



# COUNTY OF LAKE

255 North Forbes Street  
Lakeport, CA 95453

## Meeting Minutes - Final BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Tuesday, January 14, 2025

9:00 AM

Board Chambers

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**Please see agenda for public participation information and eComment submission on any agenda item.**

### 1. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Crandell. County Administrative Officer Susan Parker, County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Johanna DeLong were present, along with the following Supervisors:*

*Present: Supervisor Owen, Supervisor Sabatier, Supervisor Rasmussen, Supervisor Pyska, and Chair Crandell*

### 2. Moment of Silence

*A moment of silence was dedicated to the fires in Los Angeles County, Gabriel Ramirez, Georgette Egle, and John Matthew Wooder.*

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

*Led by Supervisor Sabatier.*

### 4. Consideration of Extra Items Not Appearing on the Posted Agenda

*There were no extra items to consider.*

### 5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- 5.1 Approve Continuation of Emergency Proclamation Declaring a Shelter Crisis in the County of Lake
- 5.2 Approve Continuation of Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency Due to Pervasive Tree Mortality
- 5.3 Approve Continuation of Proclamation declaring a Clear Lake Hitch Emergency
- 5.4 Approve Continuation of Local Emergency by the Lake County Sheriff/OES Director for the 2024 Late January, Early February Winter Storms
- 5.5 Approve Continuation of Proclamation of a Local Health Emergency by the Lake County Health Officer for the Boyles Fire

- 5.6** Approve Continuation of a Local Emergency by the Lake County Sheriff/OES Director for the 2024 Boyles Fire
- 5.7** Approve Continuation of Local Emergency Proclamation by the Lake County Sheriff/OES Director for the Glenhaven Fire
- 5.8** Approve Grant Deed and Exhibit "A" attached hereto for APN 003-046-77 (Lake County Jail) and Authorize the Chair to Sign and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to Record with the County Recorder's Office
- 5.9** Sitting as LCAQMD Board of Directors - Consideration to: (a) Waive the competitive bidding procedures pursuant to Lake County Code Section 2-39.2 and Section 1.C.2 of the County's Consultant Selection Policy; and (b) Approve Entering into an Agreement with ATA Law Group not to exceed \$50,000 and authorize the APCO to sign the agreement
- 5.10** Approve Amendment No.1 of Agreement Between County of Lake and Sacramento Behavioral Health Care Hospital LLC for Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Services and Professional Services Associated with Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalizations for FY 2024-25 in the Amount of \$250,000.00
- 5.11** Approve Amendment No.2 Between County of Lake and California Mental Health Service Authority Remote Supervision Program with no Change to the Contract Maximum for Fiscal Years 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27
- 5.12** Approve Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes July 25, 2023 and December 3, 2024
- 5.13** Approve Ratification of the Board of Supervisors' Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for the County of Lake for 2025
- 5.14** Approve Ratification of the Board of Supervisors' Approval of the January 7, 2025 Consent Agenda Item Nos. 5.1 through 5.7.
- 5.15** a) Adopt Resolution Authorizing the 2025-2026 Grant Project-Lake County Child Advocacy Center Program and b) Authorize the Chair to Sign the Grant Subaward Certification of Assurance of Compliance

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-05

- 5.16** Adopt Resolution Authorizing the County of Lake to Accept Grant Funds in the amount of \$383,527 from the State of California Department of Justice, Office of Attorney General, Tobacco Enforcement Grant Program, and Authorizing the Professional Services Agreement with Lake County Health Services

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-06

- 5.17** (a) Waive the formal bidding process, pursuant to Lake County Code Section 2-38.4, Cooperative Purchases, and (b) Authorize the IT Director to issue a purchase order to Dell Marketing L.P. for Microsoft 365 G3 'Step up' licenses in the amount of \$21,186.00
- 5.18** Approve Amendment One to the Agreement between the County of Lake and SCS Engineers for Construction Quality Assurance Services for the Eastlake Landfill Phase One Cell Construction Project for a revised total of \$577,478, and authorize the Chair to sign

*Public Services Director Lars Ewing presented the item to the Board.*

*Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved consent agenda items 5.1 through 5.18 with the exception of item 5.18 which was pulled for further discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, approved Amendment One to the Agreement between the County of Lake and SCS Engineers for Construction Quality Assurance Services for the Eastlake Landfill Phase One Cell Construction Project for a revised total of \$577,478, and authorized the Chair to sign. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

