

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2014 TO BE HELD AT 10:00 A.M.  
IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROOM 308, COURTHOUSE, QUINCY, CALIFORNIA**

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### **AGENDA**

The Board of Supervisors welcomes you to its meetings which are regularly held on the first three Tuesdays of each month, and your interest is encouraged and appreciated.

Any item without a specified time on the agenda may be taken up at any time and in any order. Any member of the public may contact the Clerk of the Board before the meeting to request that any item be addressed as early in the day as possible, and the Board will attempt to accommodate such requests.

Any person desiring to address the Board shall first secure permission of the presiding officer. For noticed public hearings, speaker cards are provided so that individuals can bring to the attention of the presiding officer their desire to speak on a particular agenda item.

Any public comments made during a regular Board meeting will be recorded. The Clerk will not interpret any public comments for inclusion in the written public record. Members of the public may submit their comments in writing to be included in the public record.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** These matters include routine financial and administrative actions. All items on the consent calendar will be voted on at some time during the meeting under "Consent Agenda." If you wish to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda, you may do so by addressing the Chairperson.



**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting please contact the Clerk of the Board at (530) 283-6170. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. Auxiliary aids and services are available for people with disabilities.

## **STANDING ORDERS**

10:00 A.M. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board, and not on the posted agenda, may be addressed by the general public at the beginning of the regular agenda and any off-agenda matters before the Board for consideration. However, California law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an urgency item by the Board of Supervisors. Any member of the public wishing to address the Board during the "Public Comment" period will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

Brief announcements by, or brief reports on their activities by County Department Heads

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **SPECIAL DISTRICTS GOVERNED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Board of Supervisors sits as the Governing Board for various special districts in Plumas County including Dixie Valley Community Services District; Walker Ranch Community Services District; Grizzly Ranch Community Services District; Beckwourth County Service Area; Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District; Quincy Lighting District; Crescent Mills Lighting District; County Service Area #12.

### **Convene as the Flood Control & Water Conservation District Governing Board**

1. **FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT** – Robert Perreault
  - A. Report on the status of the public negotiations with the California Department of Water Resources and the State Water Contractors having to do with the State Water Project Contract Extension. Discussion, possible action and/or direction to staff
  - B. Report on the status of the proposed "Plumas Amendment" having to do with the "2003 Monterey Settlement Agreement." Discussion, possible action and/or direction to staff.

### **Adjourn as the Flood Control & Water Conservation District Governing Board and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors**

2. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** – Tom Yagerhofer
  - A) **CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING**: to solicit citizen input in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program with regards to Revolving Loan Funds and Program Income
  - B) Adopt **RESOLUTION** authorizing Changes to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to Comply with Current Directives from the California Department of Housing & Community Development. **Roll call vote**
3. **DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS**
  - A) **FACILITY SERVICES & AIRPORTS** – Dony Sawchuk  
Declare Indian Valley Airport property consisting of 66.7 acres in Indian Valley as surplus. Discussion and possible action
  - B) **OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES** – Jerry Sipe  
Discussion and possible action regarding funding assistance from PG&E for Wildfire Prevention Work and Equipment

C) 11:00 **PUBLIC WORKS** – Robert Perreault

- 1) **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING** from September 09, 2014: Consider matters identified by the utilities that are involved in the PG&E Undergrounding Project that is part of the State Route 89 and County Roads Improvement Project in Greenville. Discussion and possible action
- 2) **Solid Waste**: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Memorandum of Understanding between Plumas County and Waste Management regarding Green Waste Disposal in the American Valley area, subject to approval by County Counsel

4. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign response to the FY 2013-2014 Grand Jury Report. Discussion and possible action
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign letter to the State Water Resources Board regarding Improvements to the Implementation and Enforcement of Water Rights during Drought Conditions as recommended by the Plumas County Drought Taskforce. Discussion and possible action
- C. Correspondence
- D. Weekly report by Board members of meetings attended, key topics, project updates, standing committees and appointed Boards and Associations.
- E. Appointments

**MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

Appoint Nansi Bohne to the Mental Health Commission as recommended

5. **PLUMAS RURAL SERVICES**

Adopt **PROCLAMATION** Proclaiming the Month of October 2014 as *National Domestic Violence Awareness Month* in Plumas County. Discussion and possible action

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

These items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Board of Supervisors will act upon them at one time without discussion. Any Board members, staff member or interested party may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion. Additional budget appropriations and/or allocations from reserves will require a four/fifths roll call vote.

A) **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Ratify letter to the Department of Transportation for encroachment permit (Chester High School Homecoming Parade, October 17, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.)

B) **ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG SERVICES**

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign First Amendment to Agreement between Plumas County and Hilltop Recovery Services extending the Agreement through Jun 30, 2015 to provide residential treatment for Substance Abuse Disorders. Approved as to form by County Counsel

C) **FACILITY SERVICES & AIRPORTS**

Approve Final Draft of the Bucks Lake Trail Feasibility Study and release of the report to the public

D) **MENTAL HEALTH**

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign renewal agreement between Native American Mental Health Services and Plumas County for psychiatric tele-medicine services. Approved as to form by County Counsel
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement between Plumas County and Restpadd, Inc., a psychiatric health facility. Approved as to form by County Counsel

**NOON RECESS**

## **AFTERNOON SESSION**

7. 1:00 P.M. – **STATE OF JEFFERSON**  
State of Jefferson presentation

## **8. CLOSED SESSION**

### **ANNOUNCE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d) (1) of Government Code §54956.9 – High Sierra Rural Alliance v. County of Plumas, Plumas Superior Court Case No. CV14-00009
- B. Conference with Real Property Negotiator, Supervisor Thrall concerning price, terms of payment (100 Trilogy Lane, Quincy, California)
- C. Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9
- D. Conference with Labor Negotiator regarding employee negotiations: Sheriff's Administrative Unit; Sheriff's Department Employees Association; Operating Engineers Local #3; Confidential Employees Unit

### **REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn meeting to Tuesday, October 21, 2014, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California.



## Plumas County Community Development Commission

### Memo

**To:** Honorable Plumas County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Thomas Yagerhofer, PCCDC Interim Executive Director 

**Date:** 10-6-2014

**Re:** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program "Super Resolution"

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Significant changes at the California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) CDBG program require (a) a Request to establish a Housing Revolving Loan Fund (RLF); (b) Adoption of Guidelines to operate said RLF; (c) a new Program Income (PI) Reuse Agreement and (d) Certifications regarding PI funds on hand, the composition of the County's CDBG loan portfolio and PI expected to be received in the current Fiscal Year.

