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**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2015 TO BE HELD AT 10:00 A.M.
IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROOM 308, COURTHOUSE, QUINCY, CALIFORNIA**

9:00 – 10:00 A.M. – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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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

1. 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) PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement Number EPO1516NORCAL with Northern California Emergency Medical Services (Nor-Cal EMS) to perform the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) Coordinator requirements and duties related to Emergency Preparedness Program for FY 2015-2016; approved as to form by County Counsel
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement Amendment Number MAA1415PCG-A1 with Public Consulting Group, Inc., to provide Random Moment Survey software system that can be rapidly customized to the final regulations of RMTS as approved by the Federal Government; approved as to form by County Counsel

B) PUBLIC WORKS

Solid Waste: Authorize the Chair and the Director of Public Works to execute and issue a Purchase Order to Dig-It Construction, Inc. of \$31,200 for heavy equipment rental pertaining to the chipping of the Chester "Emergency" green waste disposal pile

2. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

A) SOCIAL SERVICES – Elliott Smart

Receive and file the Department of Social Services and Public Guardian 2015 Service Review as presented; discussion and possible action

B) PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY – Mimi Hall

- 1) Adopt **RESOLUTION** to amend the 2015-2016 County Personnel Allocation to include a 1.0 FTE Health Education Coordinator I/II or Health Education Specialist or Community Outreach Coordinator; and authorize the Department of Public Health to recruit and fill the position. **Roll call vote****
- 2) Authorize the Director of Public Health to hire above the “B” step for the position of Management Analyst I/II; discussion and possible action**

C) PUBLIC WORKS – Robert Perreault

Adopt **RESOLUTION** Urging the State of California to Provide New Sustainable Funding for State and Local Transportation Infrastructure. **Roll call vote**

3. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding Plumas National Forest Settlement Funds Project; Supervisor Thrall
- B. Correspondence
- C. Weekly report by Board members of meetings attended, key topics, project updates, standing committees and appointed Boards and Associations.
- D. Susan Scarlett, Budget Consultant: Review and discuss prior year budgets to actual amounts; report and update regarding the FY 2015-2016 Budget; discussion and possible action
- E. Set September 15, 2015 for Public Hearing on the FY 2015-2016 Budget; and tentatively schedule September 22nd and/or September 29th for adoption of the FY 2015-2016 Budget; discussion and possible action

4. CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel: Public employee discipline/dismissal/separation
- B. Personnel: Public employee appointment or employment – Chief Probation Officer
- C. Personnel: Public employee appointment or employment – Mental Health Director/Behavioral Health Director
- D. 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
- E. Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d) (1) of Government Code §54956.9 - Plumas National Forest Travel Management Plan
- F. Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9
- G. 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, September 01, 2015, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California.



Plumas County Public Health Agency

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Mimi Khin Hall, MPH, CHES, Director

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Date: August 10, 2015

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Mimi Khin Hall

Agenda: Item for August 18, 2015

Item Description/Recommendation: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement Number EPO1516NORCAL with Northern California Emergency Medical Services (Nor-Cal EMS) to perform the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) Coordinator requirements and duties related to Emergency Preparedness Program for FY 2015-2016.

History/Background: As the Board may recall, Plumas County Public Health Agency receives funding each year from the California Department of Health Services, Emergency Preparedness Office to improve local public health department preparedness and ability to respond to bioterrorism for the Hospital Preparedness Program. Often, in an effort to work effectively and efficiently Public Health contracts with providers to extend programs and/or provide services for various programs.

Plumas County has contracted with Northern California Emergency Medical Services, Inc., (Nor-Cal EMS) for over 25 years as the county's designated LEMSA. Nor-Cal EMS administers local medical emergency services pursuant to California Health & Safety Code Section 1797, et seq., and represents the northern rural counties' interests in statewide Emergency Medical Services issues.

The agreement has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board for your review. Please contact me if you have questions, or need additional information. Thank you.



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History/Background: As the Board is aware Plumas County Public Health Agency has the fiscal and administrative responsibilities for a number of different programs with diverse funding sources from the State Department of Health Services, private foundations, local sources, realignment and other county departments. Often, in an effort to work effectively and efficiently with communities, Public Health contracts with providers to extend programs and provide services to diverse populations throughout the county.

Copies of the agreements are on file with the Clerk of the Board for your review.

**PLUMAS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
SOLID WASTE DIVISION**

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Robert A. Perreault, Jr., P.E. *Director of Public Works*

CONSENT AGENDA REQUEST

for the August 18, 2015 meeting of the Board of Supervisors

August 10, 2015

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Robert Perreault, Director of Public Works

Subject: Issue a Purchase Order to Dig-It Construction, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$31,200 for heavy equipment rental pertaining to the chipping of the Chester "Emergency" Green Waste Disposal Pile

BACKGROUND

Green Waste debris had been previously collected at Chester, during the time period February 10, 2015 to April 14, 2015, in conjunction with Emergency Resolution No. 15-8032, "Ratifying the Proclamation of a County-Wide Local Emergency Due to Significant Impacts of the February 2015 Winter Storms."

The Division staff solicited and received sealed bids for the processing and removal of the Green Waste that had been collected, but staff analysis of the bids concluded that the bids were too high and the Board of Supervisors rejected all bids on May 19, 2015.

Public Works staff has developed a multi-part program for disposal, one element of which requires that rental of heavy equipment, i.e., a tub grinding chipper. Such equipment is available for rental at \$2,600 per day and Public Works has initiated such rental work as part of its disposal program. However, that work has been suspended in order to enable the Board of Supervisors to consider a rental contract in excess of \$10,000. It is difficult to estimate the total volume of the debris pile due to the unseen interior material and its density, but present estimates for total rental cost are in the range of \$20,800 to \$31,200.

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of Public Works respectfully recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and the Director of Public Works to execute and issue a Purchase Order to Dig-It Construction, Inc. in a not-to-exceed amount of \$31,200 for heavy equipment rental pertaining to the chipping of the so-called emergency green waste disposal pile in Chester.



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC GUARDIAN

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DATE: AUGUST 10, 2015
TO: THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: ELLIOTT SMART, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
SUBJ: BOARD AGENDA ITEM FOR AUGUST 18, 2015
RE: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC GUARDIAN 2015
SERVICE REVIEW

It is Recommended that the Board of Supervisors

Receive and file the Department of Social Services and Public Guardian 2015 Service Review.

Background and Discussion

The Department of Social Services periodically prepares a report to the Board of Supervisors and the public that describes the programs and services offered by the Department, the source funding for each program, indicators showing the benefits or services provided by each program, and the number of persons who receive such benefits or are provided with program services. The report being delivered to the Board today is for 2015. Copies of the report are available to the general public and have been furnished to Department Heads. Additionally, the report will be posted on the Plumas County Web Page.

PLUMAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

A handwritten signature of Elliott Smart in black ink.

ELLIOTT SMART, DIRECTOR

Copies: Plumas County Department Heads

Enclosure

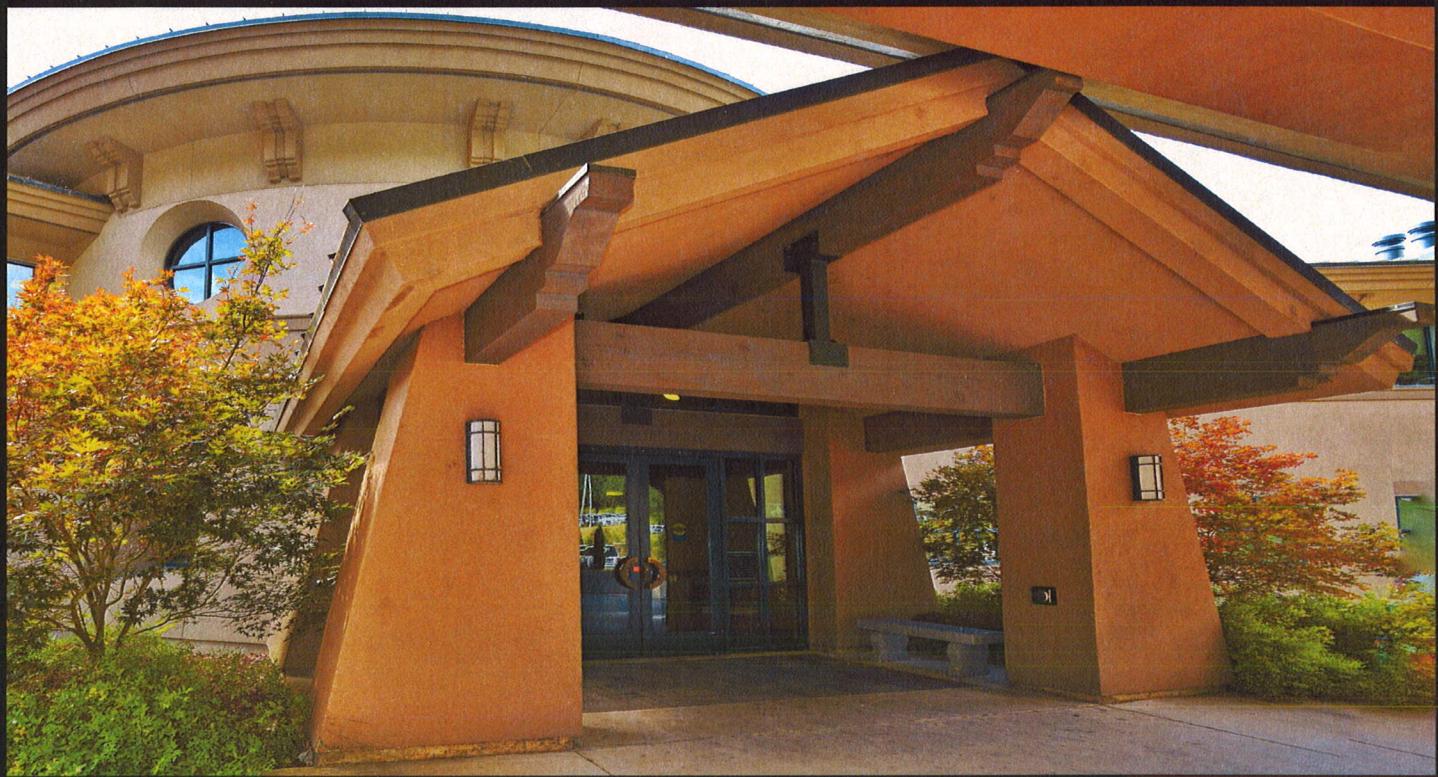
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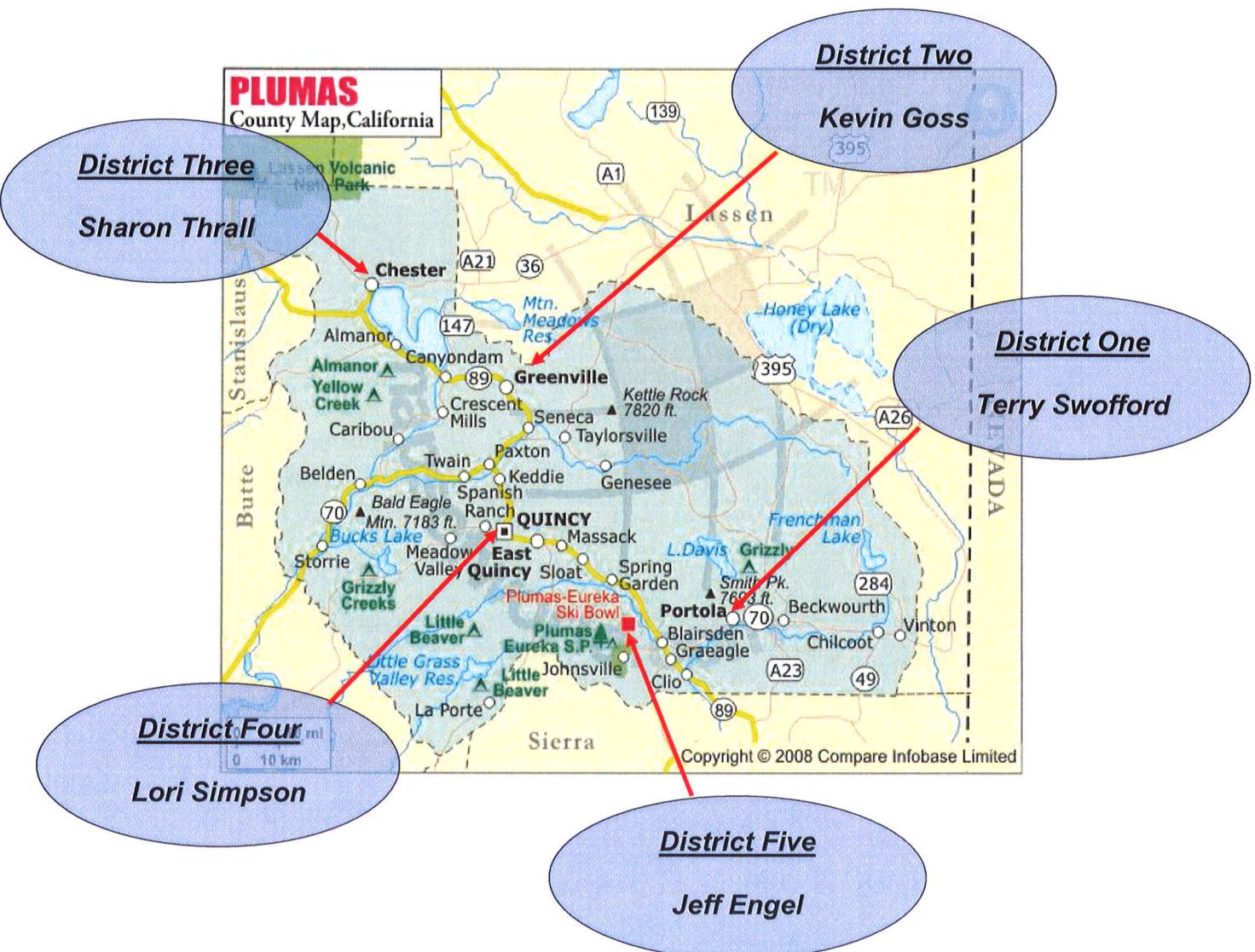
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County Governance