## **6. Timed Items**

### **6.1 9:02 A.M. - Public Input**

*Public Members Elaine Brown, Rob Brown, Julia Bono, and Benjamin Hittle spoke.*

### **6.2 9:03 A.M. - Pet of the Week**

*Animal Care and Control Officer Francisco Pelayo Moreno and Animal Care and Control Director Gregory Wilkins presented the pet of the week to the Board.*

**Presentation Only.**

### **6.3 9:04 A.M. - New and Noteworthy at the Library**

*County Librarian Christopher Veach presented the item to the Board.*

*Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**Presentation Only.**

**6.4** 9:10 A.M. - Consideration of an Agreement Between the County of Lake and Paragon Government Relations for Professional Federal Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy Services in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$187,660.00

*Chief Deputy County Administrative Officer Matthew Rothstein presented the item to the Board. Paragon Government Relations representative Joe Krahn spoke.*

*Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following person spoke via Zoom: Benjamin Hittle. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved Paragon Government Relations for Professional Federal Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy Services in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$187,660.00 contingent on the protest period elapsing without a valid protest and authorized the chair to sign. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**6.5** 9:15 A.M. - Consideration of Appeal (AB 24-02) of Planning Commission’s Approval of Major Use Permit (UP 20-96), Highland Farms, LP/Autumn Karcey as applicant and Tom Lajcik, Margaux Kambara and Associates, as appellant; location: 7408, 7522, 7527, 7634, & 7746 Highland Springs Road and 7257 & 7357 Amber Ridge Road in Lakeport, CA. (APNs 007-006-27, 34, 35, 40, 41, and 007-057-01, 02)

*Community Development Director Mireya Turner introduced the item to the Board. Applicant Autumn Karcey, Appellant Legal Counsel Casey Shorrock, Applicant Legal Counsel James Anderson, and County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano spoke.*

*Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following people present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Sara Bodnar, Peter Luchetti, Maria Kann, Tom Lajcik, Margaux Kambara, and Angela Ameral. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, moved to overturn the Planning Commission’s decision Major Use Permit UP 20-96 due to the withdrawal of the application and directed staff to prepare findings of fact. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**6.6** 10:30 A.M. - Consideration of Proposed Findings of Fact and Decision in the Appeal of Amy Hewitt-Novoa and Juan Novoa (AB 24-04)

*County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano presented the item to the Board.*

*Vice-Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following people present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Juan Novoa, Amy Novoa, and Angela Carter. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**Proposed Findings of Fact and Decision and authorized the chair to sign. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 4 - Owen, Sabatier, Pyska, and Rasmussen**

**Recused- Supervisor: 1 - Crandell**

**On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, denied the appeal. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 3 - Sabatier, Pyska, and Rasmussen**

**Nays- Supervisor: 1 - Owen**

**Recused- Supervisor: 1 - Crandell**

**6.7** 11:15 A.M. – HEARING - Consideration of Request for Post-Abatement Hearing on Account and Proposed Assessment of Abatement – 16155 Quail Trail, Clearlake Oaks (Spring Valley) (APN 062-032-030)

*Community Development Director Mireya Turner introduced the item to the Board. Code Enforcement Manager Marcus Beltramo presented the item to the Board. County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano spoke.*

*Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**On motion of Supervisor Rasmussen, and by vote of the Board, approved a lien in the amount of \$29,277.20 and directed staff to record the lien against the property with the Lake County Records Office, after recordation, shall be delivered to the County Auditor who shall enter the amount of the lien on the assessment roll as special assessments. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**6.8** 1:30 P.M.- Informational Update on Cannabis Ordinance Task Force Recommendations (Continued from December 17, 2024)

*Community Development Director Mireya Turner introduced the item to the Board. Assistant Planner Mary Claybon presented the item to the Board.*

*Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following people spoke: Bill Wilson, Angela Ameral, Sara Bodnar, Peter Lucetti, Tom Lacjik, Holly Harris, Andrew Daabs Cramer, Jim Comstock, Peter Simon, Maria Kann, Jennifer Smith, Richard Derum, Julia Bono, Margaux Kambara, and Carlos Bono. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**Presentation Only.**

**6.9 3:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - Appeal of Vicious Animal Abatement Case Number #7296, located at Elk Mountain Road, Upperlake CA 95485 (Courtney Palmer)**

*Deputy Animal Care and Control Officer Jessica Leishman and Animal Care and Control Director Gregory Wilkins presented the item to the Board. Appellant Courtney Palmer, Katy Delbar, Antonio Gonzales, Gary Johnson, County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano, Matthew Delbar, and Taylor Delbar spoke.*

*Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**On motion of Supervisor Owen, and by vote of the Board, moved to modify the current draft of the abatement order to include the hard deadline of January 21st to satisfy all conditions as stated and to add the condition that by that day that the owner prior to retrieval pay all fees that are outlined in accordance with section 4-4 of the lake county code. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**7. Non-Timed Items**