A so-called "Super Resolution" (attached) has been created to authorize these needed changes and send the required documents and certifications to HCD in a single submittal.

The Board must request HCD to allow the County to establish a Housing RLF. The State has indicated in a favorable manner that the County has enough funds on hand and a loan portfolio adequate enough to establish a Housing RLF. The Housing RLF must have Guidelines for (a) Housing Rehabilitation Loans and (b) a Homebuyer Assistance Program, although the County does not have the resources or experience to operate the latter program. These weighty Guidelines are on file with the Board Clerk and at the Community Development Commission offices.

The Board must adopt a new Program Income Reuse Agreement, which governs the use of PI in the absence of an open CDBG grant. Although the Board adopted such an Agreement last November, the State has changed the PI rules significantly and created a completely new template. This new Agreement is on file with the Board Clerk and at the Community Development Commission offices.

The Chief Financial Officers of both the County and the Community Development Commission will certify the amounts on hand for the Housing RLF, the amount of the Housing loan portfolio, PI on hand, and the amount of the non-Housing loan portfolio (which will become PI when it is collected). Additionally, the CFO's will certify that the amount of PI to be received in the current Fiscal Year will be less than \$35,000 (which will in turn, result in these funds being classified as "not considered PI" (once expressed as "de-Federalized")). They will also acknowledge the CDBG rules that must come into play should the PI exceed \$35,000 before June 30, 2015.

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZE CHANGES TO THE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM  
TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT DIRECTIVES FROM  
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has created new rules and regulations for the Community Development Block Grant Program, specifically in the establishment, treatment and handling of Revolving Loan Funds (RLFs) and Program Income, and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Plumas must make changes to its existing RLF structure, PI Reuse Agreement and treatment of PI to comply with the State's new rules and regulations,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Board of Supervisors authorizes the following actions:

- (a) The Board requests the establishment of a Housing RLF; and
- (b) The Board authorizes the Plumas County Community Development Commission and the Plumas County Auditor/Controller to certify the amounts on hand in cash and outstanding loans used to establish the requested Housing RLF; and
- (c) The Board authorizes the Plumas County Community Development Commission and the Plumas County Auditor-Controller to certify the amounts on hand not eligible for inclusion in the Housing RLF (i.e. Prior Years' Program Income) and outstanding loans not eligible for inclusion in the Housing RLF; and
- (d) The Board approves the necessary Guidelines for Housing Rehabilitation and Homebuyer Assistance components of the Housing RLF; and
- (e) The Board adopts the County's Program Income (PI) Reuse Agreement; and

**AUTHORIZE CHANGES TO THE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM  
TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT DIRECTIVES FROM  
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- (f) The Board authorizes the Plumas County Community Development Commission and the Plumas County Auditor-Controller to certify that expected Program Income to be received in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 from activities not part of the Housing RLF will not exceed \$35,000 and may be re-categorized as non-CDBG funds at the end of the fiscal year and is aware of the conditions under which those funds would lose that status and revert to Program Income to be spent before the drawdown of additional CDBG grant funds.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS** 14th day of October 2014, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

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Jon Kennedy, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

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Nancy DaForno, Clerk of the Board

[Plumas County Auditor-Controller Letterhead]

October 14, 2014

Thomas Brandeberry, CDBG Section Chief  
Dept of Housing & Community Development  
2020 W El Camino Ave, Suite 500  
Sacramento, CA 95833

**Re: Certification of Plumas County CDBG RLF and Program Income Amounts and Loan Portfolios**

Dear Mr. Brandeberry:

The County of Plumas and the Plumas County Community Development Commission jointly certify the following amounts as of August 31, 2014:

Funds-on-Hand Available for a Requested Housing RLF: \$ 144,110

Loan Portfolio of Housing Rehab Loans: \$ 602,017

Program Income on Hand (to be spent on open grants): \$ 76,872  
(This amount was \$95,056 at 6-30-2014 and has been adjusted for PI expended since that date).

Loan Portfolio of non-Housing Rehab Loans: \$ 23,239

We additionally certify that Program Income for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015 is not expected to exceed \$35,000. We recognize that if the \$35,000 amount is exceeded, these current year receipts will revert to Program Income and must be spent on open grants, prior to the drawdown of additional CDBG grant funds.

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Roberta M. Allen  
Plumas County Auditor-Controller

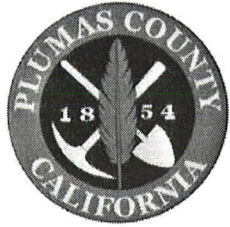
Date

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Thomas J. Yagerhofer  
PCCDC Interim Executive Director

Date





## **DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES & AIRPORTS**

198 ANDY'S WAY, QUINCY, CALIFORNIA 95971-9645

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**Dony Sawchuk**  
**Director**

Meeting Date: October 14, 2014

To: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Dony Sawchuk, Director

Subject: Declare Surplus – Indian Valley Airport

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### **Background**

Between 1970 and 1972, Plumas County acquired 66.7 acres in Indian Valley in anticipation of developing a fourth airport in the county. The airport was never developed due to inadequate ground conditions to support a runway. It was recommended by the Airport Coordinator to sell the property. The sale of the property would provide funds to be used for matching with FAA Grant funds for the long term improvements of Plumas County's three existing airports. On February 1, 2005, the Board of Supervisors unanimously carried to declare the property surplus.

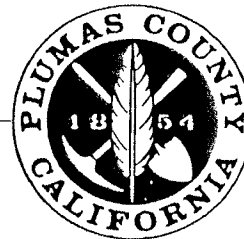
This item is being presented to the current Board of Supervisors to be declared surplus due non action in the sale of the property and the length of time that has passed since that declaration. Once declared surplus, the Director of Facility Services & Airports will draft a resolution for the intention to sell the property for consideration by the Board of Supervisor's (Gov. Code § 25526). This will be presented for adoption at a future board meeting.

### **Recommendation**

Declare Surplus the Indian Valley Airport.

# AIRPORTS

520 MAIN STREET, ROOM 121 • QUINCY, CA 95971-9366 • (530) 283-6210



January 25, 2005

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** John McMorrow, Airport Coordinator

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. McMorrow".

