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

Special and Regular Session Tuesday October 20, 2026
All Supervisors Present
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Convened at 5:31 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.

1.1 Conferenced with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). One Case: Gabriela Gamboa v. Michael Gamez, County of Stanislaus, et al., Stanislaus County Superior Court, Case No. CV-25-002436. No reportable action was taken.

1.2 Conferenced with Real Property Negotiations: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8. Property: Multiple County Owned Parcels Located at Woodward Reservoir; County Negotiators: Jewel Warr and Thomas Boze, Negotiating Party: South San Joaquin Irrigation District; Under Negotiation: Both Terms of Payment and Price. No reportable action was taken.

Reconvened at 6:33 p.m. for Regular Session

Invocation was given by Cindy Marks with Pray Modesto.

Chairman Chiesa acknowledged receipt of written public comments. He noted that all public comments submitted via email were distributed to the members of the Board of Supervisors.

Darla Kromer, a resident of Paradise Road, voiced concerns regarding Golden West Market located at Paradise and Grimes Road.

Michael Renfrow, a CSU Stanislaus Master of Public Administration student and City of Modesto resident, spoke about the role of the County in serving all residents, including those living within cities. He also spoke about DER hazardous waste disposal services and encouraged residents to use the Morgan Road facility for proper disposal.

Makenzie Beach, a CSU Stanislaus Master of Public Administration student and local small business owner, commented on community engagement and collaboration in Stanislaus County. She invited the Board to meet formally with her cohort to discuss how they can contribute to the community.

Kimberly Virrueta, a CSU Stanislaus Master of Public Administration student and employee at Franklin Elementary School, shared appreciation for the opportunity to observe the Board proceedings and thanked the Board for its work.

Katherine Borges, a Salida resident, provided a handout to the Board and shared concerns regarding the Salida Fire Protection District's financial sustainability, fire service options, emergency services funding allocations, and public safety impacts, and urged the Board to consider measures to assist the district.

Crystal Martinez, a Waterford resident, County employee, and CSU Stanislaus Master of Public Administration student, asked the Board how local administrators can build trust with the public, particularly based on her experience in public health serving the Hispanic community.

Dezi Ortega, a CSU Stanislaus Master of Public Administration student and CSU housing employee, shared gratitude for the Board's work and invited the Board members to visit his class to further discuss County operations and public service.

B. Condit/Grewal unan. Adopted the consent calendar

- **5.A.1** Approved the minutes of 10/13/2026
- **5.A.2** Appointed Geri Vargas to the Stanislaus County Equal Rights Commission
- **5.A.3** Appointed in lieu of election where no candidates filed for the Monterey Park Tract Community Services District
- **5.A.4** Approved the 2027 Meeting Calendar for the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
- **5.B.1** Proclaimed November 2026 as Veterans and Military Families Month in Stanislaus County – Aging and Veterans Services
- **5.B.2** Proclaimed the month of November 2026 as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month – CSA
- **5.B.3** Proclaimed the month of November 2026 as Family Caregivers Month – CSA
- **5.B.4** Approved amending the Salary and Position Allocation for the addition of two Maintenance Engineer I/II positions in the GSA to support the Stanislaus Recovery Center, effective the first full pay period following the Board approval; and, directed the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations by $291,800 and estimated revenue by $335,000 in the GSA Facility Maintenance budget and increase appropriations by $335,000 in the BHRS Stanislaus Recovery Center budget, as detailed in the budget journal, attached to the agenda item – GSA
- **5.B.5** Approved an emergency update in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 22050 for emergency temporary repairs to Basso and Old La Grange Pedestrian Bridges; affirmed the emergency declaration remains necessary and authorized staff to proceed with needed repairs to Basso and Old La Grange Pedestrian Bridges; and, authorized the Director of Public Works to take any appropriate action necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of these recommendations – Parks
- **5.B.6** Approved the use of up to $30,000 of Community Development Funds to support the purchase and installation of a rectangular rapid flashing beacon at the intersection of Broadway and Magnolia Avenues in Salida, California – CEO
- **5.B.7** Authorized the HSA Managing Director, or designee, to accept the California Home Visiting Program allocation from the California Department of Public Health in the amount of $5,869,278 for the retroactive term of 07/01/2026 through 06/30/2029; and, authorized the HSA Managing Director, or designee, to sign and execute the allocations and any subsequent related agreements and amendments required to accept the California Home Visiting Program, Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting allocation and the California Home Visiting Program, State General Fund Evidence-Based Home Visiting allocation – HSA

5.B.8 Authorized the HSA Managing Director, or designee, to accept the Maternal Child and Adolescent Health allocation from the California Department of Public Health in the total amount of $570,510 for the retroactive term of 07/01/2026 through 06/30/2029; and, authorized the HSA Managing Director, or designee, to sign, and execute the allocations, and any subsequent related agreements and amendments required to accept the Maternal Child and Adolescent Health allocation in accordance with County procurement and grant requirements – HSA

5.B.9 Set a Public Hearing for 11/03/2026, at the 9:00 a.m. meeting, pursuant to the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA), regarding the proposed issuance of tax-exempt and/or taxable conduit revenue obligations by the California Municipal Finance Authority, in an amount not to exceed $26 million, for the benefit of Lumira Healthcare, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, to finance or refinance the acquisition, rehabilitation, improvement, and equipping of various healthcare facilities located in Stanislaus County – CEO