The Plumas County Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for county-provided government services. Board members are elected to four-year terms. Each member serves a geographically defined district. The Board of Supervisors meets the first three Tuesdays of each month to conduct the affairs and the business of the County.



To the Citizens of Plumas County

In 1998, the Plumas County Department of Social Services began publishing a periodic Service Review, a document which describes our programs, funding sources and data regarding the need for the services provided by our Department. The publication of this edition of the Department Service Review for calendar year 2015 represents the thirteenth edition of our report to the county's citizens and to the Board of Supervisors.

The Department's employees are proud of their record of service to the county's most vulnerable populations. The Department operates under a mission statement that is first and foremost directed toward personal responsibility and accountability; while at the same time it recognizes that for populations that are at risk and who are overburdened, protection, advocacy, financial support and assistance with health care can be a foundation to the bridge to self-direction, independence and self-sufficiency.

Our employees touch the lives of those who are in need in countless ways, much of it unseen by the general public. They do so knowing that the thanks they may receive will be limited to the knowledge that a life has been moved in a more positive direction; that an individual in need has been lifted out of the grasp of dependence and into self-reliance; that an at-risk person has been removed from harm's way; or that a family unit has been strengthened.

The rewards that are earned through the improvements to the lives of Plumas County citizens who access our services are not ours alone. The Department's employees share in a commitment to public service that is strong on forming partnerships and engaging in collaboration. Through these partnerships a service network exists that enables our employees to collaborate with other public and community based agencies in improving the lives of children and families; intervening where individuals are threatened with abuse, neglect or financial exploitation; and supporting those who lack the capability to become fully independent from public assistance.

The 2015 Annual Report is indicative of the economic challenges that have been faced by all Americans including the citizens of Plumas County. As this report is being prepared, the nation is emerging from one of the most profound economic recessions since the Great Depression. California is finally moving beyond a continuing string of budget crises that have strained the ability of counties to deliver services to those who are most in need. While the local economy continues to make strides toward improvement, this report suggests that there remain elements of the recession that continue to affect Plumas County residents, particularly those who are on the margins of poverty and those who are impoverished.

While economists and others are reporting that the economy is slowly recovering, we know that recovery for the many displaced and marginalized County citizens is a work in progress. With this in mind our employees face continuing challenges brought about by increased demand for temporary help. They remain determined to meet these challenges in professional and compassionate ways.

ABOUT PLUMAS COUNTY

The area that we presently call Plumas County (and lands adjoining it) was originally the home of the Maidu Indian tribe. The region's abundant supply of game, fish, berries and seeds provided subsistence for these indigenous residents for several thousand years prior to the western migration of settlers.

In 1821 Spanish explorer Luis Arguello arrived along the lower portion of the region's main watershed (probably near it's confluence with the Sacramento River). Arguello is credited with naming the river *El Rio de las Plumas* (The Feather River) after seeing what he thought were feathers floating in the water. Historians believe, however, that Arguello did not ever set foot in what is now Plumas County.

In the 1850's rumors of a fabled "Gold Lake" in the northeastern Sierras began circulating among the miners who had poured into California following the discovery of gold at Sutter's mill. The upper reaches of the Feather River watershed were soon swarmed over by gold seekers who quickly displaced native Maidu residents in their quest for riches. Along with the miners came other settlers including a large Chinese population that remained in the region until the early 1900s.

One of the early gold seekers, James Beckwourth, discovered the lowest pass through the Sierras (north of Reno, Nevada) at a point that now bears his name: Beckwourth Pass. The pass was opened to wagon travel via a toll road in 1851. More hospitable (due to its lower elevation) than the infamous Donner Pass, it made westward travel for new settlers safer and easier.

In 1854, Plumas County was carved out of what had been the eastern portion of Butte County. The settlement of Quincy was chosen as the county seat. The founding of settlements in Greenville, Portola and Chester (formerly Big Meadows) followed later in the 1890's and early 1900's.

The beginnings of Nordic downhill skiing in California are said to have occurred at Plumas County's La Porte mining town. During the long winters, intrepid miners spent their idle hours hand fashioning "long boards" (seasoned with secret doping compounds) that were strapped to their boots with leather wrappings. The longboard tradition continues today at the historic mining town of Johnsville where World Championship Longboard races are held every year (snow permitting).

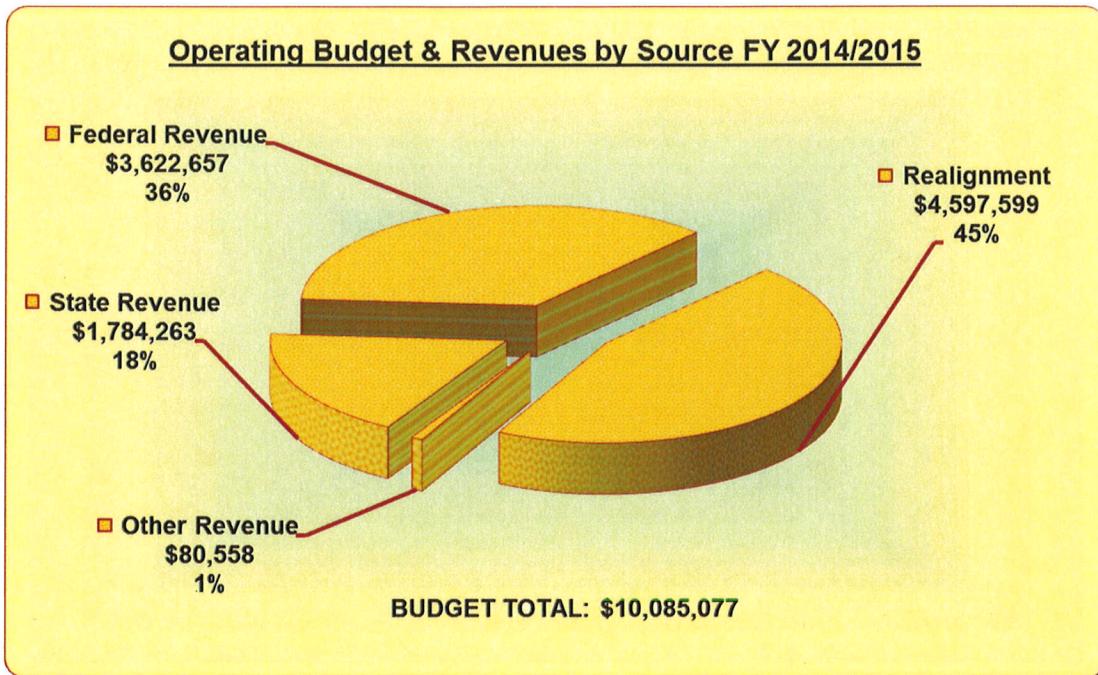
The turn of the century brought rail travel to Plumas County. In the early 1900's the Western Pacific Railroad laid tracks up the Feather River Canyon and east over the Sierras providing a means to ship the region's abundant timber to points east and west, boosting the local economy yet again. The gateway settlement of Portola, not far from Beckwourth Pass, (and named for explorer Guadalupe Portola) was established in 1909. The city of Portola incorporated in 1946 and was a key railhead for the Feather River Route. Portola is the County's only incorporated city.

Passenger trains on the Western Pacific line opened the area to tourism. Resorts and lodges were established to accommodate fishermen and sightseers who followed the Feather River Route. While passenger service was halted in 1970, the line continues to be a major route for freight traffic.

In 1937, an all weather highway was completed along the Feather River linking Plumas County year-round to the Sacramento Valley. Highway 70 has recently been designated as a National Forest Scenic Byway. Portions of Highway 89 (north to Cascade Mountain Range) are designated as a Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway, noting the area's rich volcanic geologic heritage.

Today Plumas County continues to rely on timber production, agriculture, water resources and tourism as major components in its economic base. The magnificence of the high Sierra valleys is amplified by the joining of two major mountain ranges, the Sierras and the Cascades. The lakes, rivers, valleys and winter snow provide year round visitor and recreation opportunities: fishing, golf, canoeing, kayaking, wind surfing, cross county skiing, cycling, snowmobiling and Nordic skiing to name just a few.

Operating Budget and Revenue By Sources



County social services programs are State-mandated but they are administered by the State's 58 counties. The State mandates are frequently the product of Federal laws that require all states to provide a basic set of benefits. The CalFresh (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP) program is one example. All states provide the SNAP program. Benefit levels are set by the Federal Government.

Because of the inter-governmental relationships and mandates for services, most of the Department's programs have shared financial contributions associated with their operation and/or benefits. Depending upon the program, shared funding could include Federal funds, State General Fund dollars, and/or local dollars drawn from either Realignment or the County General Fund.

Within the body of this report, the Department provides the cost sharing structure for each of our programs both for administration (the cost of personnel and overhead) and for benefits where benefits are part of the program structure. The overall cost structure changed significantly in 2011 due to Public Safety Realignment, which realigned programs such as Child Protective Services, Foster Care, Adoptions and Adult Protective services to Counties and provided funding to operate them.