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item for February 1, 2005; **RE:** Indian Valley Airport Property

## ***RECOMMENDATION***

Declare the property acquired for a future airport in Indian Valley surplus, and dispose of it following the appropriate procedures.

## ***BACKGROUND***

Between 1970 and 1972, Plumas County acquired 66.7 acres in Indian Valley in anticipation of developing a fourth airport in the county. The record indicated that the property was purchased from two different owners, Openshaw and Yance. The Openshaw transaction involved the fee title of +49 acres, as well as severance for the disruption of agricultural activities that may be caused by the property purchase. The Yance purchase involved fee title as well as various easements. The property acquired is not suitable for that use due to the environmental constraints associated with the land. The property is extremely wet with very minimum soil strength. Development of an additional airport in the county does not appear practical, feasible, or prudent. The sale of the property would provide funds to be used for matching with federal dollars for the long-term improvement of the three existing airports, relieving the burden on the General Fund.

## 15. **AIRPORTS**

### **INDIAN VALLEY AIRPORT PROPERTY SURPLUS**

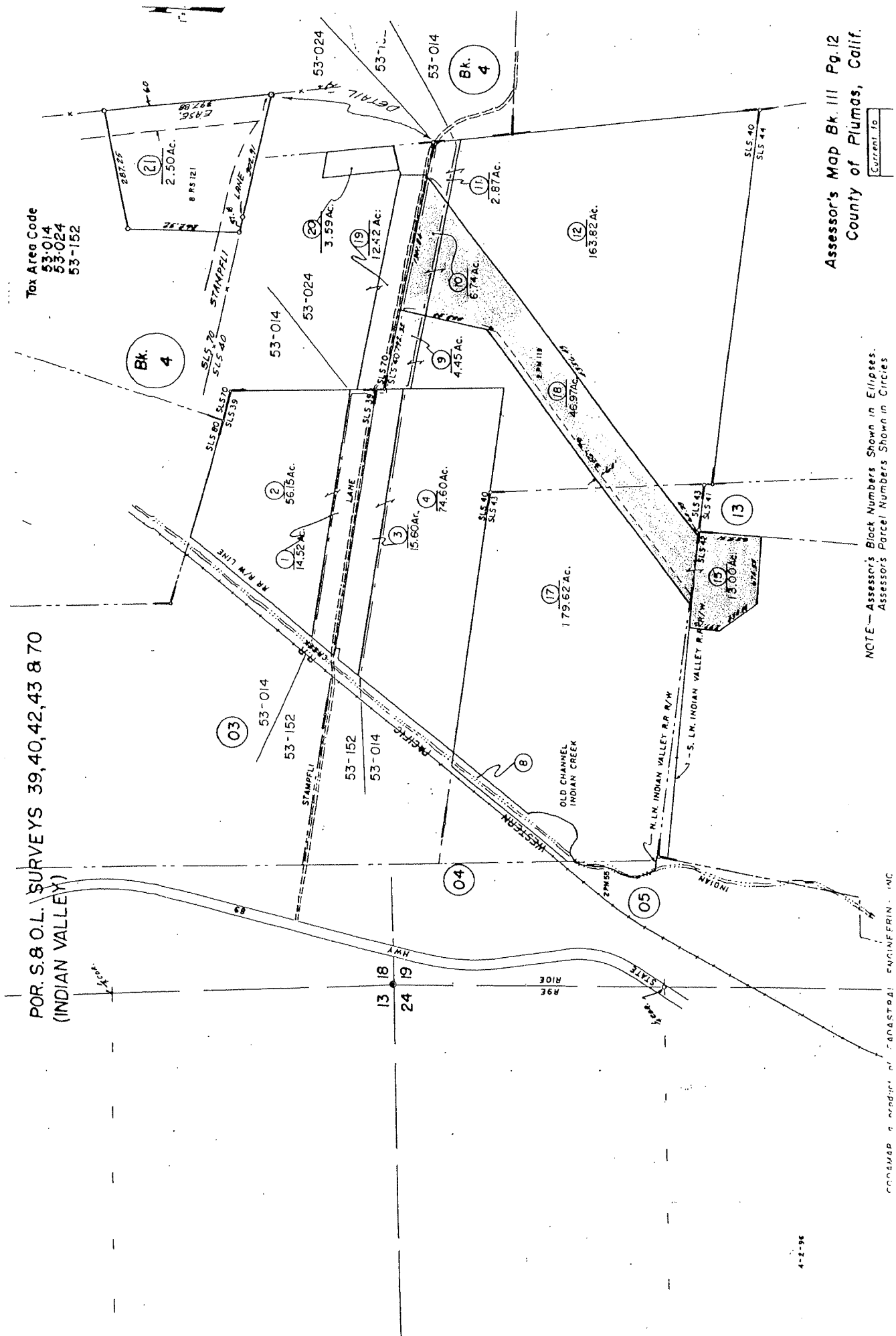
Upon report and recommendation of John McMorrow, Airport Coordinator, motion is made by Supervisor Powers, seconded by Supervisor Meacher and unanimously carried to declare the property acquired for a future airport in Indian Valley surplus, and dispose of following the appropriate procedures.

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There is discussion regarding the funds being used for matching with federal dollars for the long-term improvement of the three existing airports. The revenue from the property would be designated to airport capital improvements.

Motion is made by Supervisor Olsen and seconded by Supervisor Comstock designating the funding for airport capital improvements. AYES: Supervisors Comstock and Olsen. NOES: Supervisors Powers, Meacher and Dennison. ABSENT: None. Motion dies due to lack of a majority vote.

POR. S. & O.L. SURVEYS 39, 40, 42, 43 & 70  
(INDIAN VALLEY)

Tax Area Code  
53-014  
53-024  
53-152



Assessor's Map Bk. III Pg. 12  
County of Plumas, Calif.

NOTE—Assessor's Block Numbers Shown in Ellipses.  
Assessor's Parcel Numbers Shown in Circles

CONRAD & SONS, ENGINEERS, INC.




## Plumas County Office of Emergency Services

270 County Hospital Road #127  
Quincy, California 95971

Phone: (530) 283-6332  
Fax: (530) 283-6241

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**Date:** October 6, 2014  
**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Jerry Sipe   
**RE:** Agenda Item for October 14, 2014

**Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Funding Assistance from Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Wildfire Prevention Work and Equipment.

