

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Session

Tuesday

May 19, 2015

Chairman Withrow absent

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Convened at 5:30 p.m. for Special Session

Prior to adjourning into Closed Session an opportunity was given to the public to address matters listed under Closed Session.

Recessed to closed session at 5:33 p.m. for Conference with Legal Counsel – One case: County of Stanislaus v. City of Modesto, Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. 667397. Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1).

Chairman Withrow arrived at 5:37 p.m.

Reconvened at 6:30 p.m. for Regular Session

The retirement presentation for Jeff Rowe, Director of Alliance Worknet, was postponed.

Commendations were presented to Belmiro Goulart (District 1); Myrna Wachs (District 2); Jim Cairns (District 3); Richard Anderson (District 4); and, James Coverick (District 5) as the 2015 Stanislaus County Outstanding Senior Citizens of the Year in Celebration of Older Americans Month.

The 2015 Stanislaus County Recycling Poster Contest winners received their awards.

Willow Anderson spoke regarding the Young at Heart exercise program and the fellowship it provides for senior citizens.

Salvador Toscano spoke regarding the importance of the Young at Heart program at the Grayson Community Center that is being cut due to funding. He hopes the Board will support this program in the future.

John X. Mataka congratulated the seniors being recognized tonight. He voiced concerns that no CDBG funds were allocated to senior programs or persons with physical disabilities this year. He noted that Supervisor O'Brien made a donation to the Young at Heart Program.

Ray Salazar participates in the exercise program offered at the Grayson Center. He noted the overall health benefits this program provides for seniors.

Sharon Getchel noted the importance of exercise for children and seniors. As a resident of the east Oakdale rural area, she voiced concerns regarding the conversion of rangeland/grassland to almond orchards. She spoke regarding the impact on groundwater, domestic wells, wildlife, the increased dust, and the number of large trucks on the roads. She stated that neighbors are putting their property up for sale.

Andrea Medeiros spoke regarding the spread of nut orchards across the eastern part of the County and the impact on groundwater. She is worried about the health and safety of children due to the increased use of pesticides and fertilizers, and the long term consequences of over drilling water in the Central Valley.

Jamie Coston from Oakdale noted the increased number of water wells, and increased number of trees planted on both sides of the Stanislaus River. He raised concerns about the increased use of pesticides near the river, and the increased dust levels. He spoke regarding Vance Kennedy's 5/9/2015 article in the Modesto Bee concerning groundwater. He spoke in support of groundwater regulation.

Chantalle Santucci spoke regarding the expansion of almond orchards in the County and its impact on the natural habitat, livestock, pets and children. She voiced concerns about air pollution due to burning debris, and the dust caused during harvest. She filed a complaint with the Agricultural Commissioner's office regarding chemicals being used on the trees. She requested that the County create a 24 hour hotline for reporting violations.

Sherry Fenn asked for assistance and stated that she is a victim of domestic violence involving a County employee. She voiced complaints about the Sheriff's Department and the DA's office.

Doris McElroy, volunteer with the Young at Heart Association, spoke regarding the health benefits of the exercise classes for seniors including preventing falls. She noted that healthy seniors are able to volunteer and participate in the community. She encouraged the Board to consider funding programs for all age groups in the future.

Kathy Smith from the rural Oakdale area noted that the Young at Heart Program helps improve balance for seniors. She spoke regarding the Governor's request to reduce water use by 25% and her family's water conservation efforts. Her family's cattle ranch is next to almond orchards with multiple deep water wells, and she noted that the land on the other side of their property is being prepared for planting trees. She asked what will happen to their cattle when the wells go dry.

Maggie Mejia from the Commission on Aging spoke regarding the need for funding senior programs. She noted that the Commission is selling tickets to this Friday's Modesto Nuts Game as a fundraiser for the Senior Foundation.

Rebecca Harrington thanked those who attended the CareMore Open House on 5/7/2015 and invited the Board to take a tour of the Care Center. She provided information about the services that CareMore provides to seniors in our community. She spoke regarding the Planning Commission's approval of a Use Permit for Central Valley Recycling, Inc. and noted that she has filed an appeal of this decision. She invited the Board and CEO to tour the South 9th Street Business Corridor.

Carman Sabatino spoke regarding The Back Story an alternative to the local newspaper. He also spoke regarding three trials which he attended that involved the County.

Jerry Mathews, who teaches a strength training class for senior citizens in Ceres, noted the benefits of this exercise program.

Claudette Bland stated that she is homeless with two children and asked for information about community housing.