5.D.1 Set a Public Hearing on 11/03/2026, at the 9:00 a.m. Meeting, to Introduce, Waive the Reading, and Consider as an Urgency Measure, an Ordinance Amending Title 16 of the Stanislaus County Code to Address Small Residential Rooftop Solar Energy Systems, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, and Hydrogen-Fueling Stations and Find the Ordinance Amendment to be Exempt Under the California Environmental Quality Act – Planning

5.E.1 Approved the First Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement with Best Best and Krieger LLP for advice and representation on the transfer of the Woodward Reservoir property to retroactively increase the not-to-exceed amount by $150,000, from $175,000 to $325,000; authorized the GSA/Purchasing Agent, or designee, to sign agreements, modifications, or amendments as necessary with Best Best & Krieger LLP for advice and representation on the transfer of the Woodward Reservoir property to retroactively increase the not-to-exceed amount by $150,000, from $175,000 to $325,000; authorized the use of $150,000 in Appropriations for Contingencies; and, directed the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations by $150,000 in the Parks and Recreation legal budget unit, funded by Appropriations for Contingencies, as detailed in the budget journal, attached to the agenda item – County Counsel

C. Condit/Grewal unan. **6.1** Conducted the public hearing, approved the appeal, reversed the Planning Commission's decision of denial, approved Staff Recommendation Nos. 2-5 as amended as follows: (2) finds there is no evidence of any significant changes involving this project since the time it was originally approved, which could trigger a significant environmental effect; (3) approved the amendments to Conditions of Approval Nos. 10, 11, 14, and 16 as reflected in attachment b – proposed amended conditions of approval of attachment 2 - 09/03/2026 Planning Commission Memo; (4) **amended** the item to grant a 90-day extension to meet all Conditions of Approval for the project no later than 01/26/2027; and, (5) ordered the filing of a Notice of Exemption with the Stanislaus County Clerk Recorder's Office pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 and record an amended notice of administrative conditions and restrictions (NOAC&R) to reflect the amended Conditions of Approval – Planning

Withrow/B. Condit unan. **6.2** Opened the public hearing and approved a continuance for the public hearing of an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of Use Permit No. PLN2019-0075 – Masroc Farms, a request to legalize the expansion of a legal nonconforming almond hulling facility by permitting the addition of shelling activities, construction of a 2,500 square-foot office and breakroom, conversion of a 5,400 square-foot agricultural storage building, and expansion of outdoor storage, on two parcels totaling 36.84± acres in the General Agriculture (A-2-40) zoning district, located at 616 and 610 North Hopper Road, on the southeast corner of North Hopper Road and Creekside Lane, in the Modesto area,

and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration, to the 12/08/2026 Board of Supervisors meeting – Planning

B. Condit/Withrow unan. **7.1** Approved the reduction-in-force of five (5) filled positions funded by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program within the Public Defender budget, effective 11/30/2026, as outlined in the staffing impact section of the report; approved the deletion of the five (5) filled positions within the Public Defender budget, effective 11/30/2026, as outlined in the staffing impact section of this report; amended the Salary and Position Allocation Resolution to reflect the recommended changes effective 11/30/2026, as outlined in the staffing impact section of the report; authorized the CEO Office and the Public Defender to fulfill the operational activities necessary associated with implementation; and, directed the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations and estimated revenue by $162,072 in the Public Defender's legal budget unit, as detailed in the budget journal, attached to the agenda item – Public Defender

C. Condit/Grewal unan. **7.2** Approved the reduction-in-force of two (2) filled positions funded by the Public Defense Pilot Program (PDPP) within the Public Defender budget, effective 11/30/2026, as outlined in the staffing impact section of the report; approved the deletion of the two (2) positions within the Public Defender budget, effective 11/30/2026, as outlined in the staffing impact section of the report; amended the Salary and Position Allocation Resolution to reflect the recommended changes effective 11/30/2026, as outlined in the staffing impact section of the report; and, authorized the CEO Office and the Public Defender to fulfill the operational activities associated with implementation of the above – Public Defender

CEO Hayes reported that the County is preparing for the next cycle of federal funding requests and that the County's federal lobbyist will conduct a workshop with Department Heads to develop and prioritize proposals. He also reported that staff are beginning development of the County's State Legislative Platform for the upcoming year to reflect Board priorities. Additionally, he highlighted several upcoming community events, including the Punjabi-Language Agricultural Education Workshop on Tuesday, 10/27/2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Harvest Hall; the Out of the Darkness Community Walk on Saturday, 10/31/2026, with the registration and resource fair beginning at 9:00 a.m., followed by the ceremony and walk at 10:00 a.m. at MJC West Campus; and the Caregiver Learning Lab on Friday, 11/13/2026 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Veteran's Center. He also reminded everyone that Election Day is Tuesday, 11/03/2026, and that additional information is available at StanVote.gov.

Adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

ATTESTED: MARY E. HARTSFIELD, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Stanislaus
State of California

BY: KELLY RODRIGUEZ, 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.)