**Background and Discussion:** Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Vegetation Management Unit recently offered wildfire prevention funding in response to the extreme drought conditions causing high fire risk. Funding has been offered to local Fire Safe Councils and Fire Departments throughout their service territory. The Plumas Firesafe Council received \$103,000 for three fuels reduction projects, and Plumas County OES, serving as the fiscal agent for local fire departments, hopes to receive \$42,500 for fire communications equipment.

Throughout PG&E's service territory, PG&E has funded 99 proposals for a total of about \$5.5million. PG&E needs all 2014 wildfire prevention funds to be allocated no later than October 31, 2014.

Representatives from PG&E, Plumas Firesafe Council, Plumas OES and local fire agencies are expected to attend this meeting to discuss and answer questions regarding these projects and funding.

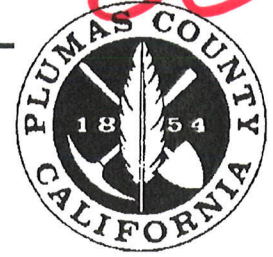
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 283-6367. Thank you.

# PLUMAS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Robert A. Perreault Jr., Director

Joe Blackwell, Deputy Director



## AGENDA REQUEST

for the October 14, 2014 Meeting of the Plumas County Board of Supervisors

October 7, 2014

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Robert Perreault, Director of Public Works

Subject: Continue a PUBLIC HEARING from September 9, 2014 to Consider Matters Identified by the Utilities that are involved in the PG&E Undergrounding Project that is part of the State Route 89 and County Roads Improvement Projects in Greenville

### Background:

In conjunction with the State Route 89 Project in Greenville, this undergrounding project has been in progress since 2008. The utility companies involved in the project are:

1. Pacific Gas & Electric
2. Frontier Communications
3. New Day Broadband
4. Indian Valley CSD

At the request of some of the utilities involved in the project, the boundaries of the proposed district have been established, modified, re-established and modified again.

Typically, a proposed Resolution would also be the subject of consideration by the Board of Supervisors. However, there are two (2) matters that warrant the further consideration of the Board of Supervisors. The issues are:

**ITEM 1: PG&E has requested that the service district map be again revised and modified to reduce the size of the service district for the purpose of lessening construction costs. Public Works staff recommends that PG&E advise the Board of Supervisors why the current district area cannot be funded. Note: there is an option available in the PUC Tariff that enables the PG&E to rely on future revenues (that warrants discussion during the Public Hearing).**

**ITEM 2: Frontier Communications has stated to Public Works staff that the utility company is unable to participate in the undergrounding project. Public Works staff recommends that Frontier Communications discuss their position directly with the Board of Supervisors.**



On August 5, 2014, the Board of Supervisors scheduled a Public Hearing, to be conducted during the Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for September 9, 2014.

*The following is extracted from the Minutes of the September 9, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting:*

**"PUBLIC WORKS** – Robert Perreault

1) ...

2) ...

3) ... **PUBLIC HEARING:** Conduct a public hearing to consider matters identified by the utilities that are involved in the PG&E Undergrounding Project that is part of the State Route 89 and County Roads Improvement Project in Greenville. Discussion and possible action.

The public hearing is opened. Various members of the public address the Board and include members of the Greenville Streetscape Committee comments in support of the proposed projects but regrets the decision of PG&E to cut the project in half; representative of Frontier Communications informs the Board that there is no intention of Frontier to fund the proposed project.

Following discussion **Motion:** continue this matter to October 14, 2014 and request that PG&E be in attendance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Simpson, **Seconded by** Supervisor Goss.  
Motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing remains open and is continued to October 14, 2014 11:00 a.m.”

Since September 9, 2014, there have been additional discussions among staffs from Public Works, PG&E and Frontier.

The Public Hearing is continued to begin at 11:00 AM in the Board Room (Room 309) of the Quincy Courthouse, 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA.

On October 6, 2014, letter from Frontier Communications, dated October 1, 2014, was received by Public Works. A copy of the letter is attached.

**Recommendation:**

Public Works staff respectfully recommends that the Board of Supervisors, on October 14, 2014, continue reports from all agency staffs as well as comments from the public.

Thereafter, Public Works staff respectfully recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

As appropriate, direct staff to prepare a replacement Resolution for consideration by the Board of Supervisors at a future meeting of the Board of Supervisors,

or,

Continue the Public Hearing to October 21, 2014, or some alternate date, at a time specific.



9260 E. Stockton Blvd.  
Elk Grove, CA 95624

October 1, 2014

Plumas County Board of Supervisors  
520 Main Street, Room 309  
Quincy, CA 95971

**RE: Public Hearing on Resolution No.147989 (Underground Conversion District No.6)**

Dear Supervisors,

Frontier Communications representatives attended the public hearing on September 9, 2014 regarding Resolution No. 14-7989 (To Determine Whether Greenville Overhead Utility Conversion District No. 6 Shall Be Formed). As a follow-up to the hearing, Frontier restates its position that Frontier is willing to work with parties involved in the project but that Frontier is not responsible for any costs.

As previously provided to the director of public works, Frontier's approved Tariff Rule 29 tariff, as approved and on file with the CPUC (attached) states the following:

"The Utility will, at the expense of the requesting entity, replace its existing aerial facilities with underground facilities along public streets and roads...."

At the request of several supervisors at the hearing, Frontier's revised estimated cost based on a scaling down of the overall district has been reduced to an estimated \$750,000. There is also a meeting scheduled on 10/8/14 with the Plumas County Department of Public Works to further review the project. Costs will be adjusted in accordance with the final scope of work.

In summary, Frontier wishes to clarify that it is not in mutual agreement with the undergrounding project in Greenville, CA and will not be responsible for any costs. Based on the relatively few numbers of customers in the proposed district, Frontier believes that the high cost is not justified.

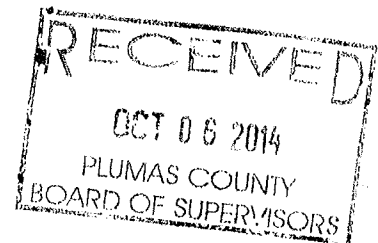
If you have any questions, you can reach me at 916-691-5620 or by email [brian.peterson@ftr.com](mailto:brian.peterson@ftr.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Peterson", written over a horizontal line.