Local fund contributions represent 46% of total program costs or about \$4.6 million dollars. Local funds are provided from 1991 and 2011 State Realignment dollars that represent an apportionment of state sales taxes and vehicle license fees that are designated specifically for the purpose of operating realigned programs.

Program Statement

The Department of Social Services/Public Guardian/Conservator consists of three service delivery divisions and an administrative support division. While most of the Department's services are state-mandated, county operated programs, a few take advantage of integrated funding models that enhance services to Plumas County citizens.

Social Workers, Benefits Assistance Counselors, Welfare-to-Work Case Managers and the Chief Deputy and Assistant Public Guardian assigned to these divisions deliver an array of services that include more than fifteen separate program categories. In the following pages a description of these programs is provided along with sources of funding and data regarding the need for these services.

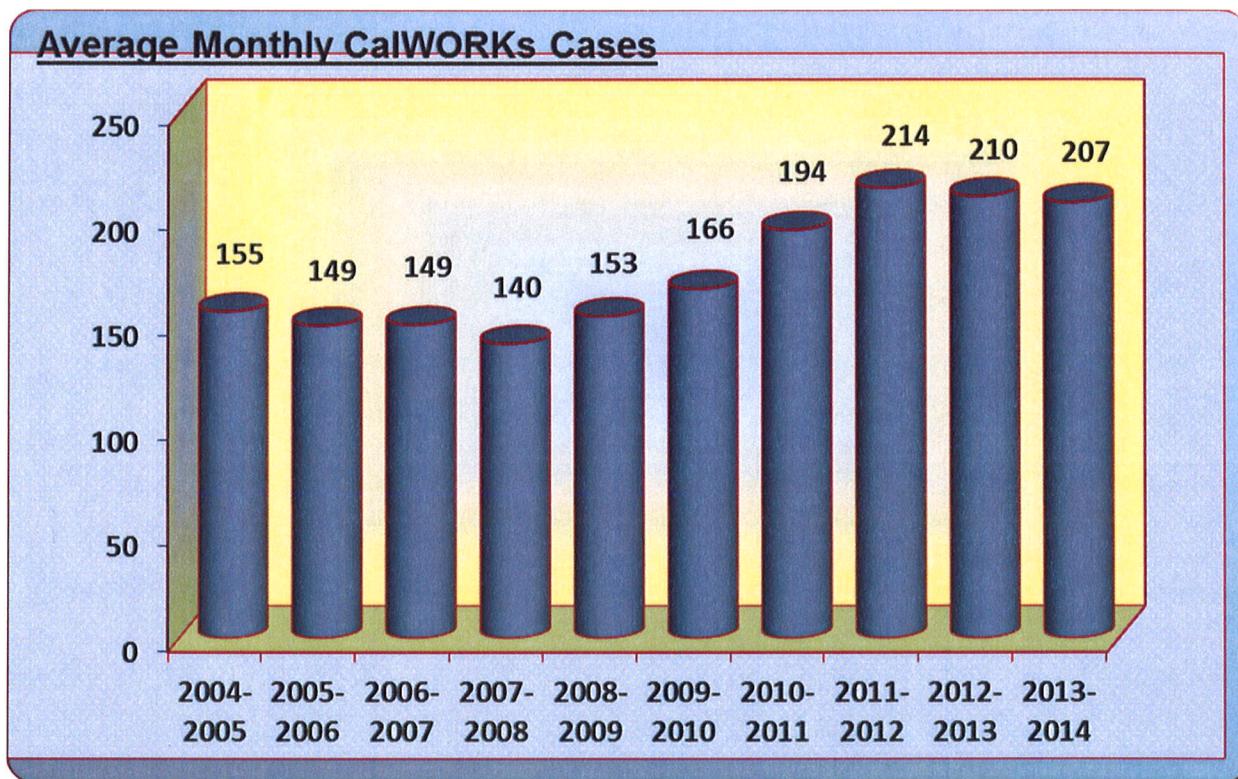
Mission Statement

The Department's employees have adopted a mission statement that appears below this introduction. The statement reflects the Department's commitment to the community. Our pledge is to provide services in a courteous and professional manner. In doing so, our employees will be respectful, compassionate, supportive and impartial. Efficiency, integrity, and respect for individual dignity will govern the manner in which we deliver services to Plumas County citizens.

- ⌘ *We will commit to a philosophy of mutual respect, courtesy and responsiveness between management, staff, the people we serve and the community.*
- ⌘ *We will encourage the people we serve to recognize personal responsibility and achieve financial self-sufficiency.*
- ⌘ *We pledge to protect and advocate for individuals and families.*
- ⌘ *We will embrace an organizational philosophy to develop and support staff, individually and in teams, to be professional, competent and highly skilled.*
- ⌘ *We will administer mandated services to individuals and families in accordance with Federal, State and County regulations in an effective, efficient and compassionate manner.*

CalWORKs

The CalWORKs program is mandated by state law under the Welfare and Institutions Code beginning at Section 10530. CalWORKs (formerly known as AFDC) provides temporary cash assistance to needy families while they seek employment and self-sufficiency. Non-exempted adults in these households must participate in employment related activities that can include education, vocational training, and community service work. Supportive services are provided to these household members including transportation and childcare. There is a lifetime limit of 5 years of CalWORKs assistance. Applicants must be a resident of Plumas County.



In 1997, California implemented welfare reform. Prior to reform, caseloads for the then, AFDC program in Plumas County averaged as high as 425 per month. The monthly average number of CalWORKs cases currently runs in the range of 207 per month, a decline of about 50%. Of those citizens who remain on public assistance, more than 25% are meeting the federal work participation rate of 32 hours per week where they are engaged in some form of work-related activity.

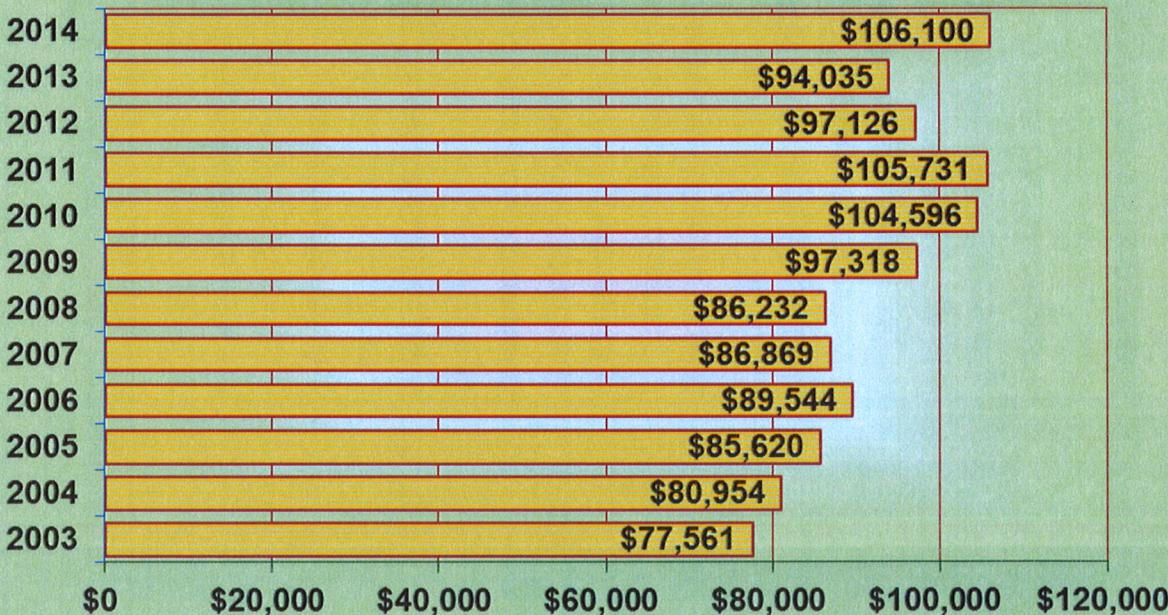
During the recessionary economy of the past five years, the CalWORKs caseload has experienced some modest growth. While this is not unexpected, as economic conditions begin to improve in our County, some of these recipients will return to employment and will not be reliant on cash assistance.

CalWORKs Cash Assistance by Calendar Year

Less than 2% of Plumas County's population receives public assistance under CalWORKs, ranking Plumas as one of the lowest per capita rates for receiving cash assistance in the state. Many of the current CalWORKs recipients represent families who've had connections with the workforce. In addition, through 2014 some of our CalWORKs recipients have been non-needy relatives who had taken in a relative foster child.

On average, about \$106,000 per month was paid to these families in 2014. The average monthly grant to a CalWORKs family is about \$571 per month. Ninety-five percent (95%) of the funds that are paid to these families are from federal and state financial sources with the balance coming from 1991 Realignment dollars.

Average Monthly CalWorks Cash Assistance



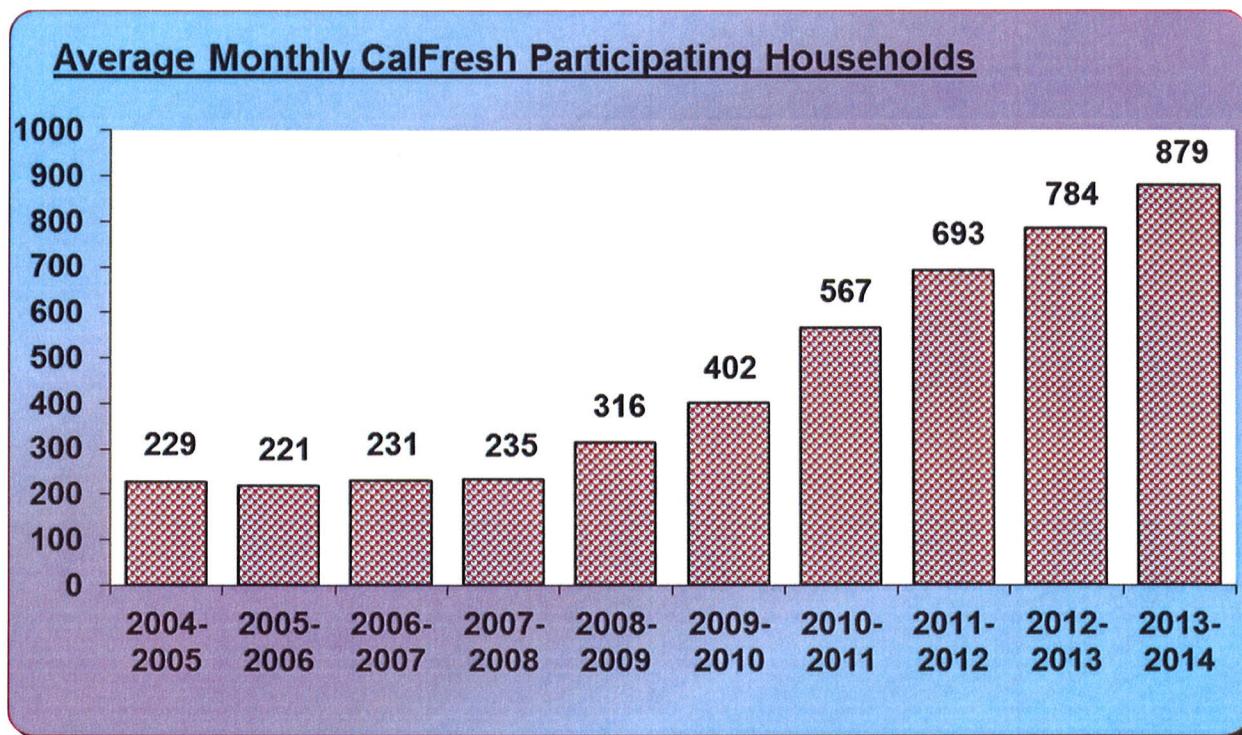
Funding for CalWORKs

	Federal Share	State Share	County Share
Administration	50%	50%	(1)
Assistance Payments	32.7%	64.8%	2.5%
Employment Services	50%	50%	(1)
Child Care Services	50%	50%	(1)

(1) The County pays a maintenance of effort (MOE) annually totaling \$115,918.