**7.1 Supervisors’ weekly calendar, travel and reports**

**7.2 Consideration of Approval of Agreement Between County of Lake -Lake County Behavioral Health Services as Lead Agency for the Lake County Continuum of Care and Lake County Office of Education for Fiscal Year 2024-27 in the Amount of \$125,000.00**

*Behavioral Health Director Elise Jones presented the item to the Board. County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano spoke.*

*Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved Agreement Between County of Lake -Lake County Behavioral Health Services as Lead Agency for the Lake County Continuum of Care and Lake County Office of Education for Fiscal Year 2024-27 in the Amount of \$125,000.00 and authorized the chair to sign. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**7.3 Consideration of Resignation of Lake County Fire Chiefs Association from the Cannabis Ordinance Task Force, and Request to Remove the Position from Task Force Membership**

*Community Development Director Mireya Turner presented the item to the Board.*

*Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, approved Resignation of Lake County Fire Chiefs Association from the Cannabis Ordinance Task Force, and Request to Remove the Position from Task Force Membership. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**7.4** Consideration of the following Advisory Board appointments:

- Big Valley Advisory Council
- Cobb Municipal Advisory Council
- First Five Lake County
- Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee
- Lake County Resource Conservation District
- Law Library Advisory Board
- Library Advisory Board

*Administrative Analyst Carolyn Purdy presented the item to the Board.*

*Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, appointed Rick White to the Big Valley Advisory Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, appointed Paul Duncan, Christopher Nettles, Donald Strickler to the Cobb Municipal Advisory Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**On motion of Supervisor Rasmussen, and by vote of the Board, appointed Carolyn Rosen to First Five Lake County. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, appointed Justin Ratcliffe to the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**On motion of Supervisor Owen, and by vote of the Board, appointed Steve Campbell to the Lake County Resource Conservation District. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, appointed Dennis Fordham to the Law Library Advisory Board. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**On motion of Supervisor Owen, and by vote of the Board, appointed Paula Warner to the Library Advisory Board. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**7.5** Consideration of Request for Board Direction Regarding the County of Lake Serving as Lead Applicant for the California Dept. of Conservation’s Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Grant Pre Application

*Community Development Director Mireya Turner presented the item to the Board. RCD representative Noah Cordell spoke.*

*Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, Moved to designate CDD to serve as applicant for California Dept. of Conservation’s Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Grant Pre Application. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**7.6** Consideration of Resolution Accepting the Work of the Lucerne Harbor Dredging Project (24-13) and Directing the Public Services Director to File the Notice of Completion

*Public Services Director Lars Ewing presented the item to the Board.*

*Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**Supervisor Pyska offered the resolution and it was passed by roll call vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-07

**7.7** a) Consideration of a Resolution for an Exception to the 180-day Wait Period to Hire a CalPERS Retiree as an Extra-Help County Employee; and b) Consideration of Advanced Step Hiring of Brian Powers as an Extra-Help Employee

*Public Services Director Lars Ewing presented the item to the Board.*

*Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**a) Supervisor Pyska offered the resolution and it passed by roll call vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

**b) Advanced Step Hiring of Brian Powers as an Extra-Help Employee**

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-08

- 7.8 Consideration of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between County of Lake and Harmony Research LLC to increase the total compensation to the Contractor to a total not to exceed \$615,000

*Treasurer-Tax Collector Patrick Sullivan presented the item to the Board.*

*Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.*

**On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between County of Lake and Harmony Research LLC to increase the total compensation to the Contractor to a total not to exceed \$615,000. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell**

### 8. Closed Session

*Chair Crandell announced the Board would now go into Closed Session at 5:28 p.m. for the reasons stated on the agenda.*

*The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 7:05 p.m. having taken no action.*

- 8.1 Public Employee Evaluation:  
Title: Water Resources Director

*This item was pulled from the agenda.*

- 8.2 Public Employee Evaluation:  
Title: Special Districts Administrator

*This item was pulled from the agenda.*

- 8.3 Public Employee Evaluation:  
Title: Air Pollution Control Officer

### 9. Adjournment

*There being no further business, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 7:05 p.m.*

**SUSAN PARKER**  
Clerk of the Board

*Johanna DeLong*  
Johanna DeLong (Feb 26, 2025 12:38 PST)  
 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Johanna DeLong**  
 Assistant Clerk of the Board

*Eddie Crandell*  
Eddie Crandell (Feb 27, 2025 10:25 PST)  
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**Chair-Lake County Board of Supervisors**