Brian Peterson  
Vice President, West Region Engineering

CC: Robert A. Perreault Jr., Director Plumas County Public Works Department





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October 14, 2014

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, California 95812-0100

commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

#### COMMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF PLUMAS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Re: NOTICE OF SOLICITATION REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION  
AND ENFORCEMENT OF WATER RIGHTS DURING DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

#### GENERAL COMMENTS:

##### Program Goals and Milestones for 2015

There is no mention of further curtailments to junior water rights holders in 2015 in the Solicitation Notice. Is the Water Board assuming that junior water rights holders have “done enough” or done their “fair share” in curtailing water uses in 2014? Focusing solely on senior water rights holders for additional supply curtailments in 2015 does not appear to support existing water rights law- which is the stated purpose and goal of the Emergency Water Curtailment Program. If targeted solely at senior water rights holders, the Curtailment Program in 2015 starts drifting dangerously close to “equitable apportionment” as the defacto water rights system for water rights emergencies.

The continued drought should not be used to invent new mechanisms for addressing either chronic or urgent water shortages where existing water rights law and Board authorities are in place. If the hydrology in 2015 is again abnormally dry, the Board should examine if another 10% reduction in urban demand from areas that import water from the Bay Delta could provide real relief for senior water rights holders. Urban water users averaged 10% reduction in urban demand by September of 2014. Conservation compliance would need to double early in 2015 to reach the 20% reduction target by spring of 2015.

Through an analysis of Urban Water Management Plans and through informational workshops, Water Board staff can obtain information about how retail urban water agencies are planning to meet their conservation targets of 20% in 2015. Urban water purveyors that are planning to request deliveries of surface water from the SWP or CVP Delta diversions in 2015 or planning to receive State Water Project (SWP) or Central Valley Project (CVP) imported water that was stored in local reservoirs in 2014 should anticipate curtailments in order to protect senior water rights holders if winter rains are not sufficient to fill reservoirs and recharge streams. The Water Board staff should be prepared by January of 2015 to provide performance milestones for working more aggressively with urban water suppliers of over 3,000 connections in order to ensure that effective urban water conservation is achieved by junior water rights holders by spring of 2015.

#### **Recommendations:**

**Beginning in January of 2015, in a public meeting, staff should provide the Water Board with an analysis of the effectiveness of the 2014 curtailment program in protecting senior water rights holders.**

**Staff should include in the 2014 curtailment program review, recommendations on a suite of further enforceable actions for junior water rights holders in 2015 such as for urban areas that import water from the Bay Delta and that have failed to achieve a 20% reduction in urban water demand.**

**Or the Water Board staff needs to make specific findings in January that further curtailments of urban water use by junior water rights holders in the import areas will not provide real protections for senior water rights holders in the Bay Delta and in Bay Delta watershed in 2015.**

**COMMENTS ON QUESTIONS POSED BY SWRCB STAFF:**

- 1) What actions, if any, should the State Water Board take to improve the Board's information and analyses to support determinations on water availability relative to water right priority, including, but not limited to, improvements to supply, demand and watershed specific information and water right priority information?*

**Water Availability and Senior Water Rights Protections:**

The continued drought provides the impetus for the Water Board to address the chronic mis-match between regional supplies and excessive demands- especially in regions that import water as junior water rights holders from the Bay-Delta. Over-reliance on increasingly uncertain imported surface water and on critically overdrafted local and regional groundwater basins may be better addressed as **chronic water supply shortage conditions** requiring evidentiary hearings and the Water Board's use of other existing authorities under current water rights law such as surface and groundwater adjudications or water rights hearings for Basin Plan amendments.

**Recommendations:**

**Emergency Curtailment Program revisions in 2015 should include discussion and recommendations by Water Board staff (and others) about the process that the Water Board will use to differentiate short-term drought-driven water scarcity from chronic water supply shortage conditions.**

**The Water Board should in 2015, begin to notice regions characterized by long-term ground water overdraft and surface water shortages, that a water rights hearing process or adjudication process will commence.**

**Urban regions relying on imported surface or overdrafted groundwater basins should face water rights reviews of Urban Water Management Plans if conservation measures continue to be ineffective.**

**Curtailments for tributary streams (above dams and on coastal rivers) to protect senior water rights.**

The Water Board needs to consider different strategies for drought emergency curtailments above the large rim dams in the Central Valley and for coastal streams. Cascade-Sierra and Coastal streams may be experiencing acute but short-term drought emergencies. Or the drought is magnifying chronic water shortages in these areas. Streams should be prioritized for watershed-specific investigations and curtailment programs in 2015 based on threats to senior water rights holders in those areas.

**Protection of public trust and senior water rights below Dams:**

Reservoir operations for California's large "rim dams" escaped precautionary curtailments by the Water Board, the EPA, and the state and federal fishery agencies in 2013 and until May of 2014. As this next precipitation

season commences, the Water Board and the other public trust entities must be extra vigilant over maintaining sufficient reservoir levels and reservoir releases for instream flows downstream that are sufficient to support flows over multiple dry years including surface water for senior water rights diverters upstream of the Delta and within the Delta for 2015.

It is the continuing responsibility of junior water rights purveying agencies such as the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to maintain sufficient cold water in dams to sustain public trust resources from below the rim dams through the Delta and the Bay to the ocean- even in a drought. Tributary curtailments for senior water rights holders should not be used to replace existing water rights law and regulatory requirements by the DWR and the BOR for maintaining reservoir capacity for water quality and fish flows in 2015.

### **Recommendations:**

**The Water Board should discuss and determine how to apply the instream flow recommendations developed during the 2013 Delta Flows workshops for regulating drought carry-over reservoir storage requirements in 2015. The Water Board should propose and enforce reservoir storage volumes and releases to sustain needed flows downstream of the Central Valley's "Rim" Dams in early January of 2015. Some recommendations from the Water Board's Report are quoted below:**

*"In order to preserve the attributes of a natural variable system to which native fish species are adapted, many of the criteria developed by the State Water Board are crafted as percentages of natural or unimpaired flows. These criteria include:*

- ☐ *75% of unimpaired Delta outflow from January through June;*
- ☐ *75% of unimpaired Sacramento River inflow from November through June; and*
- ☐ *60% of unimpaired San Joaquin River inflow from February through June.*

*It is not the State Water Board's intent that these criteria be interpreted as precise flow requirements for fish under current conditions, but rather they reflect the general timing and magnitude of flows under the narrow circumstances analyzed in this report.*

*In comparison, historic flows over the last 18 to 22 years have been:*

- ☐ *approximately 30% in drier years to almost 100% of unimpaired flows in wetter years for Delta outflows;*
- ☐ *about 50% on average from April through June for Sacramento River inflows;*
- and*
- ☐ *approximately 20% in drier years to almost 50% in wetter years for San Joaquin River inflows."*

### **Connection between down-stream water availability and upper watershed management**

The Water Board is urged to invest in upper watershed management as a means to increase water availability to downstream users. Curtailment of water use is a far too reactionary way to deal with California's water diversion shortages when a primary cause for the shortage is poor vegetation management on state and federal lands in the upper watershed. Evapotranspiration from poorly managed, un-harvested federal forests consumes a disproportionate amount of water that would otherwise be available to downstream users. Far greater amounts of water could be made available to downstream users through responsible thinning and good forest stewardship than will even be achieved by curtailing the de minimis users in the upper watershed.