CalFresh (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP)

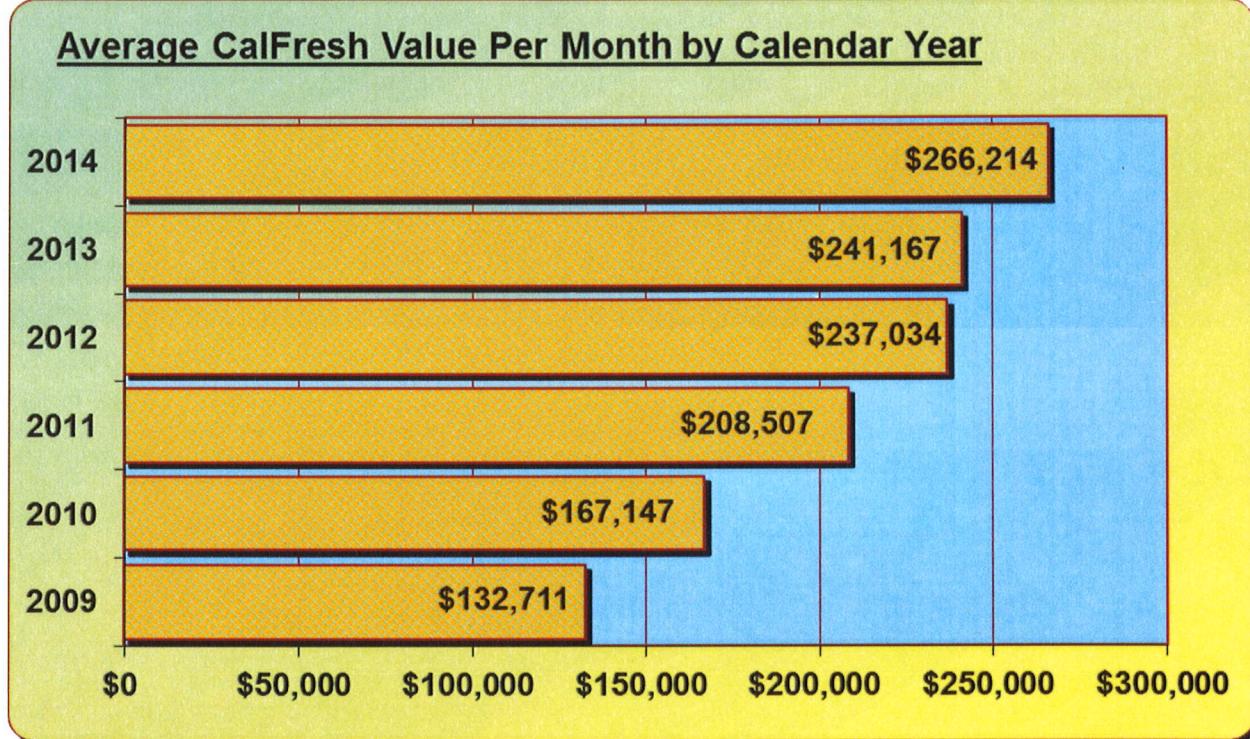
The CalFresh (SNAP) program is mandated by federal law and the California Welfare and Institutions Code beginning at section 10600. This program supplements low income individuals and households by increasing their food purchasing power. The program's benefits are delivered and spent through electronic benefits transfers. Participating California households use the California Golden Advantage Card to access their benefits. Because paper coupons no longer exist, the Federal program has been renamed and is now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP. SNAP is available in all 50 states and for that reason it is sometimes referred to as a "safety net" program.



From the 2004/2005 fiscal year to the 2007/2008 fiscal year, the number of people participating in the CalFresh assistance program in Plumas County stayed relatively flat. During the past six years, with the downturn in the economy, there has been significant growth in this program. As is the case with the CalWORKs program, many of the CalFresh recipients are people who are or who have been connected to the workforce and whose income is not enough to support themselves and their families.

At the time this report is being prepared, there have been continued signs indicating a slow recovery of jobs in the local economy. As the economy improves and jobs return, it will likely lower the case count over time. Until economic conditions fully recover from the effects of the recession, the Department expects to continue to experience higher case counts over the near term.

CalFresh Benefits by Calendar Year



Due to the increases in the case count, the average monthly value of CalFresh benefits issued by the Department has grown. Past surveys show that two-thirds of the benefits received by CalFresh recipients are spent in Plumas County. In order to receive CalFresh benefits, an applicant must be residing in the county at the time of their application.

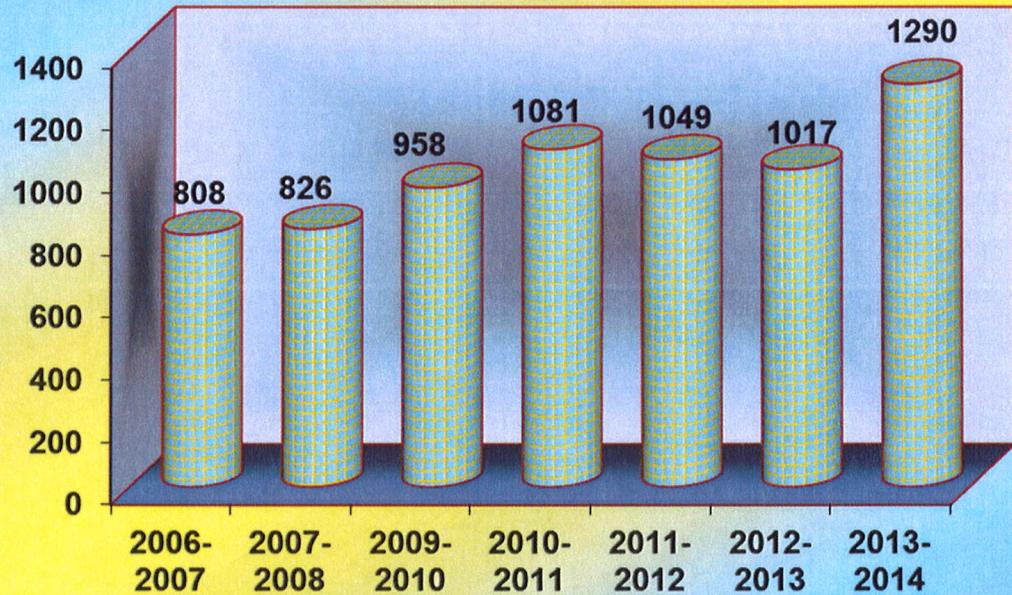
Funding for CalFresh (SNAP)

	Federal Share	State Share	County Share
Administration	50%	35%	15%
Assistance Payments	100%	0%	0%

Medi-Cal

The Federal Medicaid program is the foundation for the Medi-Cal program in California. Source regulations for this program are found in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. Under this program, low income individuals, families, aged and disabled persons can receive health care from a participating provider. The provider is then reimbursed at the Medi-Cal rate of payment for those services. Applicants for the Medi-Cal program must reside in Plumas County at the time of their application.

Medi-Cal Average Cases Per Month



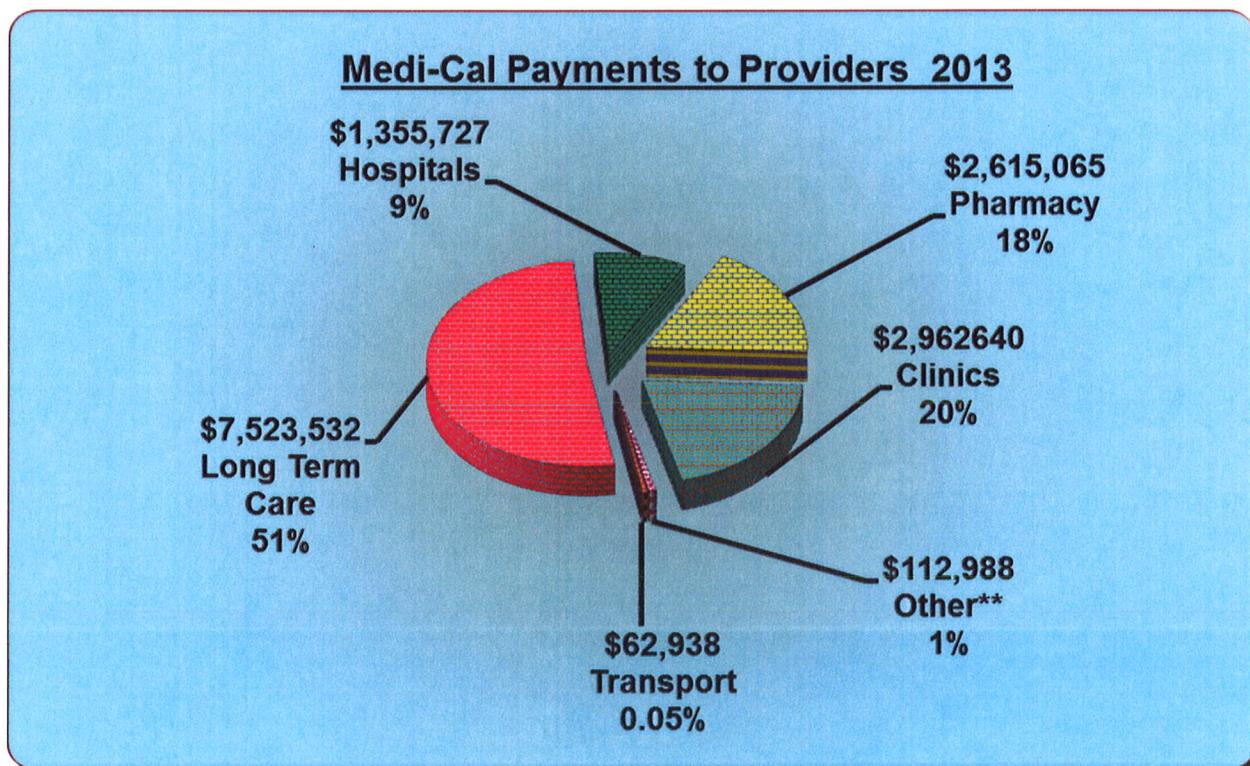
Measured by case count, Medi-Cal is the largest program the Department of Social Services administers. The average monthly caseload was about 1300 cases per month at the close of Fiscal Year 2013-2014. There will be growth in this program due to the Affordable Care Act (ACA). California expanded Medi-Cal eligibility under the ACA and that has expanded coverage to many citizens (such as low income single adults) who previously did not have insurance or who were ineligible for such coverage.

All of the costs for the Medi-Cal program are paid for by state and federal funding sources. The costs for administration of this program include Benefits Assistance Counselors, reception and administrative clerks and the costs for overhead including our building. These administrative costs appear in the Department's budget; however, the costs for medical providers, hospital and pharmacy do not appear in our budget since these costs are paid for by the state through a third party administrator.