Chiesa/O'Brien unan. Adopted the consent calendar

- *A1 Approved the minutes of 05/12/2015
- *A2a Adopted and waived the second reading of Ordinance C.S. 1159 to establish new fees and amend or eliminate existing fees for DER ORD-55-T-6 2015-211
- *A2b Adopted and waived the second reading of Ordinance C.S. 1160 to establish new fees and amend existing fees for PW ORD-55-T-7 2015-212
- *A2c Adopted and waived the second reading of Ordinance C.S. 1161 to amend existing fees for Planning ORD-55-T-8 2015-213
- *A3 Approved the appointment of Jose Nunez to the Stanislaus Child Development Local Planning Council 2015-214
- *A4 Proclaimed June 2015 as Disability Awareness Month 2015-215
- *A5 Authorized the Chairman to sign and submit property owner ballots in support of the increased assessment for the Salida Fire Protection District Fire Suppression Assessment 2015 for those properties owned by Stanislaus County 2015-216
- *B1 Approved the agreements with service providers for BHRS effective 07/01/2015 for FY 2015-2016 per Attachments A and B of the agenda item; authorized the BHRS Director, or her designee, to sign the agreements for FY 2015-2016; authorized the BHRS Director, or her designee, to negotiate and sign amendments to all agreements in Attachment A, to add services and payment for services up to \$75,000 per agreement, budget permitting, throughout the FY 2015-2016; and, authorized the BHRS Director, or her designee, to negotiate and sign amendments to all agreements in Attachment B, to add services and payment for services up to \$25,000 per agreement, budget permitting, throughout the FY 2015-2016 – BHRS 2015-217
- *B2 Amended the Salary and Position Allocation Resolution to include a new classification of Social Worker V, as detailed in Attachment A of the agenda item, block budget current employees based on qualifications; and, other related actions effective the first full pay period on or after 07/01/2015 – CEO 2015-218
- *B3 Approved the Agreement #14G26152 between the Registrar of Voters and the California Secretary of State in the amount of \$20,000, effective through 06/30/2016; approved the Registrar of Voters to sign and execute the grant award agreement, and to negotiate and sign any extensions or amendments, not to exceed the amount of the agreement; approved the Registrar of Voters to expend funds and seek reimbursement from the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Section 261 Grant, for polling location accessibility, surveying, purchasing equipment, and training; approved the Registrar of Voters to negotiate, award, and execute all corresponding contracts; and, authorized the A/C to increase appropriations and estimated revenue in the amount of \$20,000 as detailed in the Budget Journal Form – C/R 2015-219
- *B4 Directed the A/C to increase appropriations by \$1,006,865 in the HSA Indigent Health Care Program, to align appropriations with estimated revenue – CEO 2015-220
- *B5 Authorized the Chief Probation Officer to apply for and accept the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections and to sign all necessary documents related to the grant including all contracts; and, approved a resolution as required by the Board of State and Community Corrections authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to apply for and accept the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant – Probation 2015-221
- *B6 Approved Agreement #15-10393 with the California Department of Public Health Services for the award of Supplemental Funding for Ebola Preparedness and Response from the Centers for Disease Control, National Hospital Preparedness Cooperative Agreement Programs; authorized the HSA's Managing Director, or her designee, to sign and execute

the contract and any subsequent amendments thereafter; and, authorized the Chairman to sign the Non-Supplantation Certification form – HSA 2015-222

- *D1** Approved the findings that the City of Oakdale’s sphere of influence expansion of the Crane Crossing Specific Plan and Sierra Point Specific Plan Areas is Logical and Orderly; and, directed the CEO to notify the LAFCO of the County’s agreement with the expansion request – Planning 2015-223

O’Brien/Monteith unan. **B7** Accepted the update on groundwater management and other water resources related matters in Stanislaus County – DER 2015-224

Monteith/O’Brien unan. **B8** Finds and determined that the ordinance amending provisions of the Water Conservation Program (Chapter 14.12) to strengthen water conservation measures related to landscape irrigation and outdoor water use, is categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA as an action by a regulatory agency to protect natural resources pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15307; authorized the Director of DER to file a Notice of Exemption with the C/R; finds and determined that reduced supply of potable water due to extended drought conditions in Stanislaus County and throughout California poses an immediate threat to the health, safety, and welfare of County residents, which requires adoption of this ordinance as an urgency measure that will take effect immediately; and, introduced, waived the reading, and adopted, as an urgency measure, Ordinance C.S. 1164 amending provisions of the Water Conservation Program (Chapter 14.12) to regulate landscape irrigation and outdoor water use – DER ORD-55-U-3 2015-225 & 2015-226

Corr 1 Referred to the Auditor-Controller, a letter from the Oakdale Fire Protection District requesting Dry-Period funding for FY 2015-2016 per Government Code Section 23010.

CEO Risen reported that Governor Brown released the May Revised Budget. He thanked our State representatives for working with the Governor and the Department of Finance to secure a solution to negative bailout. He noted that Supervisor Chiesa has been instrumental in advocating for this as well. CEO Risen also reported that the first Homeless Action Council meeting was held yesterday at Harvest Hall and was well attended. The Stewardship Council convenes on 6/1/2015, and he will provide an update at the next Board meeting.

Adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

ATTESTED: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Stanislaus
State of California

BY: ELIZABETH A. KING, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
(The above is a summary of the minutes of the Board of Supervisors. Complete minutes are available from the Clerk of the Board’s Office.)