**Recommendation: Proactively invest in upper watershed management, forest thinning and responsible timber harvesting as a means to increase surface and groundwater runoff from federal lands.**

And finally, **drought “hot spots”** flared in 2014, with surprising urgency around the state including in some truly surprising places.

The Water Board should strive to benefit from “lessons learned” by the 25 Counties, 13 cities, 8 tribes, and 12 special districts that declared states of water and fire emergency in 2014. The Water Board staff should accomplish this by reviewing the factors that precipitated the declarations and by evaluating the actions that were undertaken in response to drought emergencies. Case studies in how drought-related water shortages were or were not addressed for the variety of water shortage crises offer opportunities for real improvements for the 2015 Curtailment Exemption Program. Through staff analysis and other recommendations, successful strategies employed by the entities that did overcome their drought water curtailment emergencies can be shared more broadly. For example, some ambiguities in authorities were clarified, as were specific criteria for some curtailment exemptions in the Plumas County area. These are accomplishments that could benefit other areas.

**Recommendation: Direct staff to develop and present “lessons learned” from the 2014 Curtailment Program in a webcast workshop in January.**

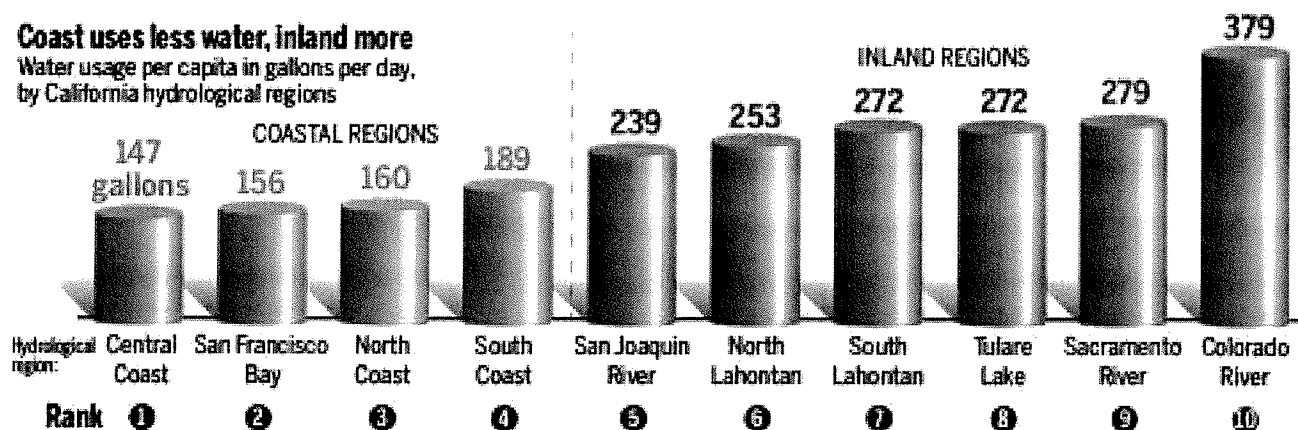
- 2) *What actions should the Board take to better communicate information about limited water availability relative to water right priorities, including the need and basis for curtailments of water diversions?*

It is important that the Water Board take advantage of this unusual opportunity to educate Californians about where their water comes from, (by region and by watershed where possible) and how the drought is affecting their 2015 water supplies. For example, the annual consumer confidence report on drinking water quality is already required for public systems. Adding a section on drinking water availability and source could be an important public education tool.

Californians are listening right now and education by the Water Board really can support actions at the local level. Local shortages crises tied to specific regulatory responses by the Water Board both locally and in other places to which a locality is tied by nature or infrastructure will build understanding of those linkages. It is also important for the Water Board to help all Californian to understand how widely shortages are felt and how dire the circumstances are for many places and communities in rural California, whether drought crises are “newsworthy” for local media or not. For example, this graphic could be updated during 2015. It is very compelling and indicates that 50 gallon per day (gpd) curtailments impose excessive burdens on communities apparently because they have no other choices.

## Coast uses less water, inland more

Water usage per capita in gallons per day, by California hydrological regions



## Usage by selected cities

Water usage per capita in gallons per day

**183 Contra Costa Water District**  
Conservation and rebate programs have kept water usage below average.

**98 San Francisco**  
Small lawns, foggy weather keep water consumption down.

**76 Westborough Water District (South San Francisco)** The state's smallest water user.

**334 Hillsborough**  
Bay Area's largest user, with its big, thirsty lawns.

**152 Los Angeles**  
Despite its reputation as a desert water guzzler, decades of conservation have made the City of Angels a water miser.

Source: California Department of Water Resources

**144 San Jose (S.J. Water Co.)**  
Conservation is working here and in almost every big city in California.

## Where the water sippers and guzzlers are

Californians use 196 gallons of water per capita per day, including all businesses except agriculture. But there are wide differences by community, and the moist coast uses less water than the arid inland. A sampling:

**279 Sacramento**  
When 58 percent of residents don't have water meters, there's little incentive to conserve.

**313 Fresno**  
Is typical of dry cities inland that need more water and suffer more when water is scarce.

**736 Palm Springs**  
Usage is among the highest in the state because of hot weather, lawns, pools.

### The worst?

**94,111 gallons a day**

**Vernon**  
The state's highest usage by far is in the "exclusively industrial" city of Vernon, which boasts 1,800 businesses but only 112 inhabitants.

KARL KAHLER/BAY AREA NEWS GROUP



- 3) *What, if any, changes should be made to enhance the effectiveness of the State Water Board's curtailment process, including measures to protect the public interest, health and safety and public trust resources?*

The Water Board's disregard for public health and safety for small rural communities with no other available sources of water has been the appalling failure of this year's program. The existing emergency curtailment regulations make no provisions for the hardships and the extreme vulnerability to water supply curtailments faced by drought stricken remote rural households and small rural communities- as we have all by now seen either in the media or first-hand.