Medi-Cal Payments to Providers in Plumas County

Payments to providers of health services totaled \$14,632,766 for Plumas County residents during calendar year 2013 (the last full year for which the State has complete records). More than 50% of payments under Medi-Cal are for Long Term Care. In 2013 the total for this category was more than \$7.5 million. Because Plumas County no longer has a long term care facility, this will change in the future.

Provider payments for pre-ACA members are shared equally by the State General Fund and by Federal Government funding sources. For those individuals who are part of the Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, the Federal Government pays 90% of their cost, with the State picking up the balance. There is no County contribution to these costs.



** Other can include Audiology Services, Physical Therapy, Optometrists and services provided by a Home Health Agency.

Funding for Medi-Cal

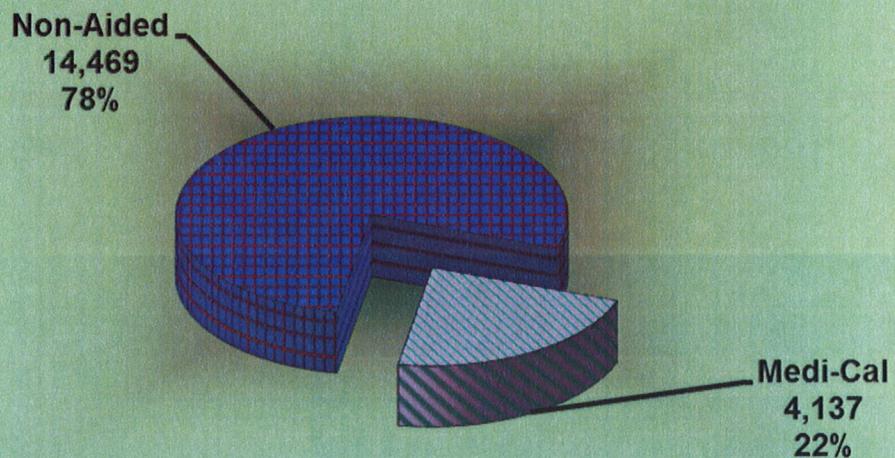
	Federal Share	State Share	County Share
Administration	50-90%	10-50%	0%
Payments: Medical Providers / Hospitals	50-90%	10-50%	0%

Medi-Cal Beneficiaries in Plumas County

Prior to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) about 13% of the county's population received health care services through the Medi-Cal program. The ACA expanded the Federal Medicaid/Medi-Cal program in two ways. First, it expanded the population that is potentially eligible for Medi-Cal assistance by including single adults who are not disabled or elderly. Prior to the ACA, these individuals were not eligible for such assistance. Some of those individuals were deemed to be the County's responsibility under the County Medical Services Program or CMSP. Others simply had no coverage. The ACA also expanded income levels for such individuals to qualify for coverage. Under the ACA, individual income can be up to 167% of poverty level and the individual will qualify for no share of cost Medi-Cal. Some individuals may qualify for Medi-Cal with a share of cost for income that exceeds 167% of poverty. With these changes in place, some 22% of the County's population are beneficiaries of the Medi-Cal program.

Nearly all former members of the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) have transitioned into the Medi-Cal program.

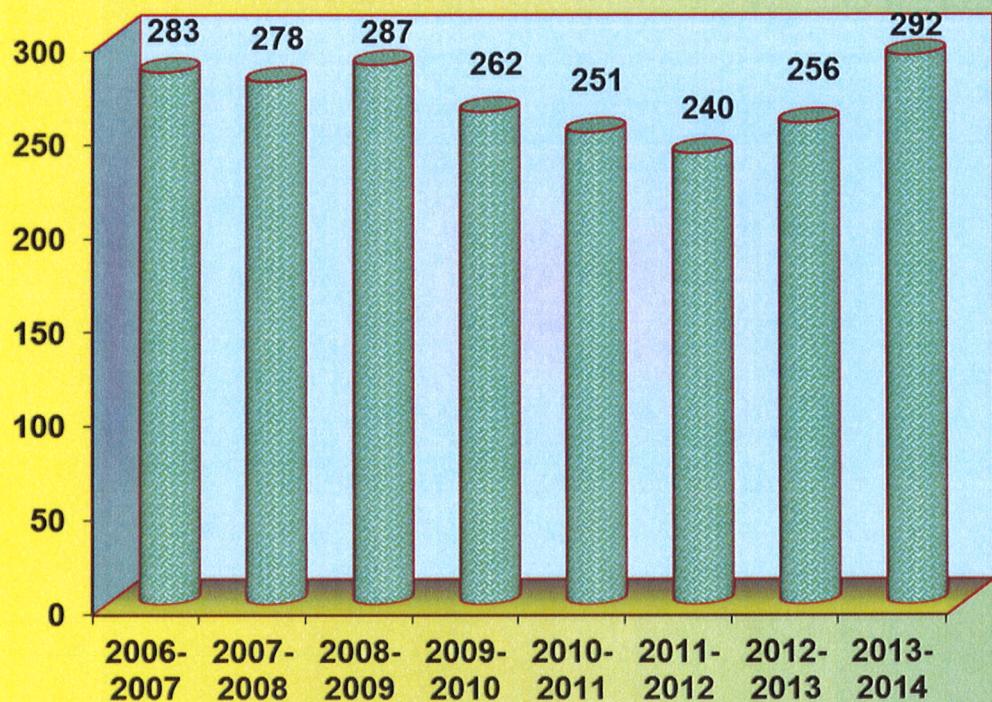
Medical Assistance in Plumas County



In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

The In-Home Supportive Services program is mandated by the California Welfare and Institutions Code beginning at Section 12300. Typically, low income aged, blind and disabled persons can be eligible for this program which provides domestic (cleaning, meal preparation, shopping and other household chores) and personal care (bathing, care and attendance, medical transportation) services. The goal is to enable these persons to remain in their own homes for as long as possible and to avoid placement in out-of-home care.

Average IHSS Caseload per Month by Fiscal Year



During the past eight years, the average case count has fluctuated but stayed generally in the range of 240-290 cases. Social Workers authorize over 15,000 hours of care per month. The services are provided by independent home care workers who are currently paid \$9.50 per hour. Most of the cost of In-Home Support is borne by Federal and state funding sources with a small County contribution coming from Realignment dollars.

Funding for IHSS

	Federal Share	State Share	County Share
Administration	50.2%	36.6%	13.2%
Payments for Provider Services	49.4%	32.9%	17.7%

The percentages above represent a general rule of thumb. Individual cases may be shared differently on a case by case basis.

Child Welfare Services/Child Protective Services

The Child Welfare Services (CWS) program is mandated by the California Welfare and Institutions Code beginning at Section 16500. County Social Workers provide intervention and protective services to children who are threatened with abuse or neglect. Emergency response services for crises where children are under the threat of immediate harm are available 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Our Social Workers perform risk assessments and provide support to families in the form of services designed to strengthen family functioning and parental capacity so that children can be free from harm. Recent legislation has added children who are commercially exploited for sex as falling under the responsibility of Child Protective Services.

CWS Emergency Responses by Fiscal Year



The total number of annual referrals for investigation has grown during the past two fiscal years. The monthly average number of referrals is a little over 17 referrals per month.

Funding for Child Welfare Services

	Federal Share	State Share	County Share
CWS Services (Direct and Overhead)	50%	0%	50%**

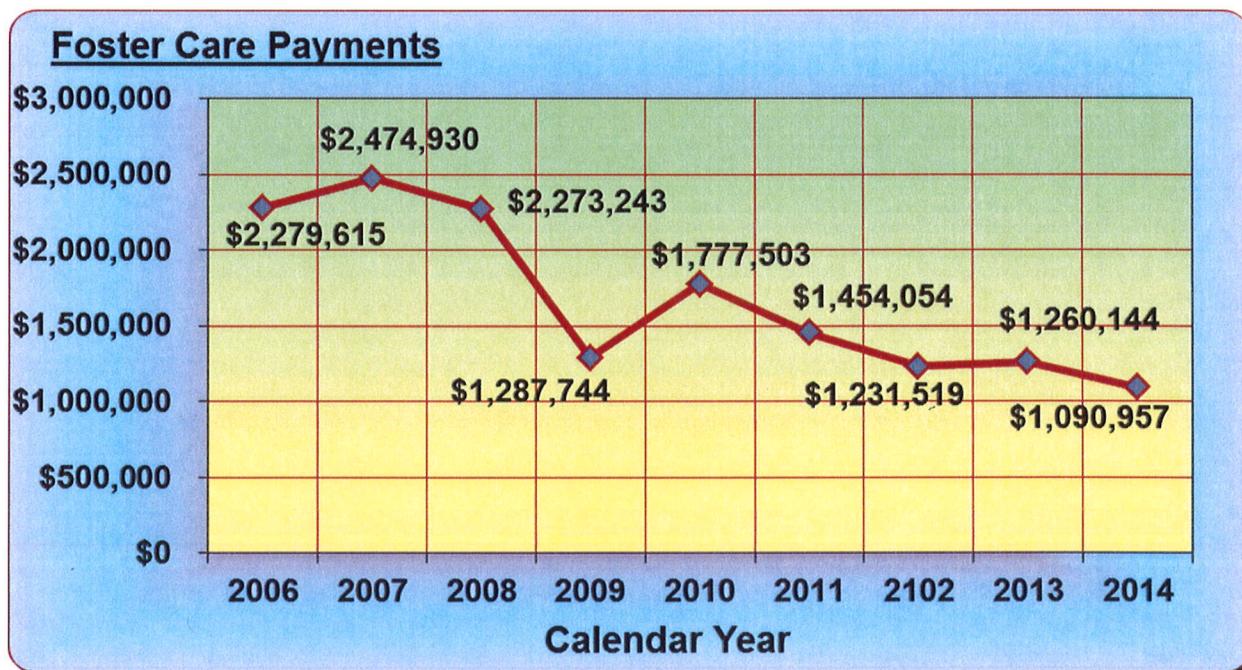
**This program was realigned to Counties in 2011. County share funding comes from Realignment funds.

Foster Care Services

Foster care services are mandated by the [California Welfare and Institutions Code](#) under several sections. When an abused or neglected child cannot safely remain in their own home, the child may be placed in Foster Care. In addition, when a child is adjudicated by the Juvenile Court as an offender or is incorrigible and falls under a Juvenile Probation order, those children may also be placed in Foster Care.

Foster Care placements can range in type. Many foster children are placed with a relative or close friend. Other placements can range from a low level family foster home in the community, to a more structured institution with on-site counseling and an educational program (commonly called Group Homes).

Because levels of care provided differ from one type of placement to another, the monthly cost for individual placements can range from about \$1,600 per month on the low end to as much as \$9,500 per month on the high end for children who have serious emotional or mental health issues.



Payments for Foster Care have decreased over the past eight years. This is largely due to an increasing number of children being placed with a relative.

