drive north of Chico. In response to ongoing stormwater drainage concerns, property owners have requested installation of a stormwater drainage pump system to improve stormwater management within the subdivision and mitigate seasonal flooding. The current CSA 128 fund balance and annual assessments are insufficient to finance the anticipated infrastructure and ongoing maintenance costs. On May 13, 2025, following receipt of petitions indicating community support for an assessment increase, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution authorizing an initial \$3,500 revolving loan for CSA 128. This initial loan funded coordination with PG&E and preparation of a detailed engineer's report with cost estimates for the proposed improvements.

The Engineer's Report has been completed. Estimated project costs for installation of the pond stormwater pump system total approximately \$164,000, which includes equipment, electrical service needs, site work, and contingencies. The Department of Public Works notified CSA 128 residents of the estimated costs, proposed increased assessment amount, and explanation of a 218 protest election process.

Based on the support from the residents of CSA 128 and the demonstrated need for improved stormwater management, the Department recommends that the Board adopt a Resolution of Intent to amend CSA 128 assessments and conduct a Proposition 218 protest hearing. The hearing will consider amending CSA 128 assessments from \$146.22 per parcel to \$846.22 per parcel to fund the installation and maintenance of the pump system to address seasonal flooding concerns within the community. Upon Board adoption, the Department will then place the statutorily required public hearing notices and protest ballots will be mailed to each parcel. The Protest Hearing would be held on May 12, 2026. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

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

4.9 Resolution Authorizing a Loan from the Revolving Loan Fund and Budget Amendment for County Service Area 128 Wildflower Estates

CSA 128 provides street lighting, stormwater drainage, and fire protection services to 30 parcels at the end of Hereford Drive in north of Chico. In response to stormwater drainage concerns, property owners have requested the installation of a stormwater drainage pump system to improve stormwater management within the subdivision and mitigate seasonal flooding. The current fund balance and annual parcel charges of CSA 128 are insufficient to finance the anticipated infrastructure improvement and maintenance costs.

On May 13, 2025, following receipt of petitions indicating community support for an assessment increase, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution authorizing an initial revolving loan for CSA 128 in the amount of \$3,500 for PG&E coordination and the development of detailed cost estimates for the infrastructure improvements, including completion of the required Engineers Report for the anticipated assessment increase. Costs for the infrastructure improvements are estimated at \$164,000. In anticipation of the successful Proposition 218 election, the Department of Public Works recommends the Board authorize an additional loan from the General Fund Revolving Loan Fund to CSA 128 in the amount of \$164,000 and a budget amendment allocating the loan so that the project may proceed.

The recommended action proposes a timeline that reverses the usual sequence of steps.

Rather than authorize the loan subsequent to the successful passage of a Proposition 218 election, the recommendation is to authorize the loan prior to it. This sequence recognizes the time-sensitive need for seasonal flood mitigation. The inherent risks in this approach were minimized by having held a number of community meetings where the residents have nearly unanimously committed to approving the election. Additionally, the actual construction would take place after the vote, and many of the incurred expenses can be reversed, resulting in the CSA having to repay the small remaining portion of the loan, should the election fail. The action before the Board is a pre-emptive step in the seasonal flood mitigation efforts for CSA 128 and allows the Department of Public Works to immediately begin the necessary work upon the successful election. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - 1) ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; AND 2) APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED).

4.10 Resolution Authorizing the Public Auction Sale of Tax-Defaulted Properties

The Treasurer-Tax Collector recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution to hold a tax auction and requests approval to sell at public auction via the Internet for the stated minimum price, the tax-defaulted properties which are subject to the power of sale. There are currently 345 properties on the auction list that are being offered.

Annually, owners of tax-defaulted properties are notified of their tax delinquency, how to redeem their property, and that if taxes remain unpaid five years after the date of default, the property will be subject to the Department's power of sale and may subsequently be sold at public auction. A list of parcels which became tax-defaulted and subject to the power of sale was published pursuant to Section 3361 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code in The Enterprise-Record and The Mercury-Register. The assesses of record and other parties of interest as defined in Section 4675 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code will be mailed a notice of sale of tax-defaulted property and have until 5:00 pm on Thursday, June 4, 2026, the last business day prior to the first day of the auction, to redeem their property.

The Department plans to schedule the auction for June 5-8, 2026. (TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE)

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

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

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

4.13 Board of Supervisors Public Comment (Continuation as needed)

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TIMED ITEMS**

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 54956.8

a. Property APN 040-040-091 and APN 040-040-065

Agency Negotiator - Andy Pickett

Negotiating Party: Terry Chambers and Tim Family Trust (APN 040-040-091) and Center Land Company (040-040-065)

Negotiations: Terms and Conditions of Real Property Rights

b. Property APN 031-040-045 Agency

Negotiator - Andy Pickett

Negotiating Party: The Towers, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

Negotiations: Terms and Conditions of Real Property Rights (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION/GENERAL SERVICES)

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

a. Jason Dodd; Workers' Compensation Claim, Claim Number: 2497100058

b. Steve Boyd; Workers' Compensation Claim, Claim Number: 2297110101

c. Steve Boyd; Workers' Compensation Claim, Claim Number: 2197110023

d. Denton Lewis; Workers' Compensation Claim, Claim Number: 2397110039 (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

6.4 Actual Litigation Pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(1) - Two Cases

a. M.B. v. County of Butte, United States District Court - Eastern District of California, Case No: 23-CV-01977 DAD SCR

b. Moeletoa Tuitele v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ15142935 (Claim Number: 2097110081) (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

6.5 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:
Wendy Tyler, Interim

Sheriff-Coroner*:
Kory Honea

Treasurer-Tax Collector*:
Troy Kidd

UC Cooperative
Extension

Advisor:
Preet Ahluwalia

Water & Resource
Conservation:
Kamie Loeser

*Elected Official

Information and Procedures Concerning the Agenda and Board of Supervisors Meetings

Meeting Information:

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

Agenda Information:

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

Agenda Format and Meeting Order:

The agenda is usually organized into the following areas and meetings generally proceed in the following order:

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

Public Participation:

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

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions

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

For further information contact the:
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County Administration Office
25 County Center Drive, Suite 200, Oroville, CA 95965
530.552.3300

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	