Water for firefighting in rural areas was not even considered in the Water Board's 2014 curtailment exemption process. Many rural areas do not have separate water supplies for fire fighting and for other domestic health and safety needs. In areas without access to deep pools in nearby stream or to nearby reservoirs, this is a critical health and safety oversight that needs to be remedied in 2015.

There is no excuse or any factual basis for continuing the Water Board's 2014 process of soliciting curtailment exemption letters and then offering no practical regulatory relief except "discretionary" enforcement for communities facing draconian choices between excessive fines or prohibitively expensive and/or unreliable emergency water supplies. The result of no effective curtailment exemption program was that rural areas suffered disproportionate curtailment burdens of 50 gallons/day or complete loss of surface water supplies beginning in May while urban areas managed to reduce domestic water consumption by an average of 10% by September of 2014- a mere inconvenience by comparison.

In mid-September the Governor's office issued a declaration to begin the process of addressing "dire" water curtailments for some of the poorest communities in the state.

*The order "makes funding available through the California Disaster Assistance Act to provide water for drinking and sanitation to households currently without running water. The executive order also extends the state's prohibition on price gouging during emergencies to the current stage of the drought, recognizing the on-going nature of the drought emergency. Additionally, it directs the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Water Resources and the Governor's Offices of Emergency Services and Planning and Research to work together to identify acute drinking water shortages in domestic supplies and to work with counties and local agencies to implement solutions for those water shortages."* (Press release, Office of the Governor)

We applaud the Governor for his recent order and hope that finally the Water Board, Office of Emergency Services (OES), and the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) have the direction that they need to develop the water curtailment health and safety exemption program that will be desperately needed in 2015 if the current drought continues.

A "Case Study" example: The City of Portola's eventual success story:

Chronology of total Curtailment to interim exemptions, by milestones:

- 5/27 SWRCB issues Curtailment Notice.
- 7/1 The impact of the Curtailment on the City is presented at a Water Board hearing and in subsequent discussions with two Water Board members and staff.
- 8/6 Water Board staff reviews the City's curtailed water sources (and the City's compliance with the Curtailment)

- 8/14 The City applies for an emergency permit to the Division of Drinking Water-response pending.
- 8/29 The DWR issues an interim exemption for its State Water Project water supply.
- 9/12 The SWRCB lifts the curtailment of Willow Springs based on criteria for lateral wells.

#### **Lessons learned:**

- (1) Connections matter and cooperative actions matter. Portola's General Manager has had decades of experience in California water policy. The City Mayor has a lifetime of experience with the City's water history and infrastructure. The County Flood District Operations Manager and the City were working on cooperative water management options for one of the City's water sources when the Curtailment crisis hit in May.
- (2) Commitment Matters. Everyone involved, without exception, tried their best to find solutions. And it still took over 3 months of non-stop effort by the City "electeds" and staff to get half of the system back on line in September. Thank God we had no fires.
- (3) This drought has brought home to many water users in Plumas County the cold hard fact that one water supply source is no longer enough. With the new groundwater regulations, will even groundwater sources be reliable and affordable? Surface water policy and groundwater policy needs to be better connected and more cognizant of rural vulnerability issues.
- (4) Should the City be thinking about a water crisis reserve fund? This year cost the City over \$35,000 in staff overtime and consultant and legal fees- so far. And nearly \$200,000 in unexpected operational costs. All of the state staff that the City became involved with were professional and responsive. They were clearly overwhelmed by the statewide need in combination with the case-by-case exemption approach utilized in 2014.
- (5) Even with four or more potential sources of water, where should a low-income municipality invest its scarce resources in order to achieve a long-term solution? The uncertainties of treating contaminated well water need to be evaluated against the uncertainties of groundwater and surface water supply enhancements and upgrades. These cost and reliability factors are determined by state and federal agencies and are largely beyond local control. And once we figure out the best course of action we must then compete for funding with large urban areas. The Sierra rural regions have fared poorly in receiving Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) implementation funds. They also fare poorly in the proposed water bond. And, were virtually eliminated from the Cap and Trade funding. Small water and sanitation systems just do not have the economies of scale and technical resources to compete with larger urban areas.

#### **Recommendations from Plumas County drought experiences in 2014:**

**Regarding unresolved issues associated with isolated springs wholly on USFS (federal) property or private property:** The Water Board needs to make findings and publish a decision before the next diversion season.

**Regarding all domestic springs, that by drinking water program definition that do not require bacteriological treatment and are not under the influent of surface water, should be recognized as groundwater sources.** Such sources should not be subject to surface water curtailment.

**Regarding unresolved issues associated with surface stream diversions wholly on USFS (federal) property or private property:** The Water Board needs to make findings and publish a decision before the next irrigation season.

**A curtailment exemption for health and safety needs to be developed specifically for remote rural areas in 2015.** It is unknown if the Water Board needs new authorities to implement an effective and equitable health and safety curtailment exemption process for rural areas in 2015 now that the Governor has

**issued the emergency drinking water relief proclamation. If new authorities are needed they should be based on the Governors proclamation and provide health and safety assistance and curtailment exemptions on the basis of hardship and lack of other reasonable or affordable water supply options. A Curtailment Exemption “strike team” of Water Board drinking water and water rights program staff, Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and OES staff should be authorized to develop preliminary findings and recommendations for the Water Board by January, 2015.**

(No comments on the Water Board Questions #4 & #5)

*6) How can the Board better assist water users in planning for upcoming dry periods?*

**Recommendation:**

**The Water Board has to provide far earlier notice of impending actions in 2015.**

Notices should be timed to inform major decision-making windows for urban and agricultural water purveyors and customers. For example, March 1<sup>st</sup> is the customary deadline for SWP and CVP contractors to request their 2015 deliveries. Curtailment notices for agricultural water users should reflect “real time” operations in the state’s different agricultural regions such as planting, fallowing, crop rotations, livestock stocking or destocking, etc.