Funding for Foster Care

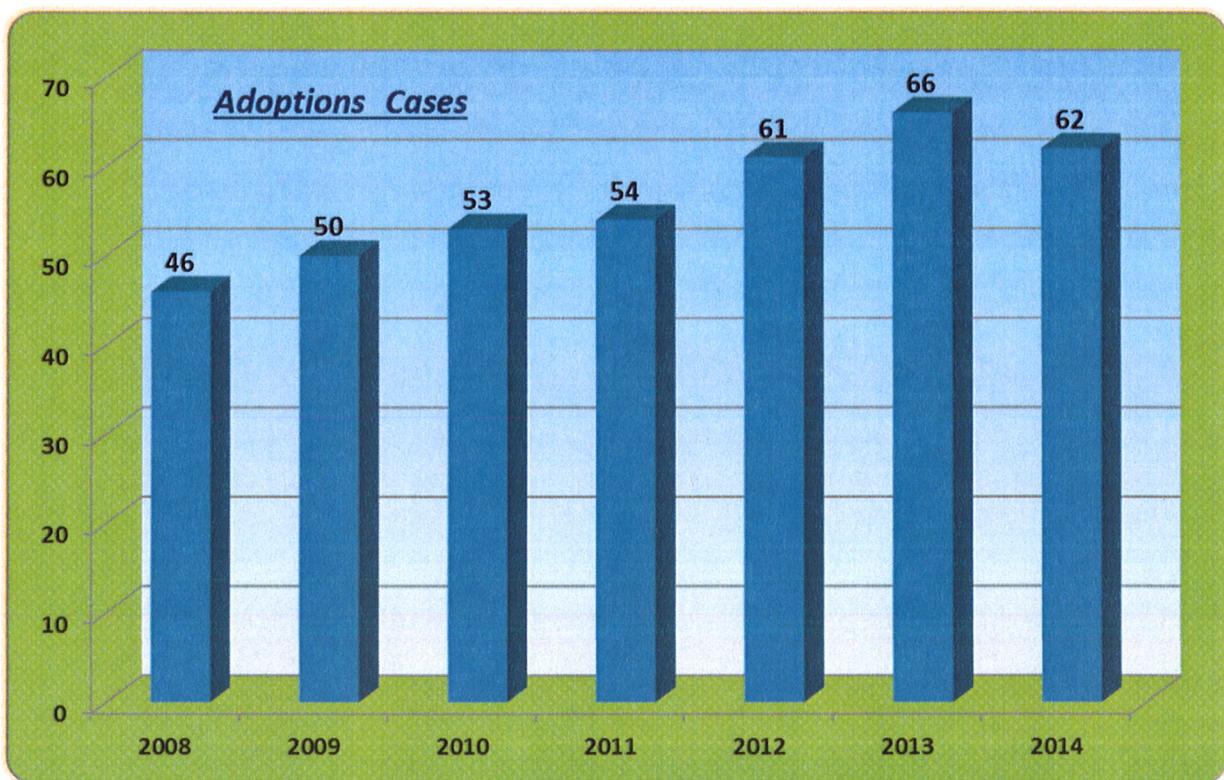
	Federal Share	State Share	County Share
Administration	50%		50%
Assistance - Federally Eligible Child	50%		50%
Assistance – Non Federally Eligible Child		50%	50%

This program was realigned in 2011. County share funds come from 2011 Realignment

Adoption Services and Aid To Adoptions

Prior to 2011, Adoption Services were provided to County residents by state staff that operated out of an office in Chico, CA. In 2011 under Public Safety Realignment, Adoption Services became a realigned program giving counties that were not already operating their own Adoption Services programs an option to assume responsibility for these services.

In 2012 the Department of Social Services began operating the Adoptions programs. The services provided and benefits issued are mandated by Welfare and Institutions Code under Chapter 2.1 beginning at Section 16115. Services provided include home studies, training for adoptive parents and case management of adoptive placements. Adoptive families also qualify for cash assistance under the Aid to Adoptions program. The caseload for the Adoptions Program has grown some and currently averages about 62 cases per month.

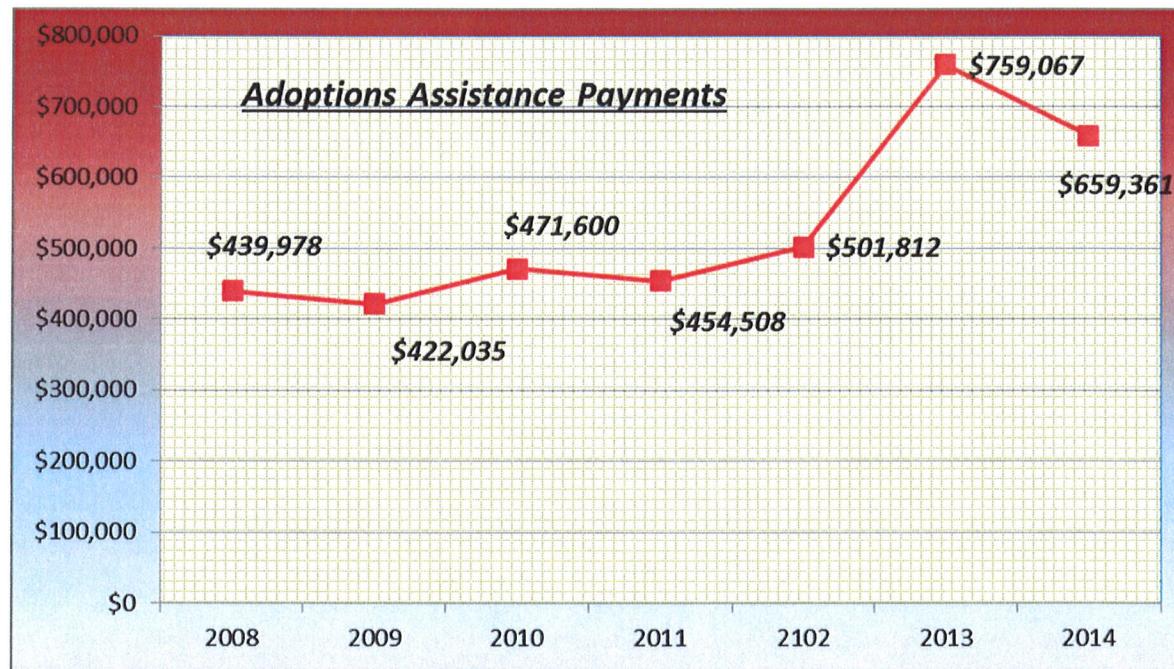


Funding for Adoptions Services and Assistance Payments

	Federal Share	State Share	County Share
Services	50%		50%
Adoptions Assistance Payments	50%		50%

Adoption Assistance Payments

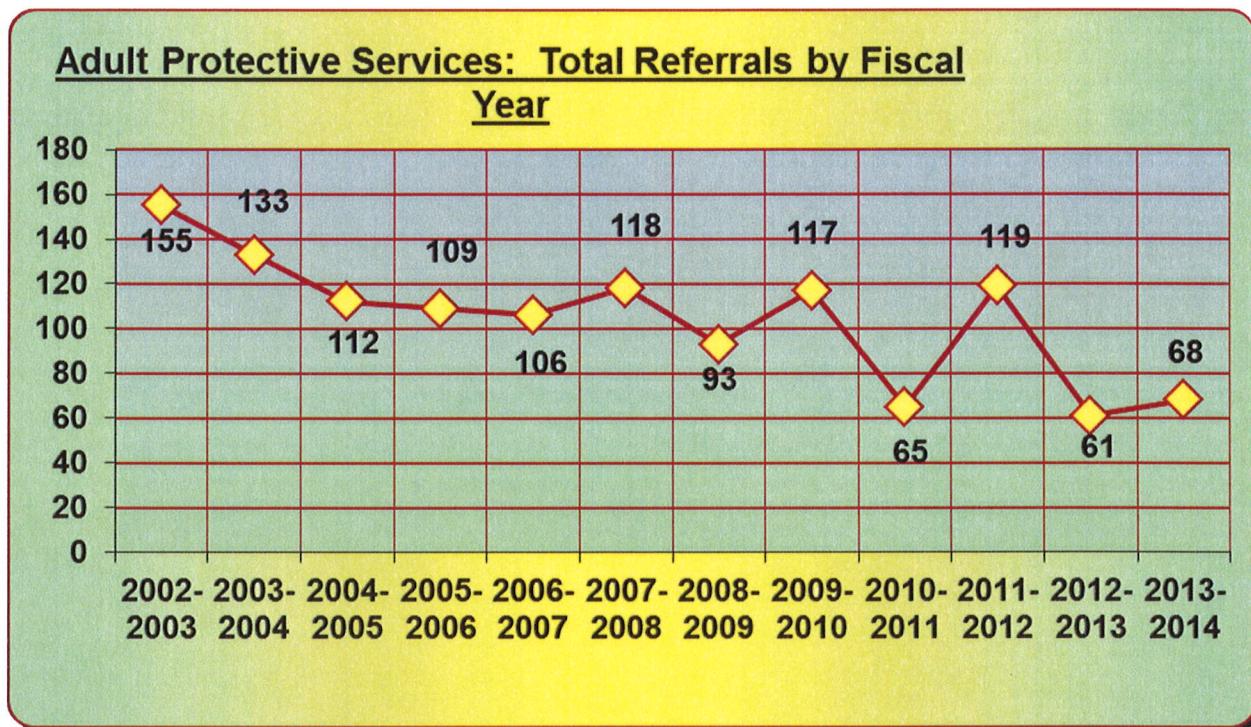
As the case count for this program has grown some, the payments have grown too. For 2014 the average monthly assistance amount for an adoptive child was about \$885 per month.



As is noted on the prior page, Adoptions Assistance Payments are paid for by Federal pass through dollars (50%) and 2011 Realignment dollars (50%).

Adult Protective Services

The Adult Protective Services (APS) program provides direct intervention and supportive services to elderly and disabled citizens when they have been victims of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation. Social Workers are available to respond to allegations of abuse 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The Department works closely with other agencies, including law enforcement, to intercede in situations where an elderly or disabled citizen is unable to protect their own interests, lacking in food, shelter, clothing or care and attendance; or, harmed or threatened with or injury as a result of their own actions or inactions, or the actions or inactions of another person.



Annual referrals for investigation have generally been trending downward. Adult Protective Services was part of a package of public safety programs that were realigned to the counties in 2011. Prior to 2011, the APS program was funded largely by State General Fund dollars and was subject to annual appropriations by the Legislature which had been frozen. Under 2011 Realignment, counties have flexibility to fund the program at the level that represents caseload driven needs so that full staffing complements can be assigned to these cases.

Funding for Adult Protective Services

	Federal Share	State Share	County Share
APS Services (Direct and Overhead)	50%	0%	50%

Office of the Public Guardian

The Office of the Public Guardian provides services on behalf of elderly, mentally disabled and developmentally disabled individuals. These services become operative when a Court has determined that such an individual is gravely disabled, that there is no likelihood that they will improve and where there is no relative or other individual willing or able to accept responsibility for making decisions and managing the affairs of the disabled individual.

When an individual falls under a public conservatorship order, the Office of the Public Guardian becomes the substitute decision maker on behalf of that individual. The Public Guardian makes all decisions on behalf of the conserved person including decisions related to medical care. The Conservator also manages all of the business affairs of the conserved person.

There are three program levels for which the Office provides services:

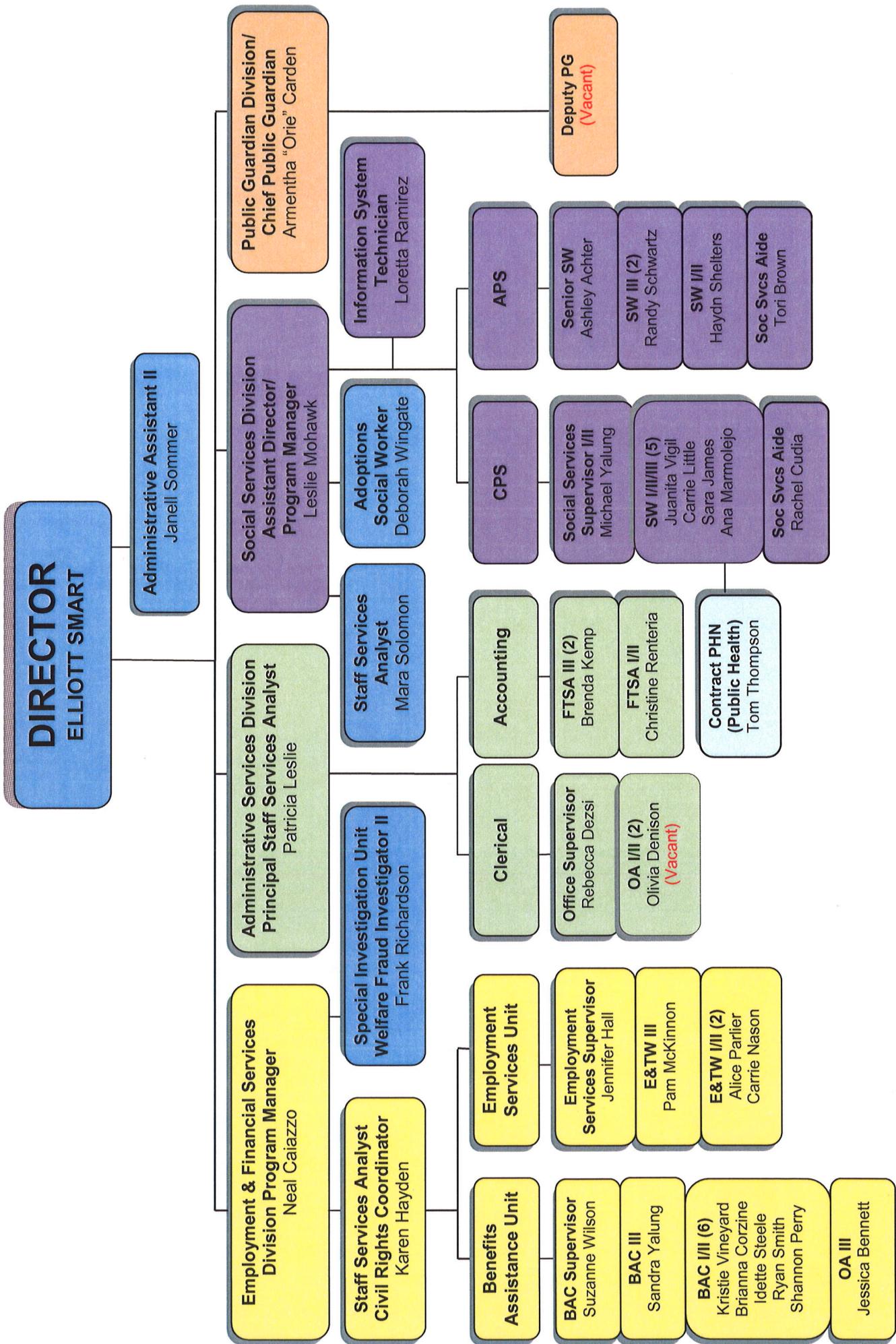
1. Persons who are conserved under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act. This type of conservatorship is established when a person is determined to be gravely disabled, usually as a result of a mental health condition or chronic drug use or alcoholism. A Court must determine that a person who falls under this type of Conservatorship is a danger to themselves because they are unable to provide for their own food, clothing or shelter.
2. Probate Conservatorship. This type of conservatorship generally applies to older adults or to individuals who are seriously impaired (such as a person who has suffered a serious brain injury due to an accident).
3. Representative Payees. These are individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payments (SSI/SSP) due to a disability and who are referred by the Mental Health Department because they are not able to manage their income to keep food and shelter in place.

The Public Guardian has provided services to about 10 LPS conservatees per month and 7 Representative Payees.

Funding for Public Guardian Services

	Federal Share	State Share	County Share
Conservator Services (Direct and Overhead)	0%	0%	100%

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Date: August 4, 2015

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Mimi Khin Hall

CC: Gayla Trumbo, Human Resources

Agenda: Item for August 18, 2015

Item Description/Recommendation: Approve a Resolution to Amend the 2015-2016 County Personnel Allocation to include a 1.00 FTE Health Education Coordinator I/II or Health Education Specialist or Community Outreach Coordinator and direct Human Resources to recruit and fill the position.

History/Background: As the Board is aware Plumas County Public Health Agency manages multiple grants in various Budget Units. Plumas County Public Health Agency staffs are often funded by a variety of state categorical funds. As duties change, so does the funding source. At this time Plumas County Public Health Agency requests the above change to the Plumas County Personnel Allocation, effective August 18, 2015. No county funds are required for these positions since they are fully funded by various sources.

It is critical that this position be filled in order to meet state mandates, related health contractual agreements, fiscal stability, and other necessary services.

Copies of the Agency's organizational charts, critical Staffing questionnaire and the Resolution Amending the 2015-2016 County Personnel Allocation for Public Health in Budget Unit 70560 is attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2015-2016 COUNTY PERSONNEL ALLOCATION FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET UNIT 70560, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 18, 2015.**

WHEREAS, Plumas County Personnel Rule 5.01 provides amendments to be made by resolution of the classification plan covering all positions in the County service; and

WHEREAS, these positions are necessary in the daily operational needs of the Public Health Agency; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors as follows:

The County's Personnel Allocation is amended to reflect the following:

Budget Unit 70560	Current	Proposed	Final
Health Education Coordinator I/II OR	4.41	1.00	5.41
Health Education Specialist OR			
Community Outreach Coordinator			

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board on the 18thth day of August, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors:

NOES: Supervisors:

ABSENT: Supervisors:

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Clerk, Board of Supervisors

QUESTIONS FOR STAFFING CRITICAL POSITIONS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY ALLOCATED.

- Is there a legitimate business, statutory or financial justification to fill the position?
- Why is it critical that this position be filled at this time?
- How long has the position been vacant?

1. 1.0 FTE Health Education Coordinator I/II or Health Education Specialist or Community outreach Coordinator - This position is responsible for organization, coordination, implementation, and conducts a variety of public health education programs and related health services, public information programs, health promotion, prevention programs.

- Can the department use other wages until the next budget cycle?

All positions are budgeted and funded in the current year.

No

- What are staffing levels at other counties for similar departments and/or positions?

N/A

- What core function will be impacted without filling the position prior to July 1?

Lack of compliance, billing and administration are all results of the vacancies. The negative impacts to our agency will exacerbate as the vacancies continue.

- What negative fiscal impact will the County suffer if the position is not filled prior to July 1?

Not filling the HEC I/II/HES/COC position will cost PCPHA funds that cannot be drawn down from grants, as we cannot bill for a position unless we have spent the funds. It can be argued that these are not funds lost because we don't have to expend the funds to pay the position if it is vacant. However, the county has lost the value of the services being provided to families, children, and seniors.

- A non-general fund department head need to satisfy that he/she has developed a budget reduction plan in the event of the loss of future state, federal or local funding? What impact will this reduction plan have to other County departments?

Funding cuts have impacted our agency in every area and caused our staff to take on much more than they ever have before. But due to diligence in responsible fiscal planning with the highest commitment to public services, our clients perceive little or no difference in the scope of services they receive. Our current and potential budget reductions will not impact other county departments at this time. All state and federal grant funds are tied by contract to deliverables and staffing positions. If these funds are lost, the county is not responsible for providing the work and staff to accomplish contracted health service deliverables.

- Does the department expect other financial expenditures which will impact the general fund and are not budgeted such as audit exceptions?

No.

- Does the budget reduction plan anticipate the elimination of any of the requested positions?

No.

- Departments shall provide an estimate of future general fund support for the next two years and how the immediate filling of this position may impact, positively or negatively, the need for general fund support?

N/A. All positions requested are fully funded by contract for the 15-16 fiscal year. Filling these positions helps PCPHA draw down grant revenue, which in turn helps support the county general fund by nearly half a million dollars in overhead payments.

- Does the department have a reserve? If yes, provide the activity of the department's reserve account for the last three years?

FY 11/12 Total Cash Reserves \$559,308

FY 12/13 Total Cash Reserves \$561,253

FY 13/14 Total Cash Reserves \$561,618

The department has \$561,618.00 in cash reserves as of

CRITICAL STAFFING COMMITTEE REQUEST FORM

The following information and questionnaire must be completed in its entirety before the request will be reviewed by the Critical Staffing Committee.

DATE OF REQUEST: 8/18/15

DEPARTMENT TITLE: Public Health Agency

BUDGET CODE AND BREAKDOWN FOR REQUESTED POSITION: 70560

POSITION TITLES: 1.00 FTE Health Education Coordinator I/II or Health Education Specialist or Community Outreach Coordinator,

ARE POSITIONS CURRENTLY ALLOCATED? YES NO

For Committee use only

Date of Committee Review: _____

Determination of Committee? Recommended
 Not Recommended

Comments: _____

Date to Board of Supervisors: _____

Board Action: _____ Approved _____ Denied

Board Modifications _____

Date returned to Department: _____

Date submitted to HR Technician for recruitment: _____



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DATE: August 4, 2015

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mimi Hall

SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors Agenda Item for August 18, 2015

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize Public Health Director to hire above "B" step for the position of Management Analyst I/II.

HISTORY AND DISCUSSION: As the Board may be aware, a department head may hire a new employee above a "B" step upon approval of the County Administrator Officer. Per Resolution No. 98-6208, upon denial of such a request, a department head may seek Board approval.

After comprehensive recruitments for Management Analyst position Plumas County Public Health Agency offered employment to the top candidate. The candidate has accepted the offer, contingent upon Board approval of this request. I have considered this candidate experience and background and believe to be outstandingly skilled and competent incumbent. The Public Health Agency and the community will certainly benefit from the quality of this candidate.

No county general funds are required since this position is fully funded through programs within the Public Health Agency.

Please contact me if you have any questions, or need additional information. Thank you.

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AGENDA REQUEST

for the August 18, 2015 Meeting of the Plumas County Board of Supervisors

August 12, 2015

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Robert Perreault, Director of Public Works 
Subject: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION URGING
THE STATE TO PROVIDE NEW SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR
STATE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Robert A. Perrault

Background:

Re: Update on Transportation & Infrastructure Special Session

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. has called a special session to address the underfunding of California's transportation infrastructure.

CSAC, with support of CEAC, has worked with coalition partners to shape a potential transportation funding package. The core coalition partners are: CSAC, the League of California Cities and the California Alliance for Jobs. Recently, the partners conducted a press conference to formally unveil the “Fix Our Roads” Coalition and present the group’s key priorities for any transportation funding proposal

On July 30, 2015, a broad coalition of stakeholder organizations sent a letter to the Governor and Legislative leadership that detailed the coalition's seven organizing principles. Attached is a copy of the letter.

CSAC staff is also working closely with the Speaker's office on a series of transportation listening sessions to be held across the state in the coming weeks.

On the Senate side, the special session Transportation and Infrastructure Development committee will hold a hearing at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, August 19 on nine of the special session bills that have been introduced in the Senate to date:

- S.B.X.1. No. 1 Beall. Transportation funding. (Urgency) – CSAC Position: Support
- S.B.X.1. No. 3 Vidak. Transportation bonds: highway, street, and road projects.
- S.B.X.1. No. 9 Moorlach. Department of Transportation.
- S.B.X.1. No. 10 Bates. Regional transportation capital improvement funds.
- S.B.X.1. No. 11 Berryhill. California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: roadway improvement. – CSAC Position: Support
- S.B.X.1. No. 12 Runner. California Transportation Commission.
- S.B.X.1. No. 13 Vidak. Office of the Transportation Inspector General.
- S.B.X.1. No. 14 Cannella. Transportation projects: comprehensive development lease agreements.
- S.C.A.X.1. No.1 Huff. Motor vehicle fees and taxes: restriction on expenditures. – CSAC Position: Support in Concept

CSAC and CEAC are encouraging pro-active support by member Counties.

Attached is a draft Resolution for consideration of adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

Recommendation:

The Director of Public Works respectfully recommends that the Plumas County Board of Supervisors vote to adopt the attached Resolution urging the State to provide new funding for state and local transportation infrastructure.

Attachments



July 30, 2015



Governor Jerry Brown
Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León
Assembly Speaker Toni G. Atkins
Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff
Assembly Minority Leader Kristin Olsen



Re: Coalition Framework to Increase Funding for Transportation in Special Session

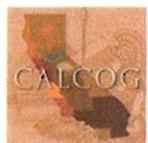


Dear Governor Brown and California Legislative Leaders:



Our organizations representing local government, business, labor and transportation advocates believe it is imperative that a legislative solution be reached during the special session that results in a robust and meaningful dent in California's transportation funding shortfall. It is a critical issue that cannot wait to be addressed. Our roads continue to deteriorate as inadequate funding to deal with deficiencies creates safety hazards, costs motorists money and leaves Californians stuck in gridlock.

Our broad coalition has come together in support of the following priorities and funding sources inextricably linked with accountability and reform measures, which we believe should be the basis for legislation addressing this critical issue for California. We urge you to support these priorities as you debate policies and funding sources for California's streets and roads.



1. Make a significant investment in transportation infrastructure.
If we are to make a meaningful dent that demonstrates tangible benefits to taxpayers and drivers, any package should seek to raise at least \$6 billion annually and should remain in place for at least 10 years or until an alternative method of funding our transportation system is agreed upon.

2. Focus on maintaining and rehabilitating the current system.
Repairing California's streets and highways involves much more than fixing potholes. It requires major road pavement overlays, fixing unsafe bridges, providing safe access for bicyclists and pedestrians, replacing storm water culverts, as well as operational improvements that necessitate, among other things, the construction of auxiliary



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lanes to relieve traffic congestion choke points and fixing design deficiencies that have created unsafe merging and other traffic hazards.

Efforts to supply funding for transit in addition to funding for roads should also focus on fixing the system first.

3. Invest a portion of diesel tax and/or cap & trade revenue to high-priority goods movement projects.

While the focus of a transportation funding package should be on maintaining and rehabilitating the existing system, California has a critical need to upgrade the goods movement infrastructure that is essential to our economic well-being. Establishing a framework to make appropriate investments in major goods movement arteries can lay the groundwork for greater investments in the future that will also improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

4. Raise revenues across a broad range of options.

Research by the California Alliance for Jobs and Transportation California shows that voters strongly support increased funding for transportation improvements. They are much more open to a package that spreads potential tax or fee increases across a broad range of options rather than just one source. Additionally, any package should move California toward an all-users pay structure in which everyone who benefits from the system contributes to maintaining it - from traditional gasoline-fueled vehicles, to hybrids, alternative fuel and electric vehicles, to commercial vehicles. Our coalition supports:

- Reasonable increases in:
 - Gasoline and diesel excise taxes.
 - Vehicle registration and vehicle license fees.
- Dedicating a portion of the cap and trade revenue paid by motorists at the pump to transportation projects that reduce greenhouse emissions.
- Ensuring existing transportation revenues are invested in transportation-related purposes (i.e. truck weight fees and fuel taxes for off-road vehicles that are currently being diverted into the general fund).
- User charge for electric and other non-fossil fuel powered vehicles that currently do not contribute to road upkeep.

5. Equal split between state and local projects.

We support sharing revenue for roadway maintenance equally (50/50) between the state and cities and counties. Funding to local governments should be provided directly (no intermediaries) to accelerate projects and ensure maximum accountability.

6. Strong accountability requirements to protect the taxpayers' investment.

Voters and taxpayers must be assured that all transportation revenues are spent responsibly. Authorizing legislation should:



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- Constitutionally protect transportation revenues for transportation infrastructure only. Time and again (Prop 42, 2002; Prop 1A, 2006; Prop 22, 2010), voters have overwhelmingly supported dedicating and constitutionally protecting transportation dollars for those purposes. We strongly support protections that prohibit using transportation dollars for other purposes.
- Repay existing transportation loans and end ongoing diversions of transportation revenues, including approximately \$850 million in loans to the general fund and the annual loss of approximately \$140 million in off-highway vehicle fuel taxes.
- Establish performance and accountability criteria to ensure efficient and effective use of all funding. All tax dollars should be spent properly, and recipients of new revenues should be held accountable to the taxpayers, whether at the state or local level. Counties and cities should adopt project lists at public hearings and report annually to the State Controller's Office regarding all transportation revenues and expenditures. Local governments should also commit to ensuring any new revenues supplement revenues currently invested in transportation projects. Both Caltrans and local governments can demonstrate and publicize the benefits associated with new transportation investments.
- Caltrans reform and oversight. To increase Caltrans effectiveness, provide stronger oversight by the state transportation commission of the programs funded by new revenues and establish an Inspector General office to provide accountability. Reduce Caltrans administrative budgets through efficiency reviews with all savings to be spent on road improvements.
- Expedite project delivery. More should be done to streamline project delivery, including but not limited to:
 - Establishing timelines for actions required by state agencies and eliminating other permit delays.
 - Increased implementation of alternative delivery systems that encourage more investment from the private sector.
 - Reforms to speed project completion.

7. Provide Consistent Annual Funding Levels.

Under current statute, the annual gas tax adjustment by the Board of Equalization is creating extreme fluctuations in funding levels -- a \$900 million drop in this budget year alone. A transportation funding package should contain legislation that will create more consistent revenue projections and allow Caltrans and transportation agencies the certainty they need for longer term planning. While this change would not provide any new revenue to transportation, it would provide greater certainty for planning and project delivery purposes.

We believe these priorities represent a solution to begin to address our transportation funding shortfalls, resulting in real projects at both the state and local level. We look forward to working with you over the coming weeks as a transportation package is finalized.

Sincerely,

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Matt Cate
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COUNTY OF PLUMAS, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 15-_____

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE TO PROVIDE NEW SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR
STATE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. has called an extraordinary session to address the immense underfunding of California's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate more than 81 percent of streets and roads in California, and from the moment we open our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus station, people are dependent upon a safe, reliable local transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the County of Plumas has participated in efforts with the California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities, and California's Regional Transportation Planning Agencies to study unmet funding needs for local roads and bridges, including sidewalks and other essential components; and

WHEREAS, the resulting 2014 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, which provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network's condition and funding needs, indicates that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating as predicted in the initial 2008 study; and

WHEREAS, the results show that California's local streets and roads are on a path of significant decline. On a scale of zero (failed) to 100 (excellent), the statewide average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is 66, placing it in the "at risk" category where pavements will begin to deteriorate much more rapidly and require rehabilitation or rebuilding rather than more cost-effective preventative maintenance if funding is not increased; and

WHEREAS, the results show that the County of Plumas' local streets have a Pavement Condition Index of 70, placing the County in the "At Lower Risk" category. However, it is recognized that the County has been unable to perform regular, annual maintenance (such as chip sealing) since 2012 and County engineering staff is aware that the PCI will continue to decrease without re-establishment of a regular, annual maintenance program ; and

WHEREAS, if funding remains at the current levels, in 10 years, 25 percent of local streets and roads in California will be in "failed" condition; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties need an additional \$1.7 billion just to maintain a status quo pavement condition of 66, and much more revenue to operate the system with Best Management Practices, which would reduce the total amount of funding needed for maintenance in the future; and

WHEREAS, models show that an additional \$3 billion annual investment in the local streets and roads system is expected to improve pavement conditions statewide from an average "at risk" condition to an average "good" condition; and

WHEREAS, if additional funding isn't secured now, it will cost taxpayers twice as much to fix the local system in the future, as failure to act this year will increase unmet funding needs for local transportation facilities by \$11 billion in five years and \$21 billion in ten years; and

WHEREAS, modernizing the local street and road system provides well-paying construction jobs and boosts local economies; and

WHEREAS, the local street and road system is also critical for farm to market needs, interconnectivity, multimodal needs, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, police, fire, and emergency medical services all need safe reliable roads to react quickly to emergency calls and a few minutes of delay can be a matter of life and death; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and preserving the local street and road system in good condition will reduce drive times and traffic congestion, improve bicycle safety, and make the pedestrian experience safer and more appealing, which leads to reduce vehicle emissions helping the State achieve its air quality and greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals; and

WHEREAS, restoring roads before they fail also reduces construction time which results in less air pollution from heavy equipment and less water pollution from site run-off; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the local system, the state highway system needs an additional \$5.7 billion annually to address the state's deferred maintenance; and

WHEREAS, in order to bring the local system back into a cost-effective condition, at least \$7.3 billion annually in new money going directly to cities and counties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISRS OF THE COUNTY OF PLUMAS strongly urges the Governor and Legislature to identity a sufficient and stable funding source for local street and road and state highway maintenance and rehabilitation to ensure the safe and efficient mobility of the traveling public and the economic vitality of California.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the COUNTY OF PLUMAS strongly urges the Governor and Legislature to adopt the following priorities for funding California's streets and roads:

1. **Make a significant new investment in transportation infrastructure.** Any package should seek to raise at least \$6 billion annually and should remain in place for at least 10 years or until an alternative method of funding our transportation system is agreed upon.
2. **Focus on maintaining and rehabilitating the current system.** Repairing California's streets and highways involves much more than fixing potholes. It requires major road pavement overlays, fixing unsafe bridges, providing safe access for bicyclists and pedestrians, replacing storm water culverts, as well as operational improvements that necessitate the construction of auxiliary lanes to relieve traffic congestion choke points and fixing design deficiencies that have created unsafe merging and other traffic hazards. Efforts to supply funding for transit in addition to funding for roads should also focus on fixing the system first.

3. **Equal split between state and local projects.** We support sharing revenue for roadway maintenance equally (50/50) between the state and cities and counties, given the equally-pressing funding needs of both systems, as well as the longstanding historical precedent for collecting transportation user fees through a centralized system and sharing the revenues across the entire network through direct subventions. Ensuring that funding to local governments is provided directly, without intermediaries, will accelerate project delivery and ensure maximum accountability.
4. **Raise revenues across a broad range of options.** Research by the California Alliance for Jobs and Transportation California shows that voters strongly support increased funding for transportation improvements. They are much more open to a package that spreads potential tax or fee increases across a broad range of options, including fuel taxes, license fees, and registration fees, rather than just one source. Additionally, any package should move California toward an all-users pay structure, in which everyone who benefits from the system contributes to maintaining it – from traditional gasoline-fueled vehicles, to new hybrids or electric vehicles, to commercial vehicles.
5. **Invest a portion of diesel tax and/or cap & trade revenue to high-priority goods movement projects.** While the focus of a transportation funding package should be on maintaining and rehabilitating the existing system, California has a critical need to upgrade the goods movement infrastructure that is essential to our economic well-being. Establishing a framework to make appropriate investments in major goods movement arteries can lay the groundwork for greater investments in the future that will also improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
6. **Strong accountability requirements to protect the taxpayers' investment.** Voters and taxpayers must be assured that all transportation revenues are spent responsibly. Local governments are accustomed to employing transparent processes for selecting road maintenance projects aided by pavement management systems, as well as reporting on the expenditure of transportation funds through the State Controller's Local Streets and Roads Annual Report.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisor of the County of Plumas, State of California, at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of August, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Kevin Goss
Chair, Board of Supervisors