*7) What additional actions, if any, should the Board take to prepare for the next dry year or series of dry years?*

**Recommendations:**

**Consider 2015 another drought year unless reservoir storage and unimpaired stream flows for Delta watersheds meet specific criteria in January and February. Undertake recommended actions earlier rather than later in 2015.**

**In 2015, the Water Board should begin to notice regions characterized by long-term ground water overdraft and recurring imported water surface water shortages, which a water rights hearing process or adjudication process will commence in 2016(?).**

**In 2015 urban areas relying on imported surface waters or on critically overdrafted groundwater basins should face water rights reviews of water supplies identified in their Urban Water Management Plans. If urban conservation measures continue to be ineffective in those areas, commensurate curtailments of imported supplies to non-complying urban areas should be ordered to ensure compliance. Moratoriums on new hook-ups in areas wasting water should be available to urban water retail agencies along with tiered rates, fines, irrigation scheduling, etc.**

**For drought “hot spots” the Water Board should issues guidance on watershed specific investigations and solicit public comments on priority watersheds for investigation in 2015.**

**The Water Board should develop place-specific or circumstance-specific curtailment exemptions for drought “hot spots” based on lessons learned from 2014. The Water Board should consider affordability and availability of bottled drinking water supplies and non-potable trucked-in water in designing curtailment exemptions. . Another Plumas County community found that at \$800/week for bottled drinking water for 13 hook ups, families could be paying approximately \$3,200/year. For some families, up to 20% of their 2015 household income would be needed for drinking water (not including buying non-potable water for basic sanitation). This level of economic burden appears to exceed state, federal and international standards for drinking water affordability.**



(From Pacific Institute's Water Rates Affordability study, 2013)

Table 1. Measures of affordability as a percentage of median household income

<b>Affordability Threshold</b>	<b>Organization</b>
<b>1.5%</b>	<b>California Department of Public Health</b>
<b>2%-2.5%</b>	<b>US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)*</b>
<b>3%</b>	<b>United Nations Development Program (UNDP)</b>

Note: \* The EPA's affordability threshold is for water and wastewater bills combined, and would therefore be lower for water alone.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Jon Kennedy  
Chair Plumas County Board of Supervisors

## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly.

**Whereas**, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and

**Whereas**, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly effecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world, and

**Whereas**, it is battered men and women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

We do hereby proclaim that, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, the month of October to be recognized as *National Domestic Violence Awareness Month*. We urge all citizens of Plumas County to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

Signed

Dated

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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TERRY SWOFFORD, DISTRICT 1  
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October 14, 2014

Department of Transportation (Caltrans)  
Attn: Permits Engineer  
1000 Center Street  
Redding, CA 96001

Attention: Permits Engineer

**Subject: Encroachment Permit Request  
Chester High School  
Homecoming Parade  
October 17, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.  
Chester, CA**

This letter acknowledges that the Plumas County Board of Supervisors has been notified of the above captioned event. The Board of Supervisors has no objection to issuance of an event permit by Caltrans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jon Kennedy".

Jon Kennedy, Chair

Cc: Plumas County Director of Public Works



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## ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG SERVICES

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**Date:** October 1, 2014  
**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Louise Steenkamp, AOD Director <sup>LS</sup>  
**Agenda:** Item for BOS meeting on October 14, 2014, Consent Agenda

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### Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a First Amendment to Agreement # A&D1314HRS-1, with Hilltop Recovery Services, a non-profit California Corporation, that provides residential treatment for Substance Use Disorders.

Approved as to form by County Counsel. Copies of the agreement are on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

### Background Information:

In accordance with the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) program requirements established by the California Department of Health Care Services/Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders division, Plumas County Alcohol and Other Drug Services (AOD) include treatment for alcohol and substance abuse. Outpatient treatment services are provided by AOD certified counselors for individual and group counseling and intensive outpatient treatment. SAPT allowable treatment services also include residential services for short-term recovery (up to 30 days) and long-term recovery (over 30 days). There are no in-county facilities that provide residential treatment services and, therefore, Plumas AOD contracts with out-of-county facilities for these services. AOD certified counselors refer consumers to residential services based on their individual assessments and appropriate level of care.





## **DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES & AIRPORTS**

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**Dony Sawchuk**  
**Director**

Meeting Date: October 14, 2014

To: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Dony Sawchuk, Director

Subject: Approve Final Draft of the Buck Lake Feasibility Study and Release of the Report to the Public

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### **Background**

This is a feasibility study for the Bucks Lake Trail System; a proposed non-motorized trail system, approximately 6.19-miles in length, located in the Bucks Lake area on Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) property, and developed and managed by Plumas County. The proposed trail system would provide access to incredible places and create connectivity to the surrounding Plumas National Forest. The proposed network of trails would be built with an eye towards sustainability and user enjoyment, and would consist of the following trail segments: Lakeshore, Rocky Ridge, Inspiration Point, Lower Traverse, Upper Traverse and Big Trees. This document outlines the existing conditions, alignment options and design options for a non-motorized trail system.

### **Recommendation**

Approve final draft of the Bucks' Lake Feasibility Study and public release of the report for further discussion and planning and public outreach of the proposed trail project.

The above referenced report is on file and can be accessed through the Department of Facility Services & Airports or at [www.countyofplumas.com](http://www.countyofplumas.com) under the "Facility Services" tab.

# PLUMAS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH

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## MEMO

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2014

TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: PETER LIVINGSTON, LCSW, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM FOR OCTOBER 14, 2014

RE: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH AND NATIVE AMERICAN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

**IT IS RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** Approve and execute the FY2014-2015 contract for Native American Mental Health Services, which has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** This is the first contract renewal between Native American Mental Health Services and Plumas County Mental Health. Native American provides telemedicine/telepsychiatric services for Mental Health on a weekly basis. The telemed/telepsychiatric program has allowed the Department to expand the range of Mental Health's resources and services within the county by providing much needed access to at-risk, geographic and/or socioeconomic disadvantaged populations via teleconferencing.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** There are no General Fund dollars involved in this matter. Any costs associated with this contract are covered by a combination of Federal and State mental health funds.

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DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2014

TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: PETER LIVINGSTON, LCSW, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM FOR OCTOBER 14, 2014

RE: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE NEW CONTRACT BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH AND RESTPADD, INC.

**IT IS RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** Approve and execute the FY2014-2015 contract for Restpadd, Inc., which has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** Since Plumas County does not have its own psychiatric health facility, this is a new contract between Restpadd, Inc. and Plumas County Mental Health. Restpadd, Inc., is a psychiatric health facility providing bed space with access to therapeutic and rehabilitation services in a non-hospital, 24-hour inpatient setting for Plumas County patients experiencing acute psychiatric episodes or crisis.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** There are no General Fund dollars involved in this matter. Any costs associated with this contract are covered by a combination of Federal and State mental